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Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens

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EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CLGE
Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, 7 September 2012 (10.30-17.30)
and 8 September 2012 (09.30-13.00)

MINUTES

Venue: Hotel Ibis Style,
Boulevard de Lauzelle 61
BE – 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve

Participants:

Members of the Ex-Board:

Jean-Yves Pirlot (BE), President
Michelle Camilleri (MT), Secretary General
Dieter Seitz (DE), Treasurer
Leiv Bjarte Mjoes (NO), Vice President
Danko Markovinović (HR), Vice President for GI
Pedro Ortiz (ES), Vice President for Communication and Social Media

Apologized:

Pierre Bibollet (FR), Vice President resigned
Rudolph Kolbe (AT), Vice President
Bénédicte Fournier-Schmitt, European and International Affairs Manager OGE

Invited:

Ann Pirlot-Vandaele, Executive Director a.i.
Maurice Barbieri, IG-PARLS Chair, part-time

1. Opening and Adoption of Agenda

The President opens the meeting and thanks the local organizers for the work that was done. It's not usual that the CLGE meetings in Belgium do not take place in the House of the European Surveyors and GeoInformation. The President is well aware of this fact and thanks the Executive Board for the presence in his home town on the occasion of CLGE's and his 50th Birthday.

DECISION [D EB12-III/1]: The Agenda is unanimously adopted without remark.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Tirana Ex-Board

DECISION [D EB12-III/2]: The Minutes of the Tirana meeting are unanimously approved without remark.
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3. Financial affairs (including the Budget, Fees and a CLGE Fund)

Financial situation

Dieter Seitz explains the satisfying financial situation.

He mentions a new corporate member: the Croatian State Geodetic Administration.

BDVI has a minus of €6000,- in the Conference and GA. CLGE can intervene for a maximum budget of €3000,-. We have however to await the final figures. It's plain that for the conference we can intervene, because this reduces the strain on our traditional sponsors.

After subtraction of the supporting funding for the Hanover GA, the CLGE fund has a reserve of 4549,-.

Danko Markovinić warns that we have to be very careful with our Fee Strategy. EuroGeographics experiences similar problems. In these difficult times members ask to reduce costs wherever it's possible.

Budget 2013

We have to inverse the costs for HESGI (House and Staff) and try to consolidate this for the next three years.

Pedro Ortiz offers to analyse the sponsoring question in Hanover. INTERGEO will offer an excellent situation for this. The existing sponsor base is a good start but other possibilities should be explored.

DECISION [D EB12-III/3]:

Pedro Ortiz to investigate the sponsoring potentials in INTERGEO.

There will be a deficit of about 5000 euro for this budget 2013, but we have the needed reserves.

The fees will be adapted in an automatic way as decided in Varna.

CLGE Fund

The Treasurer explains possible rules for the CLGE Fund.

He will slightly adapt his proposal and circulate it again. There is no hurry to decide.

However, GeoWeb must be asked if it want to appear in the Fund or only as general sponsor of the 50th Anniversary of CLGE GA.

4. Reports by the Board members and A.I. list, not covered in other agenda points

The president's report is discussed and adapted.

DECISION [D EB12-III/4]:

The Executive Board unanimously approves the President's report, to be tabled to the GA.

Since the Tirana meeting there were not so many activities.

We've had the Zagreb meeting, sponsored by IG-PARLS. It was a successful event, with a one hour meeting with the competent Minister and the Director General of the Croatian NMCA. We will report more about this when Maurice Barbieri, chair of IG-PARLS will be present.

CLGE has again supported the Moldovan Surveyors Day (last Sunday of July) by sending a president's letter.

We have sponsored the Fourth International Course for Young Surveyors in Madrid. This event will take place soon after the Executive Board meeting of LLN.

The Secretary General reports about the day to day business.

The Treasurer has given his report in point 3.

Pedro Ortiz

For the employment project he has started a Spanish initiative that could be extrapolated to CLGE. His Spanish Project is on-going with Canada and Ireland.

The rest of the social media will be discussed in the point 7.

