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Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens

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EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CLGE
Brussels, Belgium, 1 December 2013 (09.00-17.00)

MINUTES

Venue: House of the European Surveyor and GI, Rue du Nord 76, 1000 Brussels
Hotel: Club Prince Albert, Rue des Petits Carmes 20, 1000 Brussels

Participants:

Members of the Ex-Board:

Jean-Yves Pirlot (BE), President
Michelle Camilleri (MT), Secretary General
Dieter Seitz (DE), Treasurer
Leiv Bjarte Mjøs (NO), Vice President
Pedro Ortiz (ES), Vice President
Maurice Barbieri, IG-PARLS Chair

Apologized:

Danko Markovinović (HR), Vice President
Ann Pirlot-Vandaele, Executive Director a.i.

Invited:

Eva-Maria Unger, FIG YSN, Chair Elect
Rudolph Kolbe (AT), Project Manager Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base
Bénédicte Fournier-Schmitt, International Manager OGE France, part-time

1. Opening and Adoption of Agenda

The president opens the meeting. He thanks Francis Gäbele for all the preparations, especially the waving European Flag is warmly welcomed.

Unfortunately, Danko Markovinović was not able to join due to a sudden illness. The full executive board wishes him a swift recovery.

Ann Pirlot-Vandaele is not able to attend, since she had planned a journey, long before the executive board meeting was fixed. However, she's made the arrangements to have smooth meeting today and greets everybody.

The meeting is the first meeting of 2014! This means that we have to be very pro-active and think about all the details for a successful year.

DECISION [D EB14 (advanced) -I/1]: The Agenda is unanimously adopted without remark.

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

DECISION [D EB14-I/2]:

The Chisinau minutes are unanimously adopted without remarks.

3. Financial affairs

The Treasurer gives an advanced report about the financial situation.

The financial situation is sound; some positions about executive board meetings (IG-PARLS) should be increased.

UGMoldova asks for a support for the GA, since they are in a very difficult financial situation (a letter was sent by their president). The Conference has helped the association to get more members and its difficult financial situation should improve.

DECISION [D EB14-I/3]:

The Executive Board decides that UGM can get a financial support for 2013, equalling its annual fee.

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

The PCC meeting in Vilnius was very interesting since it allowed starting a new cooperation with EuroGeographics and PCC. CLGE and the Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base were presented.

The Spanish Cadastre could be interested to become Corporate member. Pedro Ortiz will follow up this possibility.

In Lisbon, it was very interesting to show the DPKB too. Thanks to the FIG YSEN meeting there, the Portuguese 'Ordem' wants to become member of CLGE. José Ferras, President of our historical Portuguese delegation was present and did agree.

Together with Maurice Barbieri, the president took part in the 2013 Croatian Symposium. He gave a short address, and they took part in a round table discussion about "new sectors for our profession".

Maurice Barbieri was in Austria (17-18 October), representing CLGE (and IGS) in Kufstein, near Innsbruck. It was an interesting meeting, including a very good presentation about Land Management by Holger Magel, the former FIG President.

A meeting about the "Dachmarke Geodesie" (umbrella trade mark "Surveying") was organised in Austria (BDVI, DVW and VDV are cooperating on this subject).

5. Young Surveyors Policy (YSEN)

Eva-Maria Unger reports about the Lisbon meeting.

Some CLGE projects were presented, amongst them BlueParking.eu and DPKB, as well as First STEP.

The idea is to combine the YSEN and the CLGE Students' Meeting and Contest was well received.

a. Strategy and implementation plan, appointment or election process

Amongst the options of creating an IG or a special VP, the second is preferred.

Indeed, the VP position presents several advantages (real voting power, visibility, ...).

The candidates should be supported by their national association for those expenses that are not reimbursement (i.e. essentially meetings during GA).

We will have to be careful about the funding, avoiding to overburden our sponsors.

The YSEN asks for support for the FIG YS Meeting when they occur in Europe. For instance, the next will be during the working week in Bulgaria.

A task list of what YSEN / CLGE should do, must be written. Of course it has to be somewhat flexible.

b. Required changes of the regulations (Statutes, Internal Rules)

DECISION [D EB14-I/4]:

The Executive Board prefers the approach of creating a new permanent Vice President position for Young Surveyors to be occupied by a European Young Surveyor, supported by YSEN and its national CLGE delegation.

The Bureau will prepare the statutes that have to be changed. The proposals must be tabled to the delegates in due time.

Based on the recommendations by the YSEN and the letters of support by national delegations, the Executive Board will table one or more Young Surveyors for election by the General Assembly.

6. European Affairs

a. Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications: Action plan against deregulation

It's not clear if surveyors are in the first or second cluster.

Rudolf Kolbe reports that the Austrian ministry doesn't see any threat. But of course this can change, following the changing political situation.

Following a Belgian high ranking civil servant, we would be in the first cluster but he has to check it. Anyway, we need to be prudent about this and quick enough.

The major threat comes from the other countries where no regulation is required by now, but the compensation measures are still available and can be used by the hosting country.

There is no matrix as was suggested by the platforms in former times.

