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Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CLGE

Chisinau/Moldova, 04-05 October 2013

Minutes

General Assembly I, Friday 04 October 2013, 9.00 – 12.00

Venue: Codru Hotel, <http://www.codru.md/>

1. Opening

Jean-Yves Pirlot, CLGE President opens the General Assembly.

Maria Ovdii, former EuroGeographics Board Member and delegate from the Moldovan National Cadastral and Mapping Agency gives a welcome address on behalf of Anatolie Ghilas, Director General of the Land Relation and Cadaster Agency.

A minute of silence is dedicated in the honour of a past speaker to CLGE, scientist and philosopher Albert Jacquard. A few words are also said by Jean Yves Pirlot.

2. Roll Call and Apologies of Absence

a. Welcome of new delegates and participants

The president gives a warm welcome to all new delegates and participants and announces that the pins will be given in the coffee breaks and/or dinners. He especially welcomes the observing countries and their delegates: Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro and Ukraine

b. CLGE Secretary General Michelle Camilleri to take the roll call

Albania, Bulgaria, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Republic of Serbia sent in their apologies prior to the start of the GA.

Our Slovenian delegate experienced some unexpected problems during his travel to Moldova and is also apologized.

c. Announcement of the members present and carrying the voting rights

All members raise their flags showing which delegate will be carrying the voting right and a note of this is taken.

d. Appointment of two tellers

Ewa Swenson (SE) and Jan Hardos (SK) are appointed as two tellers throughout the General Assembly.



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3. Approval of the Agenda

The General Assembly unanimously adopts the Agenda dated 27 August 2013 (revised on 28 September v1.1).

4. Approval of the Minutes of the GA in Budapest, 22-23 March 2013

The General Assembly unanimously adopts the minutes as circulated on 7 May 2013.

5. Report by the Treasurer

CLGE Treasurer Dieter Seitz presents the financial situation at hand, the Budget and Fees for 2014 (consolidated with IG-PARLS figures).

There is no reaction from the floor and there are no questions and/or comments regarding the accounts, including the IG PARLS accounts. The latter still have to be validated during the members meeting of IG-PARLS, planned during INTERGEO in Essen. The formal approval by CLGE can only take place in March, although only a few minor changes are expected.

The General Assembly unanimously adopts the CLGE Budget and confirm the Fees 2014.

The president instigates a discussion about the "CLGE Solidarity Fund" (cfr. GeoWeb) and states that this fund is to help some members to attend the GA when they are in need of financial support due to temporary financial problems. The goal of this fund can be adapted or expanded by the GA, on proposal of the Executive Board. The president announces that Belgium has decided to offer a 1000 euro gift for the coming three years 14-16. He invites other member countries to do the same.

The president again thanks the Italian company GeoWeb for its visionary approach, starting the fund some years ago.

The General Assembly unanimously adopts the decisions about the "CLGE Solidarity Fund".

6. Report by the CLGE President and Board Members

The president talks about the works and activities carried out during the first year of the current election period (see also Workshop 4).

He mentions his trips to Rimini, Ljubljana, Washington; Several IPMS meetings; Limassol Ex-board Meeting; CLGE Students contest; CoC Implementation; Additional Points: Common Vision & YSN-CLGE Engagement (Cfr. the agenda points hereafter).

The General Assembly acknowledges the midterm update of the CLGE Policy 2012 – 2014 (more discussions will take place during the workshop on the CLGE Policy).



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7. Report by the delegate of the FIG Young Surveyors Network

Eva-Maria Unger, Secretary of FIG Young Surveyors gives a short and very dynamic presentation of the FIG Young Surveyors Network (YFN). She explains what it is about and what they offer. They would like to represent it under the umbrella of CLGE. Their first meeting is being held in Portugal in October 2013 and it will be the kick-off of the YSN European Branch. A 110 people have registered for this event. The idea is not to duplicate the efforts but to get the young surveyors involved.

