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Minutes

Venue: Hotel Fuerte Miramar Marbella
<http://www.fuertereales.com/hotel/fuerte-miramar-marbella>

Ice-Breaker Reception with the celebration of the European Surveyor 2014, G.F.W. von Struve
Thursday 20 March 2014, 19.30 Venue: Tapas y Ole Restaurant, Travesia Carlos Machintosh Marbella

Short welcome addresses and official announcement of the European Surveyor of the Year.

Welcome speech by a Councillor of the Mayor of Marbella, M. Eloy Ortega, and President Andrés Díez Galilea, COITT.

Presentations and addresses by Pekka Tätilä and Jean-Yves Pirlot. Reception, Standing Dinner.

General Assembly I, Friday 21 March 2014, 9.00 – 12.00

1. Opening

CLGE President Jean-Yves Pirlot opens the General Assembly.

Andrés Díez Galilea, Decano of COITT, gives a welcome speech and wishes all a productive General Assembly (http://www.clge.eu/documents/events/152/welcome_address.pdf).

The CLGE President gives an overview of the Celebration of the Day of the European Surveyor and GeoInformation that was organized in Brussels this week. This also included the Celebration of the Struve Year 2014.

The President announces the revision of the Statutes and Internal Rules which were sent out as attachments together with the agenda for this General Assembly. These modifications are proposed as requested during the Chisinau GA.

The president also shows a still growing list with the principal abbreviation and acronyms that we use within CLGE. This list will be uploaded on to the website and it will be updated from time to time. This is especially useful and was asked by newcomers.

2. Roll Call and Apologies of Absence

a. CLGE Secretary General Michelle Camilleri to take the roll call;

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Austria, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Greece, Moldova, Portugal, Republic of Serbia, Romania and Ukraine sent in their apologies prior to the start of the GA.

- b. Announcement of the members present and carrying the voting rights;

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

- c. Appointment of two tellers;

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

- d. Welcome of new delegates and participants.

The President gives a warm welcome to all new delegates, participants, speakers and guests; the pins are given to the newcomers (a few were already handed out during the previous evening at the ice breaker reception).

3. Approval of the Agenda

The General Assembly unanimously adopts the Agenda dated 20 February 2014.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the GA in Chisinau, 4 - 5 October 2013.

The General Assembly unanimously adopts the minutes as circulated on 6 November 2013.

5. Report by the Treasurer

CLGE Treasurer Dieter Seitz presents the Accounts 2013 and a revised Budget for 2014. All the documents, including the Balance Sheets, were previously sent with the agenda and they will also be uploaded on to the website for ease of reference.

Dieter Seitz gives a detailed report about the financial situation at hand stating that the expenses that are listed are within the budget framework. There are no questions from the floor about the accounts. There are also no questions about the balance sheet of CLGE.

The revised budget is presented as there is an introduced item of sponsorship from Trimble for the amount of €16,500 as well as an amount from Leica who is sponsoring €150,000 to be split over 3 years for the Blueparking.com project. This amounts to the largest income/capital that CLGE has ever had. The President states that this is all very good news but this also means that we will also have increased expenses to enable us to execute the projects that we have planned.

Clemens Kiepke (DE), congratulates the President and the Executive Board members for the overall management of the association and all the sponsoring we got.

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The President thanks the German delegate for his positive remark as well as he thanks the sponsors again and says that they can now see first-hand what added value they give to CLGE and vice versa.

Dieter Seitz presents the accounts & balance sheet of IG-PARLS to the GA; again no questions are raised from the floor.

President thanks Dieter Seitz for all the work that he does over the months.

6. Auditors Report and Approval of the Accounts 2013

The President introduces the Auditor Raymond Dhur (LU) to take the floor and he also suggests that we appoint a second Auditor as Ivan Andreev, the current second Auditor, is not responsive probably due to his new heavy workload.

Raymond Dhur says that he has sent the accounts to Ivan Andreev but to date he received no reply. He also says that he checked the accounts and can report back to the general assembly that all is in order.

The General Assembly unanimously adopts the report of the Auditors and the Accounts for 2013, discharge is given to Treasurer and Executive Board.

The General Assembly unanimously adopts the revised budget 2014 as tabled by the Executive Board.

