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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CLGE

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Minutes

Venue: The Hub, Castlehill, Edinburgh, Lothian EH1 2NE
Main Hall

General Assembly I, Friday 30 March 2012, 9.00 – 12.00

1. Opening

CLGE President, Jean-Yves Pirlot opens the General Assembly. He sincerely thanks the UK delegates and RICS staff who have prepared this edition in a very professional way.

He also warmly welcomes all the newcomers and announces that the CLGE Pins were given during the icebreaker party, the day before; others will follow at suited occasions.

He announces that the start of CLGE meetings is a suited moment to have a thought for former delegates who are ill at home. He asks for a special attention for Volkmar Teetzmann, Klaus Rürup Jos Anneveld and Ain Jögi.

2. Roll Call and Apologies of Absence

CLGE Secretary General Michelle Camilleri takes the roll call.

FYR of Macedonia, Latvia, Moldova, Romania and the Republic of Serbia sent in their apologies. While we've had no news from Iceland.

Two tellers are appointed and these are Ewa Swennson & James Kavanagh.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The General Assembly adopts the Agenda as written on 12 February 2012 and confirmed (with minor corrections) on 9 March 2012.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the GA in Tallinn, 16-17 September 2011

The General Assembly adopts the minutes as circulated on 21 December 2011.



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5. Report by the Treasurer

The CLGE Treasurer Dieter Seitz presents the Accounts 2011.

He reports about the financial situation at hands.

Jean-Yves Pirlot explains again what IG-PARLS is and how Geometer Europas and CLGE have integrated. Maurice Barbieri is chairing IG-PARLS and represents this group within CLGE; the reason that this exists is solely because there are some special interests that need to be protected and promoted which obviously do not work against CLGE. As a guarantee, the CLGE GA remains in control of the budget and major decisions of IG-PARLS.

Another positive point of the integration is that both groups share the same treasurer i.e. Dieter Seitz. Moreover, IG PARLS is ready to contribute to studies of CLGE and it is paying a substantial amount of money to cover CLGE expenses even through the House of the European Surveyor and GI sponsoring.

Dieter Seitz mentions that Bulgaria and Cyprus are the only two outstanding membership fees. He's in contact with the delegates from Bulgaria and hopes that the fee will be paid soon. It's more difficult to join the Cypriote delegation. If need be, the President will be asked to send a letter.

The GA has no questions or remarks to be put forward to the Treasurer about the budget, balance sheet or accounts of both IG-PARLS and CLGE.

6. Auditors Report and Approval of the Accounts 2011

The CLGE Auditors Raymond Dhur and Ivan Andreev report on the 2011 accounts.

Raymond Dhur proposes that we adopt the accounts of this year because there are no mistakes done by Dieter Seitz and Ivan Andreev confirms that these documents should be approved by the GA.

They give the following recommendations:

The General Assembly adopts the report of the Auditors and the Accounts for 2011, it gives discharge to Treasurer and Executive Board members.

The GA unanimously approves the accounts and discharges the Treasurer and Board members of their liability.

7. Update of the CLGE Strategy – Working Plan 2011–2012 – Cooperation with IG-PARLS

The President gives a short report about the latest activities.

The working plan was sent out to all members and he supposes that everyone read it.



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He gives a few words of explanation about the CLGE Strategic goals and the way they are reached.

The first goal is more or less reached, since we have taken part in legislative processes such as working on the CAM (euREAL); the second goal is to build a professional image of our profession. It's the scope of the Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base (DPKB) to cover soon. The third goal is to motivate young surveyors to be active in our associations. There were some interesting actions in that field (Young Surveyors Course, INTERGEO, Students Contest). Finally, the fourth goal is to make sure that our members are satisfied with the current board and with the outcome of CLGE. For this goal we will have to find some solutions. In the meantime, positive critics are always welcome.

We have to concentrate on the following:

To be close to our members, be pro-active by engaging competent authorities, be professional and work that way.

The presidents also comments the membership affairs, HESGI, working parties and task forces, and carry on with the trend of conferences and seminars.

It was a tough time post Tallinn because we had to prepare the 5th of March celebrations for the first European Day of Surveyors & GI, the Edinburgh GA and also the Hanover conference.

