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*Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens*

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CLGE**  
**Lausanne, Switzerland, 12-13 April 2002**

**Minutes**

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**Venue** Centre Patronal, 1094 **Paudex - Lausanne**, Route du Lac 2

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**General Assembly I**, Friday 12 April 2002, 9.30-12.45

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**1. Opening**

CLGE President K. Rürup opens the General Assembly with a minute's silence for Aviel Ron, Director General of Survey of Israel and two of his children, who died in a terror bombing in a restaurant in Haifa recently. His wife has been seriously injured.

A special welcome is dedicated to the guests Mr. Aaron Hon Lun LIEW and Mr. Kuleong MOPILIN from Malaysia and to the President of the section West Swiss of the IGSO (Ingenieurs Géomètres Suisse Occidentales) Raymond DURUSSEL.

**2. Roll Call and Apologies of Absence**

All CLGE member countries except Norway are attending the meeting (see enclosed participation list).

Apologies have been received from Mark Wijngaarde (NL) and Leiv Bjarte Mjøs (Nor).

**3. Approval of Agenda**

No objections against the agenda. General Assembly adopts the agenda as circulated.

**4. Approval of the Minutes from General Assembly in Malaga, 19-20 October 2001**

General Assembly adopts the minutes of Malaga as circulated without amendments.

**5. Report from the President**

President K. Rürup has started his duty of presidency by

- visit to the professional organisation in Malta including a meeting with President R. Camilleri and the Board to discuss how CLGE can help to strengthen the Maltese association. Special situations have challenged the Maltese colleagues: In a case of boundary dispute the court commissioned an architect to give expert advice about the boundary. The architect transmitted the task to a surveyor and presented the result as expertise of the architect.
- Handover meeting with the CLGE Executive Board in Bottrop/Germany in February 2002. Report see item 6.
- CLGE Standing Committee Meeting in Brussels on 26 January 2002. Chairperson H. Elmstroem will give a report under item 6.
- GE meeting on 22-23 Feb 2002 in Paris. Results of the meeting considering FEANI, EU-Directive e.a. will be discussed under item 20.

- Meeting with RICS President Peter Faulkner in Bottrop, March 2002, to discuss the relationship between RICS and CLGE as well as educational issues, CPD, the history of the WP investigating a core syllabus, complaints and concerns of CLGE about the RICS strategy in Europe and about RICS's Global Manifesto. The minutes of this meeting were summarized in a letter, in which Mr. Faulkner proposed a Round Table meeting with the SC for further discussions (letter enclosed). Peter Faulkner will run off his presidency in July 2002. The Round Table meeting will be arranged with the new president.
- SC meeting on 11 April 2002 in Lausanne, report about decisions will be given by Vice-President H. Elmstroem.

K. Rürup closes his report with thanks to J-J. Derwael, who wants to withdraw as EU-commissioner for CLGE and has been carrying out this job for a long time.

*Disc:* P. Cavero refers to the Maltese situation which is similar to Spain and many other countries in Europe.

The report of the President is adopted as presented.

## **6. Report from the Vice-President**

Vice-President H. Elmstroem, Chairperson of the Standing Committee, refers to the Executive Board meeting in Bottrop, where it has been agreed that the CLGE President will handle the foreign affairs including EC contacts, Treasurer and Secretary-General keep competences as up to now and the Vice-President covers the rest.

Topics of the discussion were how CLGE can find measures to promote itself outside the association. Future activities will be to revise the statutes until autumn 2003 and adapt them to the strategy paper and to changing circumstances. Membership fees were discussed and agreed to keep it on the present level.

Report of the Vice-President was adopted without comments and amendments.

## **7. Report from the Secretary-General**

Secretary-General G. Schennach reports about permanent contacts to other European associations and organisations outside Europe (Slovenia, Malta, Malaysia e.a.). Every delegate is requested to use existing contacts to national associations to attract new members and to keep these contacts. Especially contacts to the Baltic States and to the countries in the South-East of Europe are welcome.

Main activities of the past half-year were

- the development of new travel cost regulations
- preparation for the new CLGE web-site
- daily business to organise CLGE

Report of the Secretary-General was adopted without comments and discussion.

## **8. Report from the Treasurer**

J-L. Horisberger has prepared the annual accounts 2001 (circulated in meeting) and current accounts showing the situation on 10 April 2002. The proposed budget is 15000,-- € the status is 10 000,-- € at the moment. The fees for CEPLIS and ESF are significant and the total amount of 5000,-- € for both is increasing and has therefore to be discussed. Fees from FRA, GRE, IRE, POR NL, UK, NOR, CH, BUL have not yet been paid and are missing in the income.