[At the end of the meeting: The General Assembly agrees to choose a new Auditor and after a short nomination process, Gyorgi Domokos (HU) is appointed (second day of the GA).]

7. Report by the CLGE President and Board Members

A brief report is given about the recent and on-going activities including:

- Integration of the European Branch of FIG YSN (FIGYSEN). This topic is discussed in paragraph 8.
- The ongoing consultation process about IPMS (euREAL, worldwide). The draft version for Office buildings is put on a worldwide consultation until the 4th of April 2014. A final version is expected in June. The CLGE President has been appointed as Secretary General of the International Property Measurement Standards Coalition.
- The Worldwide Surveyors Day (Cooperation with the National Society of Professional Surveyors – USA). An update on the current situation is given and photos of the celebrations in Brussels earlier on this week are shown.

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Some of the ongoing activities are the presence in Athens of Rudi Kolbe during the ECEC meeting; Essen Intergeo & CLGE student contest; Lisbon (YSEN), Vilnius for the PCC common vision, Opatija HR symposium, Paris Workshop on MRPQ and a Executive Board meeting in Brussels; Berlin coordination meeting for the CLGE students meeting & contest as well as the FIG YSEN Meeting, Geneva meeting with Leica regarding the sponsorship for the blueparking.com project, several meetings for GEO skills +, and several IPMS meetings (euREAL).

Jean Yves Pirlot also thanks Arianne Weyrich for all the work that she put in to create the posters for the past 3 years for the Day of the European of Surveyor & GI.

8. Modification of the Statutes and or Internal Rules

The president reports about some modifications to the internal rules, including:

- The reverence to the DPKB;
- The creation of a Vice-president representing the Young Surveyors in Europe.

The President explains the Articles in the Statutes and the Internal Rules that have been amended and these are Article 12 which now will include electing a Vice President representing the Young Surveyors and Article 20 stating what the executive board will be composed of i.e. the inclusion of a new Vice President representing the Young Surveyors who will also have voting rights.

A few remarks are made from the floor:

Ewa Svensson (SE) says that it is a good idea to have young surveyors in the GA but it is too much to have them as part of the Executive Board.

Francis Gabele (BE) says that it is important for them to be in the Executive Board since we are preparing their future, not ours.

Mark Wijngaarde (NL) insists that the young have the future and CLGE is nothing without the future, hence we should vote in favour of this idea.

Clemens Kiepke (DE) says that it is a good idea but on the other hand giving the young surveyors automatically a place in the executive board with voting power is something that is more than each country has and hence he disagrees to this; the young surveyors are welcome and they can take part in the general assembly and if one day they would be voted in to the executive board then they would be welcome too.

Jan Hardos (SK) says that he supports what Sweden and Germany say and the young ones should be elected like the rest and with a voting process.

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The President intervenes here and says that the modification exactly introduces such a voting process. The Executive Board has introduced several firewalls. The general assembly is sovereign. The delegates are the ones that have the power; for example: the delegates can change the statutes and the GA can expel anyone from the board. On the other hand the delegates are the ones that will vote the person in. It is not correct to say that there is no voting process. The last general assembly, gathered in Chisinau, has unanimously decided that the delegates will vote in a Vice-President to represent the young surveyors and what's proposed today is nothing more than the translation of this will within our statutes and internal rules. First the YSEN need to put forward a candidate and then the executive board will scrutinise this nominated candidate and then the general assembly will vote in favour or not for this nominated candidate. Moreover the country of origin of the concerned young surveyor has to support its candidacy.

Jens Riecken (DE) says that right now there is a good opinion/working relationship with the young surveyors, but this can very well change in a few years. It is important to integrate them here in the general assembly and get an observer status but they should not automatically have Vice President status i.e. voting power.

Jos Anneveld (NL) says that he would welcome a positive discrimination. We can bring them in for a limited time such as 4 or 8 years and then evaluate the situation after that.

Jean Yves Pirlot says that this a good way forward but we could also stop this position as early as next year if things do not work properly and if need be.

Vladimir Tikhonov (RU) agrees that it is necessary to have the young surveyors here in the general assembly but not necessarily to give them vice president status and voting power. If necessary CLGE is to pay their travel costs.