We worked on editorial efforts (website, social media like twitter and linked-in and the launch of Geoinformatics) and also took part in the market report on GNSS with GSA.

An overview of what happened over the past 6.5 months is given (see ppt).

An overview of the workshops of Tallinn which were four in total is given: After Umea, Relevance of CLGE within FIG, Cadastre of the underground and the European code for area measurements in buildings.

The President also informs the assembly that the Netherlands Standardization Institute (NEN) has sent a letter to CEN-CENELEC Management Centre asking them to do what's needed to avoid that the CLGE measurement code would be used in the INSPIRE data specifications; Jean-Yves Pirlot reminds the GA that in Tallinn, CLGE has voted on the adoption for the measurement code for the floor area of buildings as a cross border tool for surveyors and interested parties. It should be a platform for further improvement and engagement with European Bodies, including CEN! The president proposes simply to stick to our programme.

Michelle Camilleri gives an update about the adoption process of the Code of Conduct.

14 countries have either acknowledged, adopted or ratified the CoC (Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Latvia, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden & The Netherlands). All other countries will be followed up by the Secretary General as to what stage they are at.



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Michelle Camilleri also gives an update of the task list that was created in Tallinn and explains that the only pending items left are the standard ones of CLGE Sponsors, the use of the notification email (monitoring@clge.eu), feedback on present GA, topics for future workshops and promotion of the students competition in Hannover. A new list is being created throughout this GA.

Jean-Yves Pirlot, takes back the stand and he speaks about the event of the 5th of March. He explains that the main goal of this event/date is to appear on the radar of the European and national politicians. He insists on the fact that the event shouldn't take exclusively place in Brussels. He gives a list of celebrations that were done all over Europe by our members and thanks them for their commitment.

He then explains that Pierre Bibollet had to resign from his position as CLGE Vice President. Benedicte Fournier Schmitt will still be involved in CLGE for the EU affairs.

It is too late to organize new elections to replace Pierre, however, the Executive Board wants to appoint an additional VP for special affairs.

The CLGE General Assembly comments on the CLGE Strategy and appoints Pedro Ortiz Toro as Vice-President for communications and social media as proposed by the Board. The appointment is agreed unanimously by the GA.

8. FIG Working Week in Rome

The Italian delegation representing CNG e GL makes a final presentation of the FIG working week in Rome.

They of course make a final call asking a maximum of delegates and their colleagues to attend this meeting.

They seize the opportunity to report that they recently launched the 4th student meeting that will be held in Spain. More details will follow.

9. CLGE Autumn General Assembly, 12-13 October 2012

The German Delegation reports about the "Hanover" General Assembly.

10. The Third Conference of the European Surveyor, Hanover, October 2012

The President and the German Delegation report about the next CLGE Conference and parallel events. The deadline for inscription is the 15th of July (! This information was amended after the meeting).

VP Leif Bjarte Mjøs gives an overview of the students' contest. He states that the deadline for submitting the papers is the 15th July and that the number of papers he is aware of is



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still very low. He urges the delegates to get the word out and send at least one paper per nation.

Jean-Yves Pirlot adds on the importance to go back home and to encourage the students to send in their papers.

11. Membership Affairs

a. New application(s) TBC

Sasa Lasic, the delegate from the Republic of Serbia is not present at the GA as he had a problem with his VISA. Hence the presentation is not being done.

Instead Jean-Yves Pirlot gives a very quick overview of the Serbian application and announces that the delegation will give a presentation at the next GA.

The full Executive Board proposes to accept the application by now.

The General Assembly unanimously accepts the Republic of Serbia as a new principal CLGE member.

b. National presentations (FYR of Macedonia, Spain, Switzerland, etc.)

Pedro Ortiz gives a presentation of current Spanish situation regarding the land cadastre.

Maurice Barbieri gives a presentation about the Swiss cadastre and says that they are celebrating its 100 years of existence. They will celebrate this all year; he also hands out a book to each delegation that was published for this occasion.

