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General Assembly Autumn 2018 – Barcelona



The CLGE General Assembly for autumn was held in Barcelona from the 4th to the 6th of October.

Thirty two national associations were represented. Sincere thanks must go to Colegio Oficial de Ingeniería Geomática y Topográfica (COIGT) for the work they invested in ensuring a flawless general assembly. All the arrangements were to the highest standards. Thanks also to the Institut Cartogràfic i Geològic de Catalunya for providing such a superb venue for our deliberations.

Change at the top

New executive board elected at the general assembly in Barcelona



A new executive board was elected at the CLGE general assembly by the unanimous vote of the delegates. Maurice Barbieri (4th from the left) remains on as president for a further two year term in office. The members of the executive committee from left to right are Vladimir Krupa (HR) Vice-president, Thomas Jacubeit (DE) vice-president, Vladimir Tikhonov (RU) Secretary general, Maurice Barbieri (CH) President, Nicolas Smith (FR) Treasurer, Álvaro Mateo (ES) Vice-president, Michalis Kalogiannakis (GR) Vice-president and Mairolt Kakko (EE) Vice-president. The executive board will serve for a two year term.

Stepping back from the action

Five members of the previous executive board stepped down at the general assembly in Barcelona.



In the changes to the executive board five members of the previous board have retired. They are from left to right Vasile Chiriac (MD) former secretary general, Muiris de Buitléir (IE) former vice-president, Rudolf Kolbe (AT) former vice-president, Duncan Moss (GB) former vice-president and Dieter Sietz (DE) former treasurer. CLGE thanks them sincerely for their contribution and wishes them well in their retirement from the executive board.

Young Surveyors



Also stepping down is Diana Bečirević (HR), who was CLGE's Young Surveyor's delegate for the last number of years. We wish Diana well with her future studies and career and take this opportunity to thank her for her diligent work in representing YS in CLGE.



Diana's successor as YS representative will be Ferah Pirlanta Köksal (TK). Ferah graduated from the Geomatics Engineering department at Istanbul Technical university in 2014 and achieved a master's degree in June 2018. She has worked at several different engineering positions in relation to remote sensing, GIS, and terrestrial measurements. She was the head of the organising committee of the International Geodetic Student Meeting 2014 Istanbul and was further involved in the FIG Young Surveyors Network. She was also a member of the organising committee of the meetings in Sofia and Amsterdam. After that Ferah became the local young surveyor representative of 4th FIG Young Surveyors Conference. She is currently working as a Senior Community Lead at HERE Technology's Istanbul office.

Signing the Code of Professional Qualifications for Property Surveyors



At a special ceremony in Barcelona four new countries (The Czech Republic, Greece, Spain and Russia) signed the Letter of Intent regarding the Code of Professional Qualification for Property Surveyors. The Code sets out the minimum educational and professional qualifications deemed necessary to practice as a property surveyor in the area of cadastre and land registration. In broad outline the Code stipulates five years university education in surveying (bachelor + masters); two to three years supervised experience, a professional test or examination by a competent authority and a programme of continuing professional development. This brings to fourteen the number of European countries that have become signatories, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Slovenia, Switzerland, Austria, Romania and Slovakia having already signed. Further signatories are expected in Sofia during the celebrations for the European Surveyor of the Year in conjunction with the Global Surveyors Day on 21 March 2019.