The idea is that in a lot of countries, the profession is not regulated and this can be harmful.

The communication by the European Commission is not mandatory. So the pressure is not high.

We still have to pursue our two pronged approach (slightly adapted):

- All our members from the EU should contact their responsible ministry and explain why it is important to keep (or get) the regulation in their country;
- CLGE will write in a position paper about the question.

IG-PARLS is asked to follow this up, but being inclusive.

If it's not present yet, in DPKB we should think to add a field about the responsible ministry.

For this point: See also IMI and professional card.

b. EU Projects (Leonardo, Erasmus, GNSS [EU Action Plan – Galil-EU, RECON])

The president presents the different projects where CLGE is involved.

The Leonardo project is named Geo Skills +. CLGE is onboard together with the Belgian Ordre des Géomètres-Experts asbl.

Moreover, thanks to our actions during the last years, CLGE has gained credibility and we are often asked to cooperate with EU projects or others.

The project driven by Otmar Schuster's GeoHaus, GALIL-EU, will be presented during one of our workshops.

The Board is in favor of exploring this field.

c. euREAL (European Real Estate Area Label) – IPMS Coalition: Hearing ECOSOC

The Board of Trustees governs the coalition. Jean-Yves Pirlot was appointed as Trustee for CLGE. Pedro Ortiz was proposed as Alternate Trustee, since he's supposed to lead the CLGE working group on these matters.

If the situation changes, the Trustee and Alternate Trustee can be replaced by CLGE. However, Jean-Yves Pirlot was asked to run for the position of Vice Chair or Secretary General (Treasurer). If elected for two years, it could become more difficult to replace him.

We will try to organize a hearing at ECOSOC (European Economic and Social Committee). The idea would be to do it on 18 March 2013, just after our Brussels reception.

Jean-Yves Pirlot attended a meeting with Luis Lobo and Dzmitry Korbut, experts from the Internal Market section of ECOSOC. They are preparing an event.

CEN should be invited to attend and we should consider the work of creating the official EU standard based on IPMSC.

Contacts with stakeholders are ongoing, via RICS (Sander Scheurwater) and CLGE (Jean-Yves Pirlot).

The working group has to be informed. This will be done in due time. They are among the important stakeholders to be invited at the ECOSOC meeting.

Is euREAL frozen? Spain would like to implement it. In fact it is wise to postpone the official implementation until the final IPMS is available. euREAL will be the European implementation of it. It has to be compliant but some details could be added, if they are needed for the European market and not elsewhere.

d. Cooperation (FIG, EuroGeographics, EGoS, PCC, EuroGI, GSA, ECEC ...)

With the common vision paper, the cooperation with EG and PCC could be improved again. This is very important in the question about the deregulation.

EG wants us to think about the creation of a KEN on Positioning systems, in coordination with the creation of a real EUPOS, i.e. for the whole of Europe.

This is totally in line with our policy as defined during the Umeå meeting (Umeå declaration).

Jean-Yves Pirlot will attend the next Staff meeting of EG in January. This will enable us to prepare an improved cooperation with them (Day of the European Surveyor and GI, KEN and EUPOS, Blue Parking, Vision Paper, KEN on cadastre).

EuroGI could be interested to reintegrate the House of European Surveyors and GI. Negotiations with Gerda Schennach are ongoing. EuroGI has left the house, just before the refurbishments. They met once since and would like to do it again.

The Hellenic PCC semester could be devoted to publicly appointed surveyors and seabed cadastre, amongst other topics.

EGoS – Cooperation about professional cards, quality for surveying offices is still possible (see also CEPLIS).

Rudolf Kolbe went to the ECEC meeting in Athens, representing CLGE in the preparation meeting of the 2nd Engineers Day 2014.

He offered a participation by CLGE, with a presence and paper(s) or so but he made it clear that we couldn't afford a financial participation.

This proposal was more or less accepted and we will be informed if and when we could join. There is no special action to take at the moment. Feani looks for a venue here in Brussels. But one of the issues was the absence of a budget. The situation is not clear by now. The next ECEC meeting is planned on the 25th of January. Then we will be informed about the future of this initiative.

e. Ceplis (Code of Conduct revision, Professional Card, Working Groups)

The new directive has been decided in the European Parliament in October.

The professional card in fact is not an actual card but a certificate that is issued by the national authorities.

IMI is used for the exchange of these certificates. This IMI would be expanded to include information about education. This would lead to a reduction of the bureaucracy.

To get this certificate it is necessary that the profession decides if it wants to have this card. If yes, the profession has to say that it wants this card (at the member state level).

For the engineers there was a letter of interest by ECEC. Based on their results we will see what's going on.

The commission seems to be pushing the idea about professional cards.

We should think it over with our GA.

There are several working parties within CEPLIS (common values, directives regarding liberal professions, CPD, health professionals, non-regulated professions, inter-professional bodies).

At least in the working group on CPD, we should have somebody on board, as well as in the group about the common values.

The best way is to nominate a delegate, formally, to get the invitations and we can also send replacements.