Leiv Bjarte Moss is organising the 22nd Nordic surveyors' seminar; he says that they will focus on issues like modern day techniques, underground cadastre and property boundary disputes; hopefully approximately 150 Nordic surveyors will gather in Oslo in September 2012.

Henning Elmstroem gives a short comment about how all of the Nordic countries are cooperating together and how high level universities are delivering.

General Assembly II, Friday 30 March 2012, 14.00 – 17.30

12. European Affairs

a. Engagement with the EU

The most progress was achieved thanks to our very good cooperation with the EU GSA (GNSS Agency). The headquarters of this Agency is moving now from Brussels to Prague. However we will have to keep this excellent cooperation.

The Czech colleagues could play an important role in the capacity building we need for this goal.



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b. Monitoring EU Developments

As agreed, Bénédicte Fournier Schmitt has started the work on the Monitoring of the EU Developments. For the time being the results are used by the Bureau and Board but the service will be made available for the delegates, later on.

She gives a presentation that shows the updates of the EU movements as well as the background and current information about the proposals (See the presentation for more detail).

A few questions are being asked to Bénédicte Fournier-Schmitt.

Jean-Yves Pirlot asks if it is at all feasible to have our own directive, as suggested during talks with EGoS.

Bénédicte says that it could have been feasible in the 1970's when some other professions were regulated whereas now it would really be an uphill struggle. The EC would take this as a step backward instead of forward.

Jens Rieken remarks that the topics presented by Bénédicte should be the centre focus of CLGE; next time we should have a presentation of what is going on and CLGE needs to be present in this procedure.

Jean-Yves Pirlot comments that this could be the next topic for one of our workshops; but we will definitely try to be as active as possible in this. He also comments that in some countries you can start work without any qualification so if you follow the idea whoever does something in Belgium would be able to work in Slovakia so the question is where do we draw the line?

Bénédicte Fournier-Schmitt states that it will be up to the individual country to lobby for its own nation.

Jan Hardos comments that he made some remarks on the position of CLGE on the green paper. We are not against the free service in Europe but we are against that anyone can do the job of a surveyor without any qualification or some sort of conditions that show his values.

Jean-Yves Pirlot answers that his position is well understood. Perhaps we were not prudent enough in the reply of this paper but we were under a heavy time pressure.

Jan Fafejta says that not only cadastral data should be correct and measured data because it is of public interest but there should be other subjects/items that are measured well and the people should be qualified to do certain specialised measuring.

For Bénédicte Fournier-Schmitt cadastral activities should have been out of the services directive as it is a particular (defined) service related to state authority.

c. A new EU code for the Area Measurement of Buildings (update: *euREAL.eu*)

The EU commission has asked to finalize the document. Some minor problems remained and were addressed by the French Belgian working group. The corrections are not fundamental and should not hinder the final presentation in Hanover.

A working group will now be set up consisting of about 7 delegates who would like to go on with this work.



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d. Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base

Rudolf Kolbe reports about the situation with the DPKB.

The target group for this DPKB are mainly made up of three clients. The first being CLGE itself where this database shall help us to better explain and transport the information; it's a tool to make us understand better the work that represents our organisation.

The second group of users are the national organisations and all those that are working within surveying laws. This database shall be an information source and a lobbying tool on the national level.

The third are the European geodetic surveyors, in particular, for those that want to migrate or are interested in the way work is carried out neighbouring countries.

Rudolf Kolbe says that there are a lot of people that are waiting for such a tool in their profession and we will be the leaders within this role of actually creating a DPKB for surveying.

This part is an update and a reminder to all delegates of why we should invest in it.

Rudolf Kolbe says that we tried to find the best fitting structure of such a tool and so we issued the tender.

We did not have many offers but one which was interesting was from a Dutch company, Aerovision, and they showed interest so we now have their offer in hand.

The concept that they came up with is to do it in two phases. Phase I would be to figure out what is the best solution for data collection which would then enable us to move to phase II; Phase I costs €17.500; The prototype will be based on 5 to 10 countries and not all 36 member countries; we will start with the countries that are interested in contributing to this phase of the project. This phase will not include all of the data but limit it to the most important data to start off with; Phase II would be about €40.000 to do which means that the full project will cost approximately €56.000 for both phases excluding taxes.