Vladimir Krupa (HR) says that it is a good idea to have a young surveyor as a board member but without voting rights.

Andrés Díez Galilea (ES) totally agrees to have the young surveyor as part of the executive board and with voting power; voting is not critical.

Jan Hardos (SK) asks if they have a voting right in general assembly and the President replies that they will not vote but their country will vote; Jan Hardos also comments that in FIG they have no voting power.

Jean Yves Pirlot reads out the extract from the minutes of Chisinau and says that we are talking about the European branch of the FIG YSEN, not the FIG YSN. The quoted text says: *"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*

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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."

Muiris de Buitleir (IE) supports the German view and states that the young surveyor should not have a voting power; they should remain as observers.

Ewa Swensson (SE) also supports the German suggestion.

The President here suggests that we vote in 4 steps bearing in mind the following questions:

1. Do we agree to invite a delegate from the European branch of the FIG YS to our general assembly as an observer

Results – 28 countries unanimously agree to this; This item is adopted.

2. Do we want them to have a seat on the executive board

Results – Yes: 27, No: 0, Abstention(s): 1; This item is adopted.

3. Should they have Observer status

Results – Yes: 27 yes, No: 0; Abstention(s): 1; This item is adopted.

4. Should they have an Advisory vote

Results – Yes: 12, No: 11, Abstention(s): 5; This item is not adopted.

5. Full member with voting power

Results – question not asked seeing that item 4 was not adopted.

Summary: we will invite the delegate from the European branch of FIG to our General Assemblies. We will integrate her or him into the executive board as an observing member with no voting power.

Vaidotas Sankalas here suggests that we should still vote for Question 5 and the following are the results:

Results – Yes: 10, No: 17; Abstention(s): 1

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The General Assembly **does not adopt** the new internal rules as tabled by the Executive Board.

9. The CLGE Conference of the European Surveyor, 1 July 2014

The CLGE President and Russian Federation Delegation report about the Kaliningrad CLGE Conference of the European Surveyor.

Vladimir Tikhonov (RU) gives a presentation on the geodetic arc of Struve which will be uploaded on the website (http://www.clge.eu/documents/events/152/magic_arch.pdf).

He also shows a draft programme of the Kaliningrad conference. This will be posted on the website and will be sent out in the coming days for the registration to start. It is important that all attendees apply for a Russian visa.

Vaidotas Sankalas (LT) takes the floor to ask the General Assembly that in context of the current situation in Europe (between Russia and Ukraine) he would like to raise the question that, as CLGE being European and international and working with European bodies, should CLGE be reacting to the political situation or have an opinion on it and react to it. He raises this question because, in his mind, by going to Kaliningrad in the current situation, CLGE as an organisation totally shares what is happening between Russia and Ukraine. That is the political part. He also says that CLGE can say that we (members) are technicians and that we do not care about the political part. But is this correct? CLGE cannot be only technical and it cannot be ignorant to the political situation. The conference can of course be maintained but as far he is concerned, it shouldn't be a CLGE Conference.

The President states that when we moved the conference from Marbella to Kaliningrad the situation was not as it is now. He also says that it is a very difficult question and that he wonders if we can handle the answer through a vote by the general assembly.

Vladimir Tikhonovo (RU) says that CLGE is a leading European association for professionals and it is not its place for political opinions. He says that it is advised to maintain the conference as a CLGE event.

Vladimir Krupa (HR) says that it is not wise to vote now and maybe we can decide at the end of the day or later on during the General Assembly.

Jan Hardos (SK) says that it is a difficult situation. He does not agree with what is going on politically and he understands the proposition of Vaidotas Sankalas. But in his opinion we should not get involved in political situations in our association. Russia has worked hard to organise this conference and it is not fair to stop it now, we shouldn't consider punishing our Russian colleagues.

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Mairolt Kakko (EE) is for an open discussion amongst the delegates and he suggests that it is discussed during the breaks.

Jens Riecken (DE) says it is also an opportunity to show that CLGE still works together even under such situations and that this conference should carry on.

Vaidotas Sankalas (LT) insists that he is not proposing to cancel the conference completely but not to give it the name of CLGE.

Jean Yves Pirlot closes the formal discussion for now. He suggests to resume the debate later on. There will be a vote on it if it is necessary. No further remarks are made.