The president discusses the engagement between CLGE and the European Branch of the Network. He also says that the Executive Board proposes that we have a young surveyor as part of the board. If the GA agrees then we will change the statutes to state that a young surveyor will attend the board meetings not just as an observer but as a member with voting power.

The General Assembly unanimously agrees to the idea of appointing a young surveyor to the CLGE Executive Board and asks the Executive board to prepare these changes in the statutes not later as before the next election period.

The topics hereafter are discussed for cooperation with the YSEN.

a. CLGE Students' Contest

Vice President Leiv Bjarte Mjos gives a short presentation about this year's contest. A total of 10 papers were sent in for the three categories. A list of participants is shown to the members which includes the country they come from and the title of their paper. All papers are on the website. This year's winner for the category of Geodesy & Topography is from Austria whereas for the category of GIS, Mapping & Cadaster was won by a participant from Spain. The third category of Students and Youngsters Engagement was won by a team from Austria and The Netherlands.

The presidents interjects by stating that this is going well but we need more papers to be submitted and ideally we get one paper per member association.

AI to ask the members that all of them are to do one call to the lecturers or teachers of universities and get a paper sent in (to combine with the CLGE Students' Meeting announcement).

b. CLGE Students' Meeting;

Jens Riecken will present a paper about the CLGE Students' meeting, during agenda point 9.

We need to announce this meeting as soon as possible. A cooperation with the academics is very important (see Students' Contest).



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c. First STEP

The Students and Trainees Exchange Programme First STEP is a nice idea but it doesn't work well enough. Therefore the General Assembly asks Eva-Maria Unger, FIG YSN secretary, to look at this with her team and revive it and try to fit it in to their ideas / programmes (see also Erasmus and Leonardo).

d. Coordination of events and engagements.

It is clear that a good coordination of the annual schedules and engagements are required. This will be easy, with a board member from the network. Until then, the YSEN can be invited as an observing member.

The planning of the CLGE Students' Meeting and CLGE Students' contest 2014 give an excellent opportunity to cooperate.

The General Assembly unanimously approves the engagement of CLGE with the FIG YSN.

FIG YSEN will think about the best way to appoint its delegate to CLGE.

8. CLGE Spring General Assembly, 21-22 March 2014 – Day of the European Surveyor & GI

a. The Spanish Delegation reports about the "Marbella" General Assembly;

Vice president Pedro Ortiz makes a presentation of the general programme of events in Marbella. The general assembly approves the content and title: The role of the Liberal Cadastral Surveyor in legal land-delimitation and property right restrictions.

The president comments that it is important to fix the titles of our Conferences and Seminars as part of the road map to reach our politic goals.

b. The secretary general, through a list of events sent in by various delegates, reports about the national activities during the week of 21nd March 2014 the third Day of the European Surveyor and GeoInformation.

The countries that did send in their events are: Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, Latvia, Malta, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia & United Kingdom. Czech Republic & Germany will send in their activities shortly.

The type of events that are being organised also dedicated to Struve vary as following: lectures, organising a ball, open day at regional offices, exhibitions & workshops, promotional material and articles in local magazines, newspapers and websites; conferences, chamber meetings and General Assembly, free consultation in regional offices about our profession and award of medals to surveyors that contributed the most towards our profession. This list could inspire the latecomers.

The question of the timing of the Day of the European Surveyor is raised, because it is difficult to organize it while the presidents or very active members are abroad for the General Assembly. The president acknowledges this problem but invokes the necessity to combine the event with the Week of the Land Surveyor in the USA. He insists on the fact that it must be possible to organize some activities who are not too demanding (see the list of what's prepared for the moment). We will of course try to minimize



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conflict between national and international engagements.

AI – All the members who did not yet to forward their activity to celebrate the Day of the European Surveyor and GI (21 March 2014). Michelle will send a reminder with the suggestions above to give some ideas.