There was a short pause of communication, since we had to await Eurogeographics decision about joining the project or not (they decided to abstain from joining).

Recently we met with Aerovision to update us (CLGE) on their concept and now we are asking the GA to accept that we can contract Aerovision to start with Phase I and pay them the cost of that and then decide whether we should move forward to Phase II or not. RK believes that we will be doing history by implementing this project

Brendan Arrigan asks if there were any more quotations or if we received this one only.

Rudolf Kolbe answers that there weren't any actual quotations but only universities that showed interest none of which had an exact concept and/or price.

Brendan Arrigan asks whether the quotation will be decided now or at a later stage.

Rudolf Kolbe replies that the intention is to vote now on whether we can commission phase I.

Duncan Moss asks what the actual deliverables would be and what the final outcome is.



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Rudolf Kolbe replies that the idea of Phase I would be to choose the structure of the data and define which data will be used so that it will be easily accessible and transferred easily to the client: which data, how & where.

Duncan Moss asks if there is some prototype which we will see before commissioning the next phase.

Rudolf Kolbe says that a year ago we presented a document of 4 pages that would show him the concept of the DPKB. However, it is plain that a kind of mock will be produced at the end of the first phase.

The General Assembly accepts the commissioning of Phase I to Aerovision with Ireland and UK abstaining.

e. Engagement within CEPLIS

Rudolf Kolbe gives an update about CEPLIS; he reports, that CEPLIS has been very involved with the ongoing revision of the Directive on mutual recognition.

Since the first whitepaper of the EC, CEPLIS has published position papers commenting every stage of the proposal (whitepaper, greenbook, final EC-proposal).

The last paper was published together with EUROCADRES to gain even more importance, as it is a paper of stakeholders from both employer- and employee side.

CEPLIS has been invited by the Commission to take part in the "Steering group on professional cards", representing there the position of the engineers and surveyors. CLGE had lobbied in favour of this.

There are currently many contacts with MEP's to lobby for the positions of CEPLIS and of course CEPLIS will be present at the public hearing on the 25th of April in Brussels.

At the next GA-Meeting of CEPLIS on May 21, in Malta, there will be a keynote of Ms. Bernadette Vergnaud, the rapporteur of the EP on the Directive.

The fact that CLGE is member of CEPLIS proves to be a good investment.

f. Cooperation with EGoS

Jean-Yves Pirlot reports about the recent meetings with EGoS.

Both organizations are looking for a closer cooperation. The existing MoU will be improved to enhance cooperation and lead to the needed integration of CLGE and EGoS.

Jean-Yves Pirlot will represent CLGE at the next EGoS General Assembly in Tirana. He will give a presentation about euREAL.

EGoS will support the Hanover Conference and try to boost the attendance.



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13. Editorial Policy

a. Website – Social Media

It appears that the policy has to be redrawn based on the discussions of the GA, the analysis by the Executive Board, including the VP for Communication and Social Media. We should of course use the support given by our invited experts.

b. GeoInformatics

The president gives an overview of what was achieved so far.

He insists on the breakthrough we got with this publication.

Unfortunately, the number of subscriptions is still too low. This has to be improved and can be done in two ways:

- Send a list of snail mail addresses using a predefined privacy contract;
- Ask the members to fill in a subscription form on www.geoinformatics.com/clge.

Michelle Camilleri mentions the countries that did send the snail mail addresses and the ones that refused to do so due to their private data protection act. She asks the ones that haven't sent an answer to react.

Jan Hardos says that Slovakia has sent it and the bureau apologises for leaving Slovakia out of the list but confirms that she did receive the information.

Every month, we have to produce a new issue of 2100 words plus (about) 6 pictures.

Member countries have to volunteer for this (Next to come: UK (report GA), Germany (INTERGEO, Conference), Italy (Course for Young Surveyors, FIG Working Week, reports about these events).

c. Newsletter

Jean-Yves Pirlot announces the intention to publish a multilingual internal newsletter, together with Geomares. This will require some local candidates to assure the translation. The English version will be the leading one that has to be delivered in due time. The translations can be regarded as unofficial documents.