Leiv Bjarte Mjøs

His report will be discussed in point 9.

He announces the Nordic Surveyors Congress where the CLGE President will give one of the opening addresses. This tradition was started in 1920 but it is a challenge to it keep alive. The meetings take place every 4 years.

Danko Markovinović

He reports about his participation to the GA of EuroGeographics in Helsinki from where he just arrives.

He mentions the good cooperation with EuroGeographics and advocates a stronger connection or networking.

CLGE is wondering why EG is not supporting us more. The previous remark about the financial problems can be part of the answer.

5. European Affairs

- a. Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications– written report by Bénédicte Fournier for Pierre Bibollet, resigned) – CLGE Position paper

Bénédicte Fournier has filed a written report that was read by the president after the meeting. The report does not alter nor affect the decisions that were taken.

She mentions that the draft letter was well received by the members. There were no negative reactions, justifying to change the planned content.

Mrs. Vergnaud has published a draft report. This report goes in the direction of the remarks raised by CLGE. Other comments do not harm our positions.

Based on the reactions by the members the board decides to send out the letter as prepared in Tirana.

Pedro Ortiz proposes to monitor how the countries apply these rules. For example in Spain there will be law deciding that all the professions will be liberalized (all but medical doctors, lawyers, architects). CLGE will ask Bénédicte Fournier to evaluate how we could monitor this.

- b. euREAL (European Real Estate Area Label)

Dieter Seitz presents the draft version of the euREAL booklet (EN, FR, GE).

It will be ready before the CLGE Conference.

500 copies were ordered. One will be given to each delegate and participant to the conference and some on the CLGE Booth (near DVW).

Pedro Ortiz asks for the template to be able to translate the code without additional costs.

The fluid book question will be handled by Pedro Ortiz.

www.euREAL.eu should be embedded in the CLGE website or at least share the same look and feel.

- c. Cooperation (FIG, CEPLIS, EuroGeographics, EGoS, PCC, EuroGI, GSA, ...)

FIG : We need good cooperation with this association. However FIG is studying systems CLGE is discussing about the profession. Perhaps there should be a part of FIG oriented to the profession or another body discussing about worldwide questions

related to the profession.

What's the role of CLGE outside of Europe? This has to be discussed.

The FIG Young Surveyors Network is very active. It should be clear that the European members of this Network are de facto part of a 'CLGE YSN'. There is no will to compete with FIG, nor duplicate efforts.

EuroGeographic: See Danko Markovinović's report.

EGoS: We have to invite Malcolm Lelliott to the CLGE conference (panel).

PCC: Francis Gäbele will be asked to attend the Cyprus meeting. Perhaps Pedro Ortiz will attend, on Spanish funding. There could also be an involvement of IG-PARLS. This question will be tabled to IG-PARLS in Antwerp. In any case this does not require new actions toward PCC since CLGE was already accepted as an observing member (this status should be mentioned on their website).

EuroGI: -

GSA: Contacts about the Space Expo are on-going.

d. Day of the European Surveyor and GeoInformation 2013

We urgently need to liaise Gyorgy Dymokos about this event.

The day could become a worldwide activity. Some contacts with the US are ongoing, via John Hohol (FIG Foundation President) and Curt Summer (Secretary General of the US association).

On the Monday before the Day of the European Surveyor and GeoInformation we will plan a reception in the HESGI. We will have to reserve a budget for this PR activity, even if it is plain that we try to get some financial support from sponsors.

We will ask all the members to announce their activity during that week (from 16 to 24 March 2013) with the aim to produce a leaflet about these activities and events.

DECISION [D EB12-III/5]:

The Executive Board unanimously approves Galileo Galilee to be honoured in 2013. This will be tabled to the Hanover GA. A poster was already prepared by Arianne Weyrich. The Board selects version n° 3 and asks some minor amendments.