*Disc:* J. Anneveld asks about meaning "on stock" on page 4. J-L. Horisberger explains that this money is placed in a fund to get more interest than from a bank. The rate for this kind of fund is secure against decrease.

Secretary-General presented her proposal for section 5.5 of the Internal Rules to regulate the travel costs reimbursement. See enclosed paper. Discussion shows that no items are to

be changed.

*Decision:* Change of Internal Rules 5.5. agreed without votes against and without abstention.

## 9. Auditors Report and Adoption of Accounts 2001

Auditor R. Dhur has checked all papers of the book-keeping and found everything in order.

*Decision:* GA adopts the report of the auditors and the annual accounts for 2001 and approves the treasurer's proposed activities for 2002 as reported in item 8 of the agenda unanimously.

## 10. New applicants and associate members

General-Secretary keeps contacts to Slovenia, Malta and other countries. Slovenia and Malta intend to join CLGE until autumn 2002. Since the last General Assembly there has been no change in the membership of observers or applicants.

## 11. Nominations for Elections for Standing Committee and Auditors

The call for candidates for elections of the Standing Committee members prior to the General Assembly ended without nominations. At the election process in the General Assembly M. Rohardt (GER) nominates Rudolf Kolbe (AUS) as representative of Central Europe. J. Anneveld (NL) proposes to move NL to North West rather than to leave it in West. U. Sandgren (SWE) nominates Seija Vanhanen (FIN) for North East. Greece proposes Pedro Cavero (SPA) as representative for the South. M. Coulson (UK) as well as B. Bour (FRA) stay for one more term, for these regions there was no other proposal. As there was only one nomination for each region, the elections were carried out immediately.

*Decision:* Candidates elected unanimously by show of hands for term of office of one year.

The new Standing Committee for 2002 as elected:

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| North West | Martin Coulson (UK)  |
| North East | Seija Vanhanen (FIN) |
| West       | Bernard Bour (F)     |
| Central    | Rudolf Kolbe (AUT)   |
| South      | Pedro Cavero (SPA)   |

R. Dhur stays as candidate for auditor. G. Rando from Italy agrees to his nomination as candidate for auditor to succeed R. Kolbe.

*Decision:* Candidates elected unanimously by show of hands for term of office of one year.

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| New Auditors for 2002 | Raymond Dhur (LUX)  |
|                       | Giuseppe Rando (IT) |

After the election a discussion occurred whether new Statutes should define members of the SC as representatives of regions or interest groups. A proposal by the Executive Board will be prepared for the General Assembly in autumn 2002. P. Prendergast (IRE) proposes that the SC members should focus on functions rather than on regional interests. This opinion is agreed by the majority.

## 12. CLGE 's Role

President K. Rürup reports that the Standing Committee has decided yesterday not to join FECF (Forum of European Construction Professionals), as they are mostly handling questions of the construction engineers.

B. Bour reports about the new EU directive concerning mutual recognition which will be presented to the European Parliament in September 2002 (draft can be obtained from

[http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/internal\\_market/en/qualifications/02-393.htm](http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/internal_market/en/qualifications/02-393.htm)). In the past two directives included all the branches. Now there will be only one, the EC intends to level the professional qualification all over Europe and to stress the regulations. Appendices for some professions will be negotiated. CEPLIS met with Mr. Stoodley from the EC who is in charge of this directive to discuss a lot of problems with the existing regulations at level BAC+3 in some countries. CEPLIS joined FEANI (Fédération Européenne d'Associations Nationales d'Ingénieurs) to get more influence on the directive especially to get the support of MEP to an appendix regarding specific engineers like geodetic surveyors. For the future CEPLIS with the help of FEANI will contribute by FEANI already to discussions in starting phase of papers in the DGs and the EC. GE discussed this issues as well during their last meeting in Paris. A new definition for the profession as an European term f.e. "European Surveyor" could be the solution.

*Disc:* S. Enemark mentions that it is up to each country to handle the regulations of the directive and suggests to develop a CLGE policy for the area of mutual recognition out of the results of the Delft seminar. J-L. Horisberger supports this proposal.

B.Bour and G. Schennach clarify that there will not exist a specific regulation any longer and that a European directive means from the legal point that it has to be transferred to national law and therefore will have major impact on the national associations. As most of the CLGE members are EU members they have to hold on EU directives. G. Schennach explains that the directive intends to open the entire EU market to professionals with qualifications valid in their home countries. This is different from the present regulation, which demands qualifications of the host country. The legal professions are already accepted to write an appendix with special regulations for them.

P. Cavero doubts that BAC+4 of the Bologna agreement is followed in the directive.

M. Coulson asks to consider attitudes of valuation and spatial planning issues in the directive and how this issue can be brought into discussion for RICS, who is representative of a great number of professionals covering these fields of activity.