14. Dates and Venues of the coming Assemblies, Conferences and Meetings

a. Statutory meetings

II EB 2012, Tirana (Albania), 22 June 2012

II GA 2012, Hanover (Germany) / 12 – 13 October 2012;

I GA 2013, Budapest (Hungary) / 22nd – 23rd of March;

II GA 2013, Chisinau (Moldova) / Dates and theme to be fixed in Hanover;

I GA 2014, Spain (City to be fixed) / Dates and theme to be fixed not later than in Budapest;



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II GA 2014, Iceland (City to be fixed) / Dates and theme to be fixed not later than in Chisinau.

b. Non statutory meetings

INTERGEO event 2012: Attendance of the fair on 10 October 2012;

Third Conference of the European Surveyor 2012, Germany, in Hanover [together with the INTERGEO and the Autumn GA as well as the 2nd Students meeting, INTERGEO 2012 (CLGE-DVW)], 11 October 2012;

European Students' Meeting, INTERGEO 2012, 10 October 2012 (fair visit – party – one night).

Moldova asks for the 2013 seminar.

2014 Conference to be fixed (City, Dates, Theme). Spain could be a good candidate.

After a short discussion about several options for the next Day of the European Surveyor and GeoInformation, the President proposes to retain the third Friday of March (one of the main events will take place during our GA in Budapest).

15. Presentations of the Workshop Topics

a. The European Cadastral Systems – Best Practices

- Land Registration developments in Scotland – John King Registers of Scotland
- The UK cadastre? – Dr Richard Grover FRICS presented by Duncan Moss instead
- The Spanish Example, Surveyors looking for a reform of their system – by Pedro Ortiz Toro.

- Crowdsourcing and land admin – Robin McLaren MRICS

b. The use of Social Media for CLGE or its National Liaison Groups in Europe and at home

Short keynote given by Omar Pierre Soubra and Durk Haarsma, invited speakers, experts.

c. The Relevance of CLGE within FIG.



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General Assembly III, Saturday 31 March 2012, 10.00 – 13.00

16. Workshops

- The European Cadastral Systems – Best Practices
- The Social Media
- The Relevance of CLGE within FIG

17. AOB

- Rudolf Kolbe says that during the GA, a few countries have approached him to form part of the working group for the collection of data for the DPKB and these countries are Austria, Estonia, Bulgaria, Germany, Spain, Ireland and Sweden. Others who would absolutely like to join are still welcome but the number and diversity that was obtained is already satisfying.
- Gerda Schennach reports that Austria has recently launched an initiative for applying at UNESCO to get the "Boundary mark" nominated for the World Cultural Heritage list.
- At the moment a group of academics and professionals is sorting out the requirements and putting together a first draft for application. There were first talks with representatives of UNESCO and relevant expert groups, dealing with cultural heritage issues and having experience from earlier nominations, such as from the Struve Geodetic Arc.

The situation looks quite good and we hope that we will be able to find partners from around 10-15 countries all over the world, who are willing to participate in the application and if the nomination would be successful, beyond this project.

It is not the mark itself, which will be nominated, but the relevance as a sign of property defined by owners assisted by the expertise of professionals, it is representing. Of course any partner for the nomination should take property issues into account, in order to more or less guarantee the maintenance of the boundary mark itself. Also, the UNESCO guidelines require a periodical report about this after being nominated. The application is to be finalised until the end of the year to get into the nomination procedure of 2013.

Jean-Yves Pirlot assures Austria of CLGE's support. He asks Gerda Schennach to seize the opportunity to wave the flag of CLGE in relation with this project. She totally agrees.

The president finally mentions a new task list of future items which Michelle Camilleri will be sending as part of an email with the task list as its content.



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18. Solemn Signature of the Accord Multilateral by Spain

As the final act during the GA, the Accord Multilateral is signed by Pedro Ortiz Toro, who has received the needed delegation to do this in the name of his Decano (Andrès Galileo, President of COITT).

The President then closes the General Assembly and thanks all the delegates for the excellent work that was done.

Special thanks to the RICS team in charge of the practical planning.

Michelle Camilleri
Secretary General

Jean-Yves Pirlot
President