6. DPKB (the Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base) – written update by Rudlof Kolbe

Vice President Rudolf Kolbe was not able to join the meeting since this was displaced from the original dates. However, he's sent the written report hereafter:

DPKB:

After sending out the consultation on the proposed contend on June 28, we have got answers from Germany, Austria, Spain, Sweden, Estonia and Switzerland. Brendan Arrigan (Ireland) wrote that there will be a new president of IIS who will also take over the mandate for the DPKB task-force, but until today we have no more news about that. Unfortunately there are no comments by the ExBoard till now, but I hope there will be some more contributions in this meeting ;-). Based on the answers Aerovision has made a concept paper which has been distributed last week and we(Leon, Merijn and me) had a videoconference yesterday discussing and deciding some raised questions. We agreed on a presentation and a workshop organised by Aerovision for the Hannover GA. Merijn will sum up the given answers by the task group and the outcome of the videoconference and send this summary to JY before Friday. So you will have the paper ready for the ExB-Meeting.

(CEPLIS:

Main issue is still the on-going process of the 'relaunch' of 2005/36. We have send out telegrams with the first draft of the rapporteur Ms. Vergnaud comparing it with our

positions. We are preparing an answer of the liberal professions to the public consultation on entrepreneurship. The next board meeting of CEPLIS will be on October 1th.)

After this report, the Board discusses the project DPKB in the absence of Rudolf Kolbe.

The major remarks read as follows (but should be checked by Rudolf Kolbe).

Moreover, the final decisions should be taken by the GA in Hanover.

Discussion DPKB by the Board:

The paper sent by Aerovision seems to be a kind of confirmation of the previous paper.

Most of the answers were in the direction to reduce the number of questions.

It's better to start with an optimal number of groups and to expand if it becomes.

The important things are reported in the pdf document.

The creation of a helpdesk would of course be wonderful but this is would be very expensive. This seems to be not very realistic with the means we have.

The board members are clearly in favour or "Scenario 2"

The application should be integrated in the existing website or clearly linked.

In any case, the application must be portable, making the above mentioned question more or less irrelevant.

IG-PARLS will be integrated in CLGE but if need be this group can be split.

The board then notices that there is a clear relation between DPKB and the proposal by the Greek student, that was tabled during the CLGE Students Contest (<http://geomatics.topo.auth.gr/>).

The comments of Rudolf Kolbe will also be asked. Hereafter we give Rudolf Kolbe's reaction after the board (the president sent the link with the comment that the idea was very good but that the content could be a bit more precise, at least as far as Belgium was concerned):

"after a short look to the Austrian entries I share your opinion, that the data is not perfect but a good start. In general I have to say that this is exactly a part of the idea that I had of a Knowledge Base. Even if the application is rather simple as you say, it is a powerful tool to get a good overview (in this case about academic education possibilities for surveyors in Europe). Of course I'm in favour to try to get in contact with them and to integrate this into our project. Do we have a 'living' contact with the Greek CLGE - Delegates ? If yes, we should involve them too. Otherwise Aerovision could make the contact directly and find out how to collaborate."

This idea of Rudolph Kolbe was pre-empted by the board, since the president would contact the student to liaise (see paragraph 9 hereafter).

After this discussion, the Aerovision paper at hand is again discussed in more detail to raise the following comments:

Some nice to haves would be nice but are very difficult to have. Some data cannot be collected.

We confirm Scenario 2. (since this is already reduced) and confirm also that IG-PARLS should easily be identifiable in a later phase of the project.

Downloads should be limited to the queries with a date stamp to avoid critics about how up to date the information is.

It is important to have some information about broken links.

There must also be a legal disclaimer, licence, etc.

The content should not only consist of links of course. There must also be a text explaining the different situations, even if the full legal texts are behind links and are not translated.

The application must be portable but of course it must be accessible over the CLGE website and it must have the same look and feel of CLGE.

The user functionality must be easy.

Must haves should also be searchable by selected subjects

Questions on the content should be directed to the delegates (a kind of Point of Contact).

Move the link check to the must haves, if this means the broken links check mentioned before.

What would be the automatic check of the quality? The board asks more details about that.

Option to cut of bad users should be 'must have' or to check if somebody is a machine or not.