Another interesting part is the initiative on "bolstering the liberal profession in the economy". Rudolf Kolbe is following this up closely. The idea to open up the market is always one of the basic ideas behind this kind of initiatives.

However, CEPLIS was able to table its points. The outcome will be a paper produced by the commission. Rudolf Kolbe hopes that the paper will be tabled for remarks before being sent around.

7. DPKB (the Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base)

A letter was sent to Aerovision on the 19th October and they reacted quickly and positively.

Michelle Camilleri has sent out the demand to get the needed POC.

The 9 new comer POC's will be sent to Aerovision for opening the operational part of DPKB.

Pedro Ortiz and Dieter Seitz will make a Survey of the existing entries (only quantity).

We don't may forget the Dynamic part, i.e. the update.

Maurice Barbieri reports some design errors and we will ask to correct them. Some suggestions are also made. He will table his report to Aerovision.

FYI: Merijn Jacops has left the company.

8. www.blueparking.eu

Maurice Barbieri gives a presentation about the project.

A new company was founded, under the umbrella of the Suisse IGS: AccessibilityData.

This platform was needed to be able to sign some contracts etc.

The Swiss system is on a good track. They have 8000 spaces and got subventions from the government for filling the gaps, introducing the crowdsourcing and updating.

The European Project will be led by the Swiss team. There will only be one way to engage with the project.

The interface for disabled users should be multilingual, the professional users can start from an English interface but our associations must have the possibility to table a translation via the CMS.

The data delivery format should be GML instead of the current Interlis.

Accessibility Data will send a feasibility report.

This company has the IP of this project and that makes it obvious that we have to work with them.

It will of course be much easier if we get external funding (exclusivity at the EU level).

Maurice Barbieri is urged to contact a potential main sponsor. The president is ready to attend a meeting in Switzerland, if need be.

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

Eva Maria Unger proposes to table her Lisbon report for the GeoInformatics newsletter. This must be done as soon as possible.

The Drupal implementation will be proposed to the next GA. The version for mobile devices may not be forgotten.

There was a Teambox test during the Marbella conference preparation. We should check this application and decide later on about its payable implementation (more than 5 participants). For the time being the test will be increased to the Bureau.

10. Organisation of the 2014 Events

a. Day of the European Surveyor and GeoInformation

We are considering to organise a HESGI reception on the 17th March.

Discussions with ECOSOC are ongoing for a hearing within the Committee on 18 March 2014.

The actual Day of the European Surveyor and GI is the 21st March in Marbella, during our General Assembly.

The Ice Breaker Party will take place on the 20th in the evening.

We try to get in touch with our Estonian / Russian delegations to coordinate the events related to the Struve year with them.

VIP's from Spain have to be invited at the Ice Breaker Party or during other parts of the GA.

b. Status of the Marbella Conference (Marbella Declaration?)

CLGE has appointed Pedro Ortiz to liaise with COITT to organize the Conference and the GA.

The programme is discussed. We have to balance the chairs and speakers.

The Bureau, Maurice Barbieri and Pedro Ortiz will stay in contact about the conference preparations.

c. CLGE Students' Meeting (+ YSEN) and CLGE Students' Contest

There will be a meeting in Berlin, preferably early in January.

We will make an early warning based on our previous experiences.

First STEP was discussed in Lisbon. There was a workshop about the future of First STEP. A LinkedIn discussion was started to revive this project.

We also should start our discussions about a possible YS conference in Berlin, during INTERGEO.

11. General Assembly preparation (Agenda, Decisions, Proposals to the GA, Workshops)

Three WS are enough, or even two. The following Work Shops could be organised.

We will try to have a workshop on "Galil-EU", "PPP, GNSS or Monitoring".

Plenary discussion Workshop Mutual Recognition (presentation and adoption of the Code drafted by IG-PARLS).

Plenary discussion and Workshop on Geo Skills + (Leonardo).

Depending on the availability of the speakers, we could shift from WS to plenary and Vice Versa.

12. Interest Groups (IG-PARLS)

Discussion on the title of the Code [remark: the Workshop in Paris has led to the proposal: Code of Professional Qualifications for 'Liberal' 'Property' Surveyors].

13. Enlargement Policy

The current policy will not be changed before the next election period.

We will try to get the observing members on board.

14. Planning of coming Conferences, Events and Assignments

December: Maurice Barbieri takes part in the RICS December event.

He also will represent CLGE during the next Budapest EuroGI meeting.

There should be a Berlin meeting in January – Preparing the Students' meeting and Conference (Jyp, DiSe, EMU). We have to invite several stakeholders and will see what's possible.

January: Workshop at OGE in Paris, France (give arguments why a regulation is necessary in our field of activities, cadastral surveying and land delimitation).

February: IPMS-C – Rio de Janeiro, Brasil or elsewhere [eventually, it seems to be London].

March: Marbella (also IG-PARLS).

May: Geospatial World Forum – Geneva, CH.

Geo Skills + - The Netherlands

June: FIG - Kuala Lumpur

PCC – Athens, Greece.

July: CLGE Struve Meeting – Kaliningrad, Russian Federation.

15. Any other business

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