10. CLGE Autumn General Assembly, 26-27 September 2014

The Icelandic Delegation reports about the "Reykjavik" General Assembly.

Gunnar Kristinsson gives a presentation about the situation of the surveyors within the industry in Iceland. This presentation can be found on the website. He also says that they want to now create an association for Iceland. More details are available on <http://www.lmi.is/clge-2014>.

These themes could form interesting ideas for workshops over there. Gunnar's presentation is available here: http://www.clge.eu/documents/events/152/reykjavik_ga.pdf.

General Assembly II, Friday 21 March 2014, 14.00 – 18.00

11. Membership Affairs

a. New application(s)

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b. National presentations

Marc Nicodet from swisstopo gives a presentation about the Ownership Restriction System in Switzerland and its association to PCC. Swisstopo will include CLGE's position on the PLR cadastre during its presentation to PCC. CLGE in fact strongly supports the idea that PLR matters have to be handled by surveyors.

http://www.clge.eu/documents/events/152/switzerland_cadastre.pdf

Mark Wijngaarde takes the floor to give a short presentation about his time with CLGE and his retirement as this will be his last participation. Jean-Yves Pirlot then thanks him for all the work that he did throughout all the years within CLGE. He will get a proper

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farewell celebration during the gala dinner, in presence of the partners, including his wife, Judith http://www.clge.eu/documents/events/152/farewell_mark_wijngaarde.pdf.

James Kavanagh takes the stand to talk about a conference being organised by RICS UK in Islington on 29th May 2014, which is also being sponsored by all major vendors. RICS welcomes all delegates and members of CLGE to participate in this major GI event: www.geobusinessshow.com

12. Editorial policy - Engagement

http://www.clge.eu/documents/events/152/social_media.pdf

a. Website

The CLGE website is constantly updated. A new content management system (CMS) for the website will be discussed within the next Executive Board.

b. Modern member and partner engagement (social media)

Pedro Ortiz gives an update about the social sites, about facebook and twitter and about the links between the two. We also have a linkedin group where a few people are very active. James Kavanagh asks to have a show of hands of how many people use twitter in the room and approximately 9 people raised their hands. The number should improve.

c. Special National or Regional Events

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d. Cooperation with international magazines

The cooperation with GeoInformatics is working well. Through the EU projects, another dimension could be added to this cooperation, why not with other magazines.

The General Assembly unanimously adopts this editorial policy.

13. European Affairs

a. Engagement within CEPLIS

- Professional Cards

Following the monitoring activity, we were asked to look at the professional cards by Poland (Roman Kasprzak). The general trend is that we will go on following this topic without investing too much efforts for the time being.

- Working groups (especially Code of Conduct, Continued Professional Development)

Henning Elmstroem (DK) says that Rudolf Kolbe is right that we have to follow the Code of Conduct and if possible we should be represented there. He hopes that the board can finance this.

Jean-Yves Pirlot replies that we need resources for this, not only money but also time.

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This will be discussed within the next board meeting. At least for now we are informed about the ongoing meetings and if a board member or a delegate can be there then that is even better.

b. Engagement with the EU

- Position paper about the need of Regulation (see also IG-PARLS)

This point is presented and discussed in the IG-PARLS section.

- CLGE will cooperate with ECEC and FEANI to organise the Second Day of the European Engineer. Rudolf Kolbe is representing CLGE with these two organisations.

c. Engagement with PCC

The President announces that CLGE will be well represented at the PCC meeting in Athens.

- PCC within the EU. As CLGE is not a member of PCC, we cannot intervene in this discussion.

- Cadastre 2014 – 2034 (The Suisse initiative, PLR cadastre – Public Law Restrictions); Maurice Barbieri (CH) takes the floor to say that Switzerland took an initiative about PLR and that other countries are probably doing the same or will follow. Switzerland is prepared to integrate the PLR into the profession and as already seen it is possible to combine it between the public and private sector. The proposal is to prepare a slide with this context and present it to the board.

- Marine knowledge 2020 (The French initiative)

Nicholas Smith (FR) gives a short presentation about the marine knowledge. The full presentation will be uploaded on the CLGE website. OGE has launched this project in June 2013. It will be presented in Montpellier during the next Congress of the French Surveyors (CLGE delegations are very welcome). Nicholas Smith will make a presentation in Athens too.