CLGE is well on the way to a new website presence



Contract signed at the CLGE GA in Barcelona

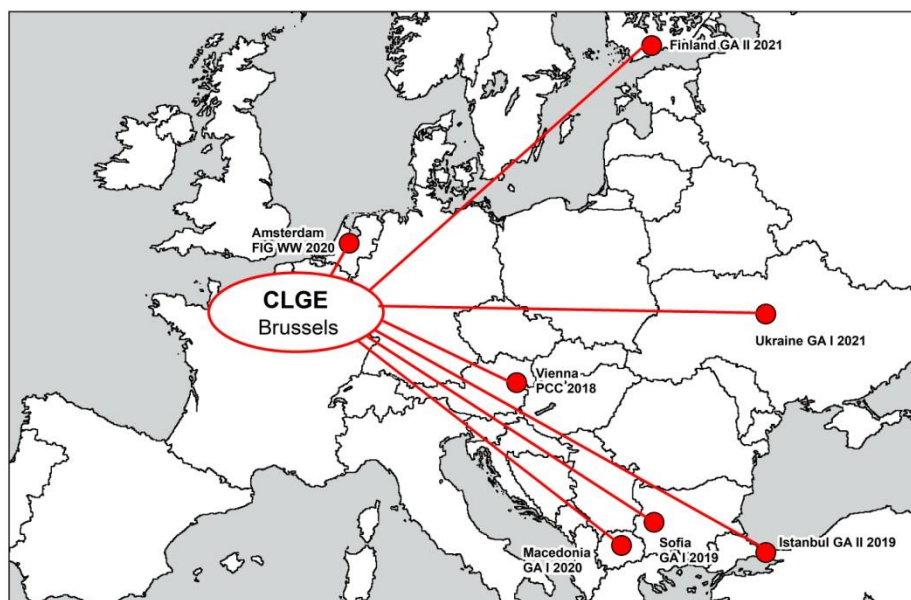
Under the guiding hand of outgoing vice-president Duncan Moss tendering and contract preparation for work on a new website have been brought to a successful conclusion. The contract for the project was signed in Barcelona by CLGE president Maurice Barbieri. The successful contractors were a Greek consortium – Primecut & Stereotropism. We look forward, in the not too distant future, to enjoying the fruit of their endeavours.

Polish decision to remain with CLGE



CLGE is delighted to welcome the continuance of Poland's membership of our organisation. CLGE is the key Europe wide representative association for geodetic surveyors and the absence of any member state, particularly a member state of the European Union, weakens our influence and make us that bit less representative. All's well that ends well. Thank you Poland! CLGE takes note of the particular issues raised by our Polish delegate during the policy discussion at the general assembly and will bear them in mind during the formulation of future strategies.

Forthcoming General Assemblies and other European events



Don't forget to put the following events in your calendars:

CLGE Spring General Assembly – Sofia, Bulgaria, 21st – 23rd March 2019

CLGE Autumn General Assembly – Istanbul, Turkey, 26th – 28th September 2019

CLGE Spring General Assembly – Macedonia 2020 (Venue and dates to be decided)

FIG Working Week 2020 – 10th – 14th May, Amsterdam, Netherlands

CLGE Autumn General Assembly – Three members – Greece, Romania and Lithuania have an interest in this GA, so watch this space until a decision emerges.

CLGE Spring General Assembly – Ukraine 2021 (Venue and dates to be decided)

CLGE Autumn General Assembly – Finland 2021 (Venue and dates to be decided)

ILMS and the key elements of land information



Land tenure
Parcel boundary identification
Site or land area
Land use
Services
Building
Land value or transfer price.

James Kavanagh provides an update on ILMS activities

James Kavanagh's excellent presentation on International Land Measurement Standard, during the General Assembly, contained a particularly interesting slide which brought together in a simple way what our profession is all about. Very often it is difficult to equate the land registration and mapping requirements of those countries with long standing land registration systems and cadastres with the needs of developing countries where land tenure is often tenuous and uncertain and mapping is inadequate, or sometimes absent altogether. This slide contains the basic elements common to property registration and mapping systems anywhere in the world and presents them in a simple and elegant way. Quoting from the ILMS document

"The final standard should be reliable, expose the risk inherent in data elements, and ensure the integrity of the due diligence process in whatever context. The land transfer and reporting standard consists of seven key elements required during due diligence to enable the process and minimise risks.

This creates a data feedback loop, where elements such as valuation can be improved as land data becomes available. ILMS also contains an agreed geospatial survey accuracy table, which for the first time outlines what is globally agreed in terms of geospatial output, its relationship to scale and achievable accuracy – an enormous milestone."