### **13. CLGE Website**

H. Elmstroem took the task early this year and got two offers for a three layer website for CLGE. The first layer will be the official CLGE part, the second layer will be uniformed but up-dated by the national associations themselves by code-word and the third layer will contain individual information of the national associations or linked to their own websites and run in their own languages. The development of the website is proposed to be carried out by Arto Tenkanen (FIN) who has developed the very good FIG website.

A second proposal about structure, procedures and costs is presented by V. Slaboch (CZ).

P. Prendergast proposes one layer to have a message board. This is important for the visitors.

The three layer principle is agreed and is taken as recommendation to carry on with this work. The costs are estimated at 6000,-- € They are not considered in the budget 2002. The expenditure will be posted on the budget 2003. It is agreed that it is up to the Standing Committee to take the final decision about proceedings to establish the website.

### **14. CLGE and RICS**

CLGE and RICS issues are included in the report by President K. Rürup under item 5.

### **15. Presentations from European Surveying Organisations**

- G. Schennach reports about a meeting of 12 Secretaries Generals of Paneuropean associations organised by CLGE in Innsbruck/Austria in December 2001. The two days meeting resulted in an agreement to continue constant co-operation. An on-line discussion forum on the EUROGI website will help to intensify the contacts.

- EuroGeographics has a new Director since January 2002, Nick Land from Ordnance Survey/UK.
- Anton Wolfkamp from EUROGI has retired. The new incoming Secretary General is Bino Marchesini, a former lawyer from the staff of the Board of the Dutch Cadastre.
- Bengt Kjellson, a lawyer of Landmateriet has been chairperson of WPLA since autumn 2001.

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**General Assembly II**, Friday 12 April 2002, 14.30-17.00

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### **16. Report of the Working Party on “Education”**

The WP has finished its work and is finally closed. In the GA in Malaga it was agreed that there is a need to continue working on this issue possibly in a new established WP. The work of this WP is declared finished with the publication of the Delft seminar brochure.

K. Rürup mentions that S. Enemark and F. Plimmer are scheduled to present a paper in the FIG Congress in Washington on their research work and suggests that they should refer to the CLGE research grant as CLGE has funded the project.

### **17. Report of the Working Party on “Property Report”**

B. Bour remarks that he is not chairperson of the WP, that S. Enemark is still chair. P. Prendergast has prepared a project plan and sent it to S. Enemark on 28 September 2001 for comments. Up to now delegates did not get any final draft of the TOR and it is difficult to take a decision without knowing the paper in advance. The TOR version 22 Oct 2001 is circulated in meeting. Although it is considered that property is an important thing for the profession the goal of the WP is not clear enough as well as the proceedings for the WP. K. Rürup refers to the General Assembly in Malaga where the target was defined to produce a guide of land registration in Europe. According to the minutes of Malaga (item 15) the proposal to produce a report was adopted and it was decided to discuss the TOR.

*Disc:* U. Sandgren supports the circulated version of the TOR and the idea to produce a short and simple survey about the systems. S. Enemark clarifies that he has already agreed with Paul van der Molen to begin. The research study will provide basic information for the 21 countries and CLGE will have to add political statements. He proposes that the final report will be finished after the investigation of the systems and that CLGE decides afterwards about political statements or interpretation of the results. J-L. Horisberger suggests that comments are produced within the research grant. J. Anneveld reports about a negotiation with the CEO of the Dutch Cadastre, who told him that he is not interested in this project and doubts that other countries might be interested. R. Mahoney points out that we need a knowledge pool about cultural and logistic aspects of the different systems and that a guidance book can be published out of the information collected for the research grant. The processes for property registration have to be described very carefully.

There is a general agreement about the objectives and the schedule. The documentation defined in item 3 of the TOR should refer to former investigations by WPLA, national registration agencies e.a. in order to reduce travel costs. K. Rürup proposes to reduce the amount and to change the text in the 2nd passage of item 1 in the TOR to "CLGE and GE are to provide travel costs up to 10 000,-- €". The paper with these amendments is adopted by the General Assembly.

### **18. Report of the Working Party on “Market Report”**

E. Ouranos presents on behalf of O. Schuster the status of the work. He has collected new information by the means of a questionnaire to all delegates. Only several delegates replied. A questionnaire will be circulated again by the Secretary-General. The Standing

Committee agreed recently to reform the WP and to enlarge it by volunteers. U. Sandgren will join the group.