We need a kind of wiki for the delegates. The delegates should have access. There must be some back up possibilities.

IG-PARLS will be asked to take part in the cost of this project. The next board meeting will discuss about this (26 September 2012).

The second invoice of Aerovision can be paid and the Treasurer will do so.

DECISION [D EB12-III/6]:

The Executive Board unanimously approves the payment of the second invoice of Aerovision. The remarks will be sent to the company, enabling them to prepare the presentation and Workshop for Hanover.

7. Editorial Policy (ComPlan, Website, GeoInformatics, Newsletter, Social Media, Cloud, ...)

Pedro Ortiz advocates to implement an automatic distribution list. We will establish some common addresses (for instance clge_executive_board).

Website: We have to make a new MoU with our webmasters (Milan Talich, Ondrej Böhm). Pedro Ortiz will take this task and start with it during our next GA.

The www.eureal.eu has to be ready before Hanover! Pedro Ortiz will induce the needed steps.

A full ComPlan is something to develop in 2013 – 2014.

Newsletter: we need to have email addresses, because without email addresses of our readers, we will lack relevance towards our commercial partners. 50 to 100.000 members should generate at least 100.000 euro sponsoring.

8. General Assembly preparation (Agenda, Workshops, Election Status)

With the history at hand, the Executive Board prefers to communicate about the 50 years of our association.

There will be 4 workshops again:

WS1 – Conclusions about the election period, preparation of the next (Jyp & perhaps MiCa & or Dieter or so, to discuss)

WS2 – Discussion about the DPKB (Rudi & Merijn or somebody else from Aerovision)

WS3 – Possibility to create a forum or IG for Companies and for Civil Servants

WS4 – Blue Parking Project

(the chronology of these workshops will be adapted to fit the programme).

The partners programme has to be sent out too.

We have to celebrate two things: the 50th Anniversary of CLGE (speech by Jean-Jacques Derwael, former Belgian Delegate) and the Honorary Membership of Henning Elmstroem, if awarded by the GA as expected.

9. Status of the Hanover Conference (Hanover Declaration) / Students Meeting and Contest

For the Students Contest it has to be said that most of the papers were from Eastern Europe. Only two candidates came from the rest of Europe (Belgium, Scotland [by a Dutch student]).

CLGE will repeat this Contest every year, even if the CLGESM is not every year.

The idea of the Greek candidate was not accepted but is a very interesting contribution to the DPKB. The President will liaise with the student to present our congratulations.

10. Interest Groups (IG-PARLS)

The next meeting of IG-PARLS will be held on 26 September 2012 in Antwerp.

There will be a short presentation at the Belgian General Conference, given by Maurice Barbieri.

Internet Changes should be done soon. A special reminder will be sent to obtain this soon.

The information of the IG-PARLS questionnaire could be used in DPKB.

12 out of 15 countries have answered the questionnaire (Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania have still to answer).

A paper will be written to integrate the answers.

IG-PARLS could be interested in following the PCC meetings (Permanent Committee of the Cadastres of the EU). This will be proposed at their next general meeting.

11. Enlargement Policy

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12. Planning of coming Conferences, Events and Assignments

a. Statutory meetings

I GA 2013, Budapest (Hungary) / 22 – 23 March 2013, theme to be fixed in Hanover;

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

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

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

I GA 2015, Switzerland has asked for this GA, 100 Anniversary of IGS (TBC – 2017???)

II GA 2015, Russia has asked for this GA;

I GA 2016, Albania has asked for this GA.

b. Non statutory meetings

II Day of the European Surveyor and GeoInformation (16 – 24 March 2013, actual day on 22nd March 2013)

Moldova asks for the 2013 seminar, theme to be fixed.

Students contest 2013.

III Day of the European Surveyor and GeoInformation

2014 Conference to be fixed (Marbella (ES), Dates, Theme). The vicinity of the Easter holidays could be a good move. The basic idea is that such meetings are self-supporting. However, in the past CLGE has granted a deficit guarantee, just in case of.

13. Any other business

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