CLGE Policy



What policies should direct CLGE's activities in the future?

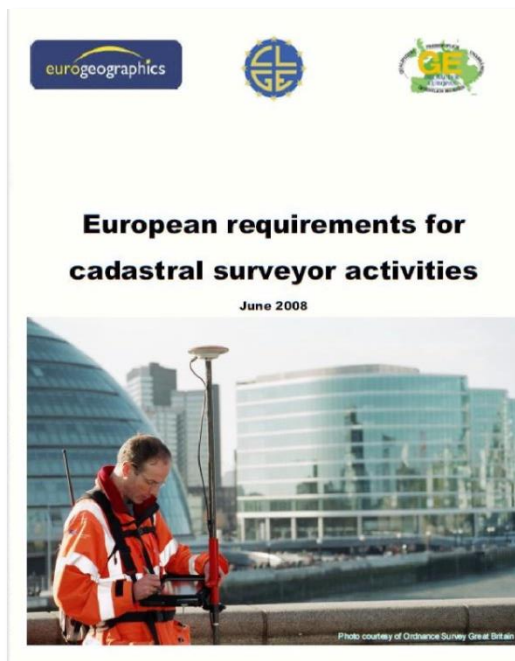
Future policy was a key theme of the Barcelona general assembly. The executive board is always keen to know the requirements of the national associations and be aware of the direction they would wish CLGE to travel. To that end a strategy workshop was organised as part of the GA. The use of Slido technology was a novel aspect of the workshop. It allowed delegates to use their mobile phones to rate lists of issues and proposals on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being very important to the delegate and 1 being not important). Although this method led to speedy feedback it provided rather cold and statistical data. To a certain extent the agenda was predestined by the questions that were asked and the issues that were raised by the chair, giving delegates only limited ability to express why they considered certain matters important and other not. It also precluded the possibility of raising other issues, not on the pre-arranged list, from the floor. Some unstructured feedback did however come from the delegates at the end of each question-and-click session and among the issues raised were:

The cost and value of general assemblies and the need for twice yearly assemblies.

An emphasis on CLGE's role as an influencer on national governments in support of national associations.

The ability of national delegations to exert ongoing control over CLGE projects after their agreed initiation at general assembly.

Due to the limited time available during the workshop the incoming Executive Board has decided to ask all delegates to formulate additional remarks and suggestions in a written form before the end of the year.



New Questionnaire

European requirements for cadastral surveyor activities – 2019

The development of the questionnaire, prepared under the guidance of vice-president Vladimir Tikhonov, on the European requirements for property (cadastral) surveying activity, is reaching the point where it is almost ready for publication. A Survey Monkey version of the questionnaire has been developed and is currently undergoing testing.

This questionnaire is designed to gather and analyse information on the activities of surveyors involved in surveying and mapping in the context of property and cadastral surveying, specifically surveying and mapping for property registration, across the 40 member states of CLGE. It is an updating and enlargement of a similar questionnaire and report carried out in 2008. The information garnered from the questionnaire replies will provide a detailed snapshot of the state of the surveying profession across Europe as well as feeding in updated information to CLGE's Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base (DPKB) which will also be reinvigorated as part of CLGE's website redesign.

Vaidotas Sankalas †



It is with great sadness that we have learned of the death of our colleague Vaidotas Sankalas. Vaidotas was the Lithuanian delegate to CLGE for many years. He was also the Icelandic honorary consul in Vilnius. May he rest in peace.



Our Premium Sponsors

Finally we would like to thank CLGE's premium sponsors. A particularly warm work of welcome to our most recent sponsor RIEGL. CLGE values the support we receive from our sponsors without whom our financial affairs would be considerably more difficult. We are grateful for the support these companies provide to the surveying profession at a European level and we thank them for their understanding of the importance of the work carried out by CLGE for surveyors across Europe. We hope our partnership is equally beneficial to them and we look forward to our ongoing cooperation.