- Publicly appointed Surveyors in Greece. The Greek colleagues and administration are considering to introduce the public appointment in their cadastral system. Clemens Kiepke will present the IG-PARLS position.

- blueparking.eu. It's important to present this project to PCC, a natural partner in this endeavour.

d. euREAL into IPMS (consultation period and transfer of the IP of the initial Measurement Code for the Floor Surface in Buildings)

The consultation process for IPMS Offices is ongoing. It will be closed on 4 April. A CLGE working group will table some remarks.

On 17 March 2014, the official handover of the Intellectual Property took place in Brussels. CLGE is one of the major initiative takers in this global project.

e. blueparking.eu

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Maurice Barbieri gives a short presentation; the kick-off to the start of this project was on Monday 17th 2014 in Brussels; Leica Geosystems has accepted to be the main sponsor but we will also need other partners to be involved.

Jean Yves Pirlot adds on the sponsoring money from Leica stating that the amount has been agreed on the condition that Leica Geosystems will be the only leading partner on this project as far as measurement HW and SW is concerned.

<http://www.clge.eu/documents/events/152/blueparking.eu.pdf>

f. CLGE students' Contest 2014 – CLGE students' Meeting 2014

Jens Riecken (DE) gives a presentation about the students meeting. He gives a quick overview about the overall programme and also states on how important it is for the local organizers to know the exact number of participants.

http://www.clge.eu/documents/events/152/students_meeting.pdf

g. Cooperation in European tenders (GIN2K, GeoSkills+, Galil-EU, RECON)

The President gives an overview on these tenders/projects. A few will be covered through presentations later on today and during the workshops.

h. Monitoring EU Developments

The Discussion about the professional cards raised by our Polish delegates is a good illustration of the usefulness of our monitoring. OGE France is financing this and the President again thanks them for this support.

14. IG-PARLS

IG-PARLS section on <http://www.clge.eu/events/details/152>.

a. Reporting on IG-PARLS activities

Maurice Barbieri gives a short presentation about the activities of IG-PARLS.

A meeting/workshop was held in Paris about the directive on mutual recognition of professional qualifications.

Jan Hardos (SK) says that he would like to discuss this topic and to go back to the draft of the CLGE position paper. He read this paper very attentively and also looked at the position of CLGE. Firstly he wants to say that it is very well prepared but also that all of the position paper relates only to cadastral surveyors. Only a few sentences are referenced to geographic work; hence, the question is where the rest of the activities are. The paper is saying that the surveying profession does not need to be regulated in other activities such as Geodesy. According to this paper we do not need regulation, CPD, disciplinary procedures, legal matter and education (etc.) in engineering surveying. This way, we are saying that we are giving up the fight before even going to it. Cadastre is not the only public interest. What does regulation mean? This does not only cover public appointed surveyors? Why are we letting down a big part of our profession? More often

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than not we speak on how to attract young people? How can you do this if a large part of our profession is not regulated?

He also wonders why his remarks sent to the working group were not taken into account. Jean Yves Pirlot answers that all the remarks that Jan Hardos and others have sent in were considered by Bénédicte Fournier-Schmitt. Based on these remarks she has written a very comprehensive draft that was tabled to the working group.

Maurice Barbieri (CH) confirms that the working group took on board all the comments made but that it is not very effective to talk about all of our activities in the profession. However it was not intended to exclude any part of the profession.

Muiris de Buitleir (IE) says that he was the sole member in Paris that was not part of IG-PARLS. He confirms that the discussions were very open and didn't focus only on IG-PARLS questions. When a state regulates it is usually when life is at risk or where governmental guarantees are at risk. Other areas/activities like surveying fall out of that risk. So he is offering that as the explanation on why it was directed toward cadastral surveying.

James Kavanagh (UK) says that the UK hates state regulation in fact they try to remove it; this should help us look at self-regulation as that should be the way forward. It is not centralised. In the UK they do not rely on the government or the state to regulate; they self-regulate because it can be done as professionals.