Ewa Swenson (SE) announces that Sweden will publish an article in their magazine as it was done for Galileo. She gives two issues of the last magazine to the Bureau.

9. The 4th CLGE Conference of the European Surveyor, Marbella, 20 March 2014

A short briefing is given regarding the 4th CLGE Conference of the European Surveyor and other events in 2014, including the CLGE Students' Contest and the CLGE Students' Meeting with Party.

As for all our coming events we will look for an optimal connection with the FIG Young Surveyors' (European) Network.

Jens Rieken (DVW) gives a presentation regarding the CLGE students' meeting during INTERGEO Berlin 2014. This will be followed by 2017 and possibly 2021. All international students will have the same prices as the German students. The question raised is how many students are to be expected, and the answer is possibly 200-400 will be easy to handle.

The president thanks Jens Rieken and DVW for this support and for all the efforts that they have made. CLGE is very thankful for all the input that BDVI & DVW give. He also tells the GA that they are to speak with the academics (see AI above) to tell them to send the students.

Dieter Seitz asks what the deadline is to send in the registration of such students and Jens Rieken answers that in Marbella we should have a list of the approximate number of students from each country.

Torben Juulsager says that we can easily expect 50 students from Denmark as they promote it through a student that forms part of the Danish board.

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10. Membership Affairs

New applications:

Observing members

Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro and Ukraine have sent some delegates to start the accession process by observing the GA in Chisinau. The Executive Board will initiate the needed paper work to get them on board, if wanted. The treasurer will explain the fee structures. As long as the newcomers are observing members, no fee is due.



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Small states

Continuation of the discussion about small states started in Hungary.

The question is what to do with the small countries and associations. Maurice Barbieri gives the example of Lichtenstein. This state can become a member but would in that case be represented by IGS, without paying any fee and no voting right. All countries need surveyors, this is a fact. It would be good to have the whole list of potential countries on the CLGE website. The Area of Interest of CLGE is the Council of Europe. It suffices to establish a link.

Duncan Moss (UK) asks where we will stop; the response to that from the president is: where the official list of countries ends (i.e. for the small states: Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco and San Marino as confirmed by Henning Elmstroem during the coffee break). There is no haste, we can handle this in the same way as we do for other candidates.

Duncan Moss observes that if the country does not have an association then the question raises how does it consent to become a member of CLGE. The president answers that CLGE needs to see how to integrate the new approach into its statutes; Maurice Barbieri indicates that in Lichtenstein official land surveying is performed by 2 surveyors who are members of IGS (Suisse association of Publicly Appointed Surveyors). He will ask them if they want to join. Maurice Barbieri will coordinate the same question with other countries in the same situation (i.e. Spain and France, Switzerland, France and Italy). Based on this, a policy can be proposed to the General Assembly.

National reports and presentations

Tetyana Grytsyuk gives a presentation for her Ukrainian association.

Mairolt Kakko, for Estonia, gives a short presentation about Struve: where he was born, what he realized and the life he lived.

For the Russian Federation, Vladimir Tikonov gives a short presentation on the Struve Seminar they plan to organize in Kaliningrad (a video is shown). They launch a preliminary invitation to take part in the conference which will be a big event 1-3 July 2014. They hope to welcome participants of the 10 Struve Countries at least but all the delegates are of course more than welcome. It will be a CLGE Regional Conference.

France gives a short presentation regarding the seabed mapping as their coastal and marine portal will be launched in Sep 2014 during OGE's congress in Montpellier. Bénédicte Fournier Schmitt invites all CLGE members to join.

Bruno Razza (IT) gives a short speech regarding the fact that it could be his last participation in the CLGE events. The president thanks him for his commitment and gives him a small present to show CLGE's appreciation. He expresses the hope to see Bruno Razza again on the circuit.



11. Editorial policy – Engagement

a. Website

The talks to migrate the current website to a modern CMS are on-going (Drupal).

