



CLGE News – The new CLGE newsletter

The newsletter, directed at the members of CLGE, is intended to keep them up to date about the activities of the Executive Board, ongoing projects, and CLGE related events and activities.

The CLGE Newsletter is a new initiative, designed specifically to keep CLGE delegates, who are not members of the Executive Board, abreast of what the board is doing, how projects are progressing, and what activities are either in train or planned. It is intended, not just to inform the CLGE activists but also to provide a quick review of events so that their national associations can be made aware of what CLGE is doing, and why such work is important in a European context. It is not intended to be a journal, though if members wish to submit articles or other materials, which they would like to see published and which would be appropriate to this format, we would be happy to oblige. The newsletter will not be published on a regular basis, but instead, as news materialises. This will usually be after Executive Board meetings, general assemblies or other CLGE events.



Executive Board Meeting Lisbon

The CLGE Executive Board met in Lisbon on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th of February 2017 with a very full business agenda.

In all, there were fourteen hours of formal business discussion and many more hours of informal discussion outside the meeting room. All the usual issues of budget, accounts, sponsorship, outstanding fees, cooperation with other European bodies and agencies, FIG Young Surveyors European Network, and IG-PARLS activities (i.e. the Interest Group of Publicly Appointed and Regulated Liberal Surveyors), were discussed and necessary decisions taken. The finding of alternative, or additional, sponsors still remains an issue and the budget for 2017 involves a small amount of digging into reserves to get it to balance.

The range of projects in which CLGE is either a leading participant or a partner was fully discussed. These included euREAL (the European Real Estate Area Label), the IPMS Coalition, Blue Parking, the Marine Cadastre and Global Surveyors Day, among others.

A number of items deserve special mention:



**Dynamic
Professional
Knowledge
Base (V0.0)**

The DPKB and Cadastral Surveyors Activities Report

CLGE's knowledge database covers detailed data on the status of surveying professionals, state regulation systems, and educational matters, across Europe.

This project still has lacunae and requires some members, who have not yet submitted data, to come forward (contact Rudolf Kolbe www.kolbe.at). A parallel proposal, from the Russian Federation, for the updating of a report of June 2008 on European requirements for cadastral surveyor activities, sponsored originally by CLGE, Eurogeographics and Geometer Europas, dovetails nicely with the DPKB project. In the latter case there is a need for the report to be expanded to include European states, particularly EU states, which were not included in the original report, and a refinement of the questionnaire to produce data that would lead to a more useful and insightful analysis. This latter project will be discussed further by the Executive Board.

The Young Surveyors European Network will be activated to give a helping hand in countries where the data gathering seems to create problems.



Establishment of an EU Interest Group – IG-EU

Many members have felt the lack of a specifically EU focus within the recent activities of CLGE.

Now that our organisation comprises thirty eight principal members (ten members outside the EU and further non-EU expansion planned), there is a feeling that this wider interest may hamper CLGE's activities in terms of its ability to lobby, influence, and monitor, activities within the institutions of the European Union which impinge on surveyors. Recent contacts with European notaries, who have already instigated such a focus within their own organisation, indicate that there are worthwhile benefits in such a move. This matter will be developed further by the Executive Board and a round table has been organised to take place in Brussel on the 15th of March, to gather additional insights. The basic idea would be to set up a flexible interest group that creates added value for all CLGE

members, regardless of whether they participate in the IG, or not. The General Assembly in Lausanne will enable a plenary discussion about the topic.



Membership discussions with the Ordem dos Engenheiros

The Ordem dos Engenheiros, which is the Portuguese professional body representing engineers, has an overall membership of some 50,000 of which around 500 are geodetic surveyors (Engenheiros geógrafos).

The Ordem are interested in affiliating with CLGE, and CLGE in turn would welcome this membership. The Association of Portuguese Surveyors are existing members of CLGE and under the CLGE constitution it is a national liaison group of all associations rather than any single professional organisation that constitutes membership, so there is need for agreement at national level regarding representation. The Executive Board are working diligently to secure a happy outcome and we would look forward to welcoming the Ordem dos Engenheiros on board in the not too distant future.

Delegates from both associations took part in very constructive talks and we greatly hope that this will pave the way for an efficient cooperation.



CLGE' s Website

The executive board are looking at the possibility of updating the organisation's website.

Like all matters associated with the internet, website design never remains fixed and new possibilities are constantly emerging, something that often leaves existing solutions looking a little lack-lustre and old fashioned. The general consensus seems to be for a relatively fast and inexpensive upgrading of the functionality and the 'look and feel', rather than a root and branch systems analysis and comprehensive redesign of the website and of CLGE's branding and corporate identity. More information on this as the possibilities for the upgrade take shape.



Future Events Calendar

Some events to put in your diary for the coming year.

Day of the European Surveyor and GI – Event and reception at the House of the European Surveyor, Rue du Nord 76, and at the residence of the CIC Belgian Army, Avenue Louise, Brussels – 15/03/2017

World Bank Meeting in Washington, 20-24/03/2017

Executive Board Meeting, Lausanne (CH), 19/04/2017, 1500-2000, followed by

V CLGE Conference of the European Surveyor and GeoInformation, 20/04/2017

CLGE Spring General Assembly, 21-22/04

FIG Working Week, Helsinki (FI), 29/05/2017 to 2/06/2017

IPMS General Meeting, Beijing (CN), September 2017

Executive Board Meeting, 25- 26/08/2017 (venue to be confirmed)

Executive Board Meeting, Berlin, 27/09/2017 (during GA), 0900 CET.

INTERGEO Berlin, Berlin (DE), 26-28/09/2017, followed by

CLGE Seminar, See Hotel, Potsdam, 28/09/2017

CLGE Autumn General Assembly, 29-30/09/2017