### **19. Report of the Working Party on “Quality”**

Chairperson F. Peckels (LUX) has got two more replies to his questionnaire. He has been working on his own recently and therefore could not finalise the draft for this meeting. M. Coulson has already delivered the introduction. The suggestion in the introduction which can be seen as conclusion as well is to seek co-operation with FIG on standardisation. A final version of the report will be prepared with J-J. Derwael, assisted by M. Coulson and P. Prendergast for correction of the writing for presentation to the General Assembly in autumn 2002.

R. Durussel (CH) mentions that it seems to him that the budget of CLGE for research grants is not enough to get good results. The Swiss association spends 100 000,- €year to grant research work.

### **20. Co-operation with GE**

Item cancelled as O. Schuster has not arrived yet.

### **21. Report on Liaison with the EU Commissions, on GATS 2000 and ESF**

P. Prendergast reports about a GATS meeting in Geneva and that negotiations for the profession are going on. Therefore it is important to stay in ESF for getting out a benefit. The annual fee for ESF has increased to 1200,- €year. It is split 50:50 with GE. ESF is a second access to the EU beneath CEPLIS. B. Bour as President of CEPLIS regards ESF not as a competitor. CEPLIS has different interests than the big groups like IBM e.a. in ESF, but to contribute to the discussions is important. M. Coulson complains about missing results of the membership in these two organisations which cover expenditures of thousands of Euro for fees and travel costs. The influence for the surveying profession is not enough and there is a lack of information back to CLGE. P. Prendergast suggests obligatory reports of about one page to be distributed to the CLGE delegates after every delegation funded by CLGE. The Executive Board will discuss facilities to circulate information by mailing lists or by posting news on the member part of the website.

### **22. Co-operation with CEPLIS**

B. Bour, President of CEPLIS, proposes that Standing Committee meeting minutes should be circulated to the members. CLGE did not reply to questionnaires of CEPLIS but it is not clear to whom they have been delivered. He will provide CLGE with the comments to the directive produced by CEPLIS to be circulated with the minutes. At the moment they are handled in French and are going to be translated soon into English (see enclosure).

### **23. Election of Members of the Standing Committee and Auditors**

Processed under item 11.

### **24. Regional and National Reports**

- **Slovakia:** J. Hardos reports about a new law on geodesy and cartography to be passed until Nov. 2002. The Slovak chamber of surveyors is very active in the procedure to pass this law. An amendment is planned to enable also BAC+3 professionals to become members of the chamber. Up to now membership is restricted to BAC+5. If CLGE could support a survey about the situation of the technicians in all EU member countries it would help to stress the position of the chamber. A questionnaire will be circulated to the delegates soon. A statistics of the replies will be distributed to all national delegates.
- **Belgium:** Bc and MSc curricula have to be organised until 2005 in Belgium. It is uncertain if BAC+3 or BAC+5 is approved as qualification level. J-J. Derwael asks for

approval for the Profile Report. A resolution would help in the contacts with the Belgium minister.

- **Czech Republic:** J. Fafejta reports first that the establishment of a chamber for surveyors and cartographers is now getting successful due to a new head of the public agency in CZ. The profession will be divided into a branch of engineers and a branch of cadastral surveyors. Secondly he announces that the first station for differential GPS in CZ is going to be established by the association. Thirdly there are similar problems like in Belgium with the Bc in the profession.

## 25. Action List

## 26. Dates and Venues of the Following General Assemblies

G. Rando asks to move the date for the autumn General Assembly from end of October to the end of September to hold the General Assembly together with the national congress of Italy in Venice on 27 Sept 2002. The CLGE Workshop will be held on Friday morning, the General Assembly on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning and the Standing Committee meeting on Thursday evening as usual. The date and schedule are agreed.

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| <b>Autumn meeting 2002</b> | 27-28 Sept 2002, Venice/Mestre, Italy                      |
| <b>Spring meeting 2003</b> | 11-12 April 2003, Wels, Austria                            |
| <b>Autumn meeting 2003</b> | proposal Cambridge/UK before Sept 15, date to be discussed |
| <b>Spring meeting 2004</b> | proposal of Germany, probably Hamburg                      |

P. Prendergast proposes to hold one meeting in Central or Eastern Europe to get more attendants from there.

## 27. Any Other Business

none

## 28. Thanks, Presentations and Closing

K. Rürup closes the session with thanks to the organizers and the hosts.

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**General Assembly III, Saturday 13 April 2002, 9.00-12.30**

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### **Workshop**

#### **Contribution of the geodetic surveyor to the management of geo-information, new standards and trends**

Slides of papers presented by Swiss guests from universities, public and private institutions are available on request from R. Sonney or Secretary-General.

Gerda Schennach, Secretary General

Enclosures: Participation list  
Letter RICS  
Annual accounts 2001 (circulated in meeting)  
New version of Internal Rules  
TOR for Property Report (circulated in meeting)  
Comments to directive by CEPLIS

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