Milan Talich has tabled a quotation in that sense. Pedro Ortiz and the Executive Board are in charge of this task.

b. Modern member and partner engagement (social media);

Pedro Ortiz gives a presentation about the progresses that are made in that field. He invites the members to follow us on Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook, as well as on our website. When the migration to Drupal or similar is done, the integration of these social media will be much easier. That's the reason to insist on the social media.

c. Special National or Regional Events;

The Kaliningrad conference is a good example of regional events. We have to find the correct balance, avoiding to threaten our own General Assemblies which could come under pressure. It is important to badge these meeting as "CLGE" events, as soon as permission is given but there is no need for all our delegates to be there.

We should spread the participation in these events amongst our members and officials, to favour contacts of these persons with local surveyors.

d. Cooperation with international magazines (GIM, GeoInformatics, ...);

Since there is no possibility to forward the email addresses of our members and their members, the cooperation with GIM is dropped for a while.

The cooperation with GeoInformatics is fine. A new layout was launched recently.

The General Assembly unanimously adopts the Editorial and Engagement policy.

12. IG-PARLS

a. Report on IG-PARLS activities

Maurice Barbieri, chair of IG-PARLS reports about latest activities of the interest group. As a matter of fact he reminds the CLGE members the total integration of the IG within the framework of CLGE.

b. Results of the Working Group on the modernization of the Accord Multilateral

Torben Juulsager gives a few words about the update of the Accord Multilateral. Three documents are being prepared. They will be revised during the Essen meeting, planned on 8 October. After approval, the papers will be sent to the CLGE Delegates.

c. Update Strategy 2012 – 2014.

Maurice Barbieri gives a short presentation showing an overview of what is happening within IG PARLS and how this relates to the initial strategic plan.

The General Assembly unanimously approves the on-going process as well as the IG-PARLS Strategy.



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13. European Affairs

a. Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base

Rudolf Kolbe reports that 7 out of 10 pilot countries have filled in data. DPKB is still under construction but the shape is starting to be visible. He thanks all that worked on the project but a special mention to Ewa Svensson, who has had a lot of doubts but has nevertheless contributed to make DPKB successful.

The General Assembly agrees that DPKB should now be opened to more volunteers. Rudolf Kolbe hopes that in Marbella we will have 18 countries, i.e. 50% of our Council. All delegates are invited to show their commitment. That is also the reason for the little budget for DPKB for 2014. Before developing further the database we should have at least data entries of 50% of our members. The DPKB will then also be a landmark of activities of the professions that will be very interesting to get European institutions.

The Belgian delegation mentions that it intended to join the project as soon as permitted.

During the coffee break the following countries have agreed to volunteer to fill it in by the next meeting in Marbella: (Belgium), Croatia, Denmark, Malta, Norway, UK, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland and Moldova.

Others may join if they want. Requests to be addressed to Michelle.Camilleri@clge.eu.

b. Engagement within CEPLIS

Rudolf Kolbe reports that there have been elections for a new board in June. Jacques Reignault is re-elected as the president, and Rudolf Kolbe is re-elected as the first vice president. Also the different working groups of CEPLIS have restarted. Via CEPLIS he is a member of a working group of the European Commission "Bolstering the business of the Liberal Professions". This group will elaborate a paper that will be a policy paper for the Commission.

There are currently two more study groups of the EESC (Ecosoc) where engineers issues are discussed and where he also takes part.

c. Engagement with the EU

Rudolf Kolbe also reports that CLGE has been invited by the new president of ECEC to take part in the "European Engineers Day 2014" and to come to the ECEC GA next weekend in Athens to talk about this idea. Since Jean-Yves Pirlot is unavailable due to previous CLGE engagements (Lisbon), Rudolf Kolbe will represent CLGE in Athens and check if it will be possible - and affordable - for us, see point h.

d. The common vision paper (PCC, EuroGeographics, Eulis, ELRA - Attached)

The 4 authorities who have signed the common vision paper in Cyprus were Eurogeographics, PCC, ELRA and EULIS. The CLGE Executive Board is willing to join the move, since it is also representing the civil servants side of the profession. However, on the long term, it would be nice to include some ideas from private side of cadastral work too.