Jan Hardos (SK) says that he was speaking about self-regulation but self-regulation is also a form of regulation and the state can bestow this power to a chamber.

Clemens Kiepke (DE) says that the goal of the European Union is take away any kind of regulation. He says that he understands Jan Hardos when he says that our profession covers a large amount of activities. He also insists that this is more of a legal affair that we are dealing with rather than a technical affair.

Muiris de Buitleir (IE) advises that we need to be careful and remember that there is short window of time to submit this paper.

Torben Juulsager (DK) says that in CLGE we have possibilities to make interest groups like IG-PARLS. This paper was made by IG-PARLS and it is more related to their activities.

Jean-Yves Pirlot says that it was not advertised as an IG-PARLS meeting in Paris even if it turned out that way apart from Muiris de Buitleir. However we have to support this paper as a more general CLGE paper. It's important for non IG-PARLS members too, as the example of Ireland demonstrates very well.

Jan Hardos (SK) adds that we cannot create an interest group each time there is a problem. It is not worth creating a new interest group.

Jean Yves Pirlot tells Jan Hardos that he understands that everybody clearly agrees but that we are not using the same words. The profession has to be self-regulated in all the fields where there is no state regulation.

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Jan Hardos (SK) acknowledges and reminds the GA that one have to get power from state to then be able to self-regulate a profession.

Nicolas Smith (FR) says that the European Commission tries to reduce the regulated professions and we have to argue that regulation is good to protect consumers. This is not a question of prices and ability.

Jean Yves Pirlot thanks the GA for this fruitful discussion. He concludes that we will come back to this item at a later stage. In this window of opportunity that we were given we need to react and we should not miss it. What the nationals do is between them and their government. The CLGE position paper will not be sent to the EU. It is an overall paper that can be used for inspiration by individual member states.

b. The Code of Professional Qualifications

About the Code on Professional Qualifications, Maurice Barbieri (CH) says that a letter of intent will be submitted to all the CLGE delegations. This is a letter that states that signatories want to work towards the described goal.

The intention of today is to get these documents approved for sending them out. Every country can read it and it is up to the country to sign it if they want to. CLGE is only saying that we see it as the future for the regulation of our profession.

Jan Hardos (SK) remarks that if it is only a IG-PARLS document then why should we all adopt it and not have it adopted only by IG-PARLS.

Maurice Barrbieri (CH) answers that not all signatories of the Accord Multilateral are IG-PARLS members. Not all countries have the regulation of our profession written in their law. The goal is to have the minimal document that would be agreed by most of the countries in CLGE.

Jean-Yves Pirlot concludes that IG-PARLS is part of CLGE and since we have decided to be very transparent it's an obligation to table this to the GA.

Jan Hardos (SK) says that this document is not about regulation but it is about recognition.

Henning Elmstroem (DK) says that this is also a flag waving paper where we describe ourselves to the outside world, what we are, what can we do, what is our qualifications. We found out in the past 4 or 5 years that this paper was needed.

The President proposes that CLGE simply acknowledges that IG-PARLS has written this paper. We will see how this will evolve and how many countries will sign the document.

The General Assembly adopts the Code of Professional Qualifications (three documents) with 27 countries in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention.

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15. YSEN (Young Surveyors European Network)

Report about the ongoing projects.

This point was presented by Jens Riecken earlier; this concerns the second YSEN meeting in Berlin (after the first in Lisbon).

The General Assembly approves the ongoing projects.

16. Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base

Pedro Ortiz has prepared an overview of the quantitative aspects of the Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base. The President asks all the members to make special efforts to improve the situation. The DPKB will be used within the GeoSkillsPlus Project.

http://www.clge.eu/documents/events/152/dpkb_control.pdf.

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

a. Statutory meetings

II GA 2014, Iceland (Reykjavik) / 26 – 27 September. We will consider a workshop on different kind of professional organisations (self-regulation: chamber, ordre, association, ...), another could be about the impact of IPMS on valuation and the role of Surveyors towards surveying.