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The General Assembly unanimously agrees to the signature of the common vision document.

e. Monitoring EU Developments

Bénédicte Fournier Schmitt says that there is nothing special to report back, probably due to the reduced activity during the summer months.

The president however asks her to comment the on-going initiative by the Commission, led by Jürgen Tiedje. His Directorate is organizing a virtual round table or live chats during the Single Market Month - one month of online debates to discuss ideas for improvement related to living and working in the European Single Market. The first week of this campaign (Jobs- 23-25 September) was devoted to working and doing business in Europe, including the recognition of professional qualifications.

f. euREAL and International Property Measurement Standard Coalition (IPMSC)

The General Assembly unanimously confirms the IPMSC membership of CLGE and the Intellectual Property Transfer of the measurement code from CLGE to IPMSC.

The General Assembly also accepts to take part in the effort to create a worldwide ethical standard in valuation, but CLGE will ask FIG (Frances Plimmer) to take the lead in the same way as we did for IPMS.

g. BlueParking.eu;

Maurice Barbieri gives an overview about the present status of the BlueParking.eu. He says that CLGE now has an official logo and advises that CLGE should purchase the brand protection or copyright of the name+logo (CLGE in favour, to be decided with IG-PARLS).

Maurice Barbieri also gives an overview of the questionnaires as filled in by the members. A lot of members still have to answer and Michelle Camilleri sends a reminder during the GA.

Members should also buy the domain name www.blueparking.at, www.blueparking.be, ... etc. However, officially, the www.blueparking.eu address will be in use but the national addresses will point in this direction.

AI: to send the information of the questionnaire for the blueparking and to buy the domain names.

h. Cooperation with ECEC.

ECEC proposes to cooperate more closely. This makes sense since we have an engineering profession.

The president was invited to their GA, but he's already bound for Lisbon, these days. Rudolf Kolbe will represent CLGE in this meeting and will check if a cooperation for the Day of the European Surveyor is suitable and affordable.



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

a. Statutory meetings

I Ex-Board meeting 2014, advanced in December 2013, Brussels, 1 – 2 December (TBC) a change request was formulated by the IG-PARLS President [after the discussion the meeting will take place on Sunday 1 December in Brussels];

I GA 2014, Spain (Marbella) / 21-22 March; themes of the WS to be fixed, proposal under preparation;

II GA 2014, Iceland (City to be fixed, probably Reykjavik) / 26 – 27 September proposed by the board after request by the Icelandic delegation – Accepted by the GA;

I GA 2015, Cyprus (City to be fixed soon) / Dates and theme to be fixed in Marbella (Spain);

II GA 2015, Russia (Moscow) / Dates and theme to be fixed in Iceland;

I GA 2016, Albania (city to be fixed – Probably Tirana) / Dates and theme to be fixed in Cyprus;

II GA 2016, Latvia (city to be fixed – probably Riga) / Dates and theme to be fixed in Moscow;

I GA 2017, Switzerland has obtained this GA, 100 Anniversary of IGS. The dates are already known and announced by Maurice Barbieri: 27 to 30th April 2017 for Switzerland

b. Non statutory meetings

INTERGEO 2013 8 – 10 October;

CLGE Students' Contest 2013 and 2014. This will be annually organized. In 2013 the awarding will be held in Essen (INTERGEO – 8 October 14.30) for categories I and II;

1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting sponsored by FIG and CLGE, 17 – 18 October in Lisbon (awarding of category III of the CLGE Students' Contest 2013);

III Day of the European Surveyor and GeoInformation, Marbella (ES), during the GA and the CLGE Conference of the European Surveyor. Formally, it will be on the 21 March 2014;

4th CLGE Conference of the European Surveyor to be fixed (Marbella (ES), 20 March 2014 TBC, Theme: introduction of the "Geometra-Experto" in Spain, his role in land delimitation and property right restrictions;

Regional Struve Conference in Kaliningrad, 1 – 3 July 2014;

CLGE Students' Meeting + CLGE Students' Contest 07 October 2014, Berlin, INTERGEO.