I GA 2015, Cyprus (Limassol) / 20 – 21 March;

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 (Lausanne), 100 Anniversary of IGS. The dates are already known and announced by Maurice Barbieri: 28 to 29 April 2017 for Switzerland

b. Non statutory meetings

4th CLGE Conference of the European Surveyor, Kaliningrad 1 - 3 July 2014;

CLGE Students' Contest and Meeting 2014. These events will be held in Berlin, during INTERGEO, on 7 - 8 October 2014;

2nd FIG YSEN meeting also in Berlin, 7 October 2014;

Surveyor of the Year 2015. Greece has asked for Euclid to be the surveyor of the year which could be celebrated in Cyprus;

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The GA has unanimously agrees to this surveyor of the year.

Croatia proposes for 2016 Roger Joseph Boscovich the most famous Croatian scientist.

Switzerland proposes for 2017 to appoint General Henri Dufour who is also the man that has founded swisstopo, the Red Cross (with Henri Dunant) as well as the Swiss flag. He is a modern cartographer which could be celebrated with the 100 anniversary of IGS.

Germany proposes Gauss for 2018.

These interesting suggestions will be discussed in due. Euclid will in any case be the Surveyor of 2015.

18. Presentation of the themes of the Generic Thematic part of the General Assembly

All the presentations will be available online.

a. Galil-EU (Dr. Otmar Schuster)

Dr. Otmar Schuster gave a short presentation prior to the workshop.

<http://www.clge.eu/documents/events/152/galileu.pdf>

b. GeoSkills + (Paula Dijkstra)

Paula Dijkstra gave a short presentation prior to the workshop.

http://www.clge.eu/documents/events/152/geoskills_plus.pdf

c. Cutting edge technology in Surveying (Omar Soubra and Ronald van Coevorden)

Ronald van Coevorden gave a short presentation prior to the workshop.

<http://www.clge.eu/documents/events/152/trimble.pdf>

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19. Workshops

As presented in point 18.

All three were well presented and a report will be drafted per workshop especially for the Geoskills + workshop. We can have yet another workshop for this like that we can carry on interacting with this project.

20. AOB

Pending items from the previous day:

- a. The conference of Kaliningrad, no formal vote is required.

We have come up with a statement from CLGE Executive Board:

"The Board of CLGE confirms the venue for the IV Conference of the European Surveyor. Clearly, this cannot be understood as a position of CLGE about the current Ukrainian crisis.

CLGE explicitly abstains from expressing any political position. This decision is a confirmation of our permanent will to promote our profession, its technical background and ethical standards, all over Europe.

The General Assembly unanimously accepts this decision.

- b. The position paper: this can or should be looked at as a tool and it can be used for one's own convenience

Muiris de Buitleir (IE) says that in Ireland it will be of help if the document itself would reflect the official position of CLGE as far as property surveying is concerned.

Jean-Yves Pirlot says that indeed this has to be adopted as the official position of CLGE. It will not be sent to the EU but can be used by each member, as stated above. He feels that there is a need for a workshop where we can discuss what we need to be regulated about and that we would also think about self-regulation.

Jan Hardos (SK) says that the European Union does not distinguish between self-regulation and regulation. He would like that CLGE supports that self-regulation in other activities.

Clemens Kiepke (DE) says that self-regulation is not enough when state authority is at stake.

Jean Yves Pirlot confirms that both approaches are important state-regulation and self-regulation does not put the state regulations at stake. (JYP to fix the text)

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With this approach Clemens Kiepke (DE) says that he agrees to this text.

The paper will be slightly adapted to integrate the FIG description of our activities and a provision that our association is still working on the self-regulation in the field of many of these activities.

The GA unanimously supports this proposal decision

- c. Appointing of a new Auditor: Gyorgi Dymokos is available for this job and hence the GA appoints him unanimously as a new Auditor, with a huge round of applause.
- d. A branding best practice from Denmark

Henning Elmstroem presents a new Danish Branding Campaign (<http://landins.dk/>). This could be a good example for GeoSkillsPlus too.

21. Closing of the General Assembly

CLGE President Jean-Yves Pirlot and Vice President Pedro Ortiz, as well as Andrés Díez Galilea close the General Assembly with some presents for the organizing committee and board members. The symbols for organizing a GA are handed over to Gunnar Kristinsson, from Iceland.

Michelle Camilleri
Secretary General

Jean-Yves Pirlot
President

Enclosures: All presentations and documents are posted on
<http://www.clge.eu/events/details/152>