15. Generic thematic part of the GA

a. Plenary presentation of some of the topics

- (1) TEGoVA¹, RICS, IPMS and Valuation (presentation by Wolfgang Glunz and Alexander Aronsohn);
- (2) Short sum up of the Chisinau Seminar (presentation by Maurice Barbieri and Vasile Chiriac);
- (3) Building Information Modelling (BIM) (presentation by Pedro Ortiz);
- (4) CLGE Workshops since 2010, influence on our Roadmap (no presentation – full paper sent out before the GA).

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15. Generic thematic part of the GA Ctd.

b. Workshops

- (1) The Surveyor and Valuation;
- (2) Moldova Seminar: the results;
- (3) BIM;
- (4) CLGE's policy.

16. CLGE Recommendations

The General Assembly discusses the outcome of the CLGE Seminar and Workshop and possible recommendations.

For the workshop (4), CLGE's Policy, the President says that although we can be happy and proud about the progress of our Council, one can always improve things.

Since we always have new comers we need, for example, an elaboration for the acronyms used. The GA should always be presented in a didactic way, enabling these newcomers to have a better insight of what's going on.

Food and drinks are always important and it has been suggested to organise an ice breaker party with food enough avoiding the need of an additional dinner. We have noticed that the members interact much more during such events.

During the Chisinau GA, we have experienced a two hours interruption at noon, this was

¹ <http://www.tegova.org/> *The European Group of Valuers' Associations*



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too long. We will limit the lunch time and have longer coffee breaks. We will shorten the administrative part of the GA having all decisions prepared and sent out via email where delegates may then comment or not and then we vote.

Again it is confirmed that half an hour workshops are too short. We need to find a balance. We need working groups for certain topics. Some workshops need to be followed up which we will do since they should drive our CLGE policy unfolding.

We have to produce some white papers that indicate our political will. Therefore, we will launch some working groups for people who are committed to take part in such a WG on a specific subject, let's say for four e-meetings and two life meetings, or so.

We need to increase our lobbying work but therefore we would need people working for us. We cannot sustain this and we need to find solutions by finding funding, hence another possible use of the CLGE solidarity fund.

For workshop number 2: Moldova Seminar and hence the declaration of land consolidation, Vice President Danko Markovinović thanks the people that presented the subject. A lot of new questions have risen. It is a big job and big process. Such questions are: what kind of role do surveyors have within this subject? are we involved? do we use this process? which agencies and ministries should be involved? what kind of education do we have on the level of Europe? The plan is to make an inception phase as we need to know what is happening from country to country (sending out some questionnaires). The declaration as prepared by the Executive Board and the workshop participants can be signed.

Therefore, the General Assembly unanimously adopts the Chisinau Declaration / Recommendations.

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18. Closing of the General Assembly and Solemn signing of the Code of Conduct by Moldova

Vasile Chiriac gives a few final words and hands over the Moldovan drinks for the next GA. He thanks the CLGE Executive Board and GA for the marvellous days in his country.

Under a warm applause CLGE Past President Henning Elmstroem and CLGE President Jean-Yves Pirlot then hand over some gifts to Vasile Chiriac and Ionna Chiriac, for all the work that was done.

Michelle Camilleri
Secretary General

Jean-Yves Pirlot
President

Enclosures: Corrected CLGE fee structure 2014.
CLGE Solidarity Fund (GeoWeb), proposal by the Board adopted during the GA