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## Minutes 21 December 2010 General Meeting IG-PARLS

*VENUE: HOUSE OF THE EUROPEAN SURVEYORS AND GI, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM*  
*HOTEL: CLUB PRINCE ALBERT, rue des Petits Carmes 20, 1000 Brussels*

The Chair of IG-PARLS, Maurice Barbieri, opens the General Meeting at 10.30.

He hands over a gift to the participants to celebrate his new mandate and to present one of the recent prestigious achievements in the Swiss tunnelling industry and hence in the field of Surveying.

He welcomes the participants and thanks them for the efforts they made to be at the general meeting in spite of the bad weather conditions. Of course those who made efforts and did not reach us are also thanked.

### 1. Validity of the meeting.

Participants: Maurice Barbieri (CH, Chair), Jean-Yves Pirlot (Secretary, outgoing, BE), Dieter Seitz (Treasurer, DE), Henning Elmstroem (DK), Pierre Bibollet (FR), Danko Markovitch (HR).

Apologized: Angel Yanakiev (BU), Félix Peckels (LU), Dietrich Kollenprat (AT), Clemens Kiepe (DE – replaced by Dieter Seitz).

Invited: Ann Pirlot-Vandaele (Executive Director CLGE, a.i., incoming IG-PARLS secretary), Bénédicte Fournier (OGE manager for international affaires).

6 out of 9 members are present or represented; therefore the general meeting is valid.

### 2. Approval of the agenda.

We do not need a special point on the agenda but we should speak about the internal working rules of IG-PARLS. Dieter Seitz has tabled a proposal that was discussed in Marseille and then translated from German into English.

This point should be discussed soon, to present the rules to the approval of CLGE (March 2011).

### 3. Welcome to the Croatian Chamber as new member of IG-PARLS.

The Chair welcomes the Croatian Chamber represented by Danko Markovitch. He's very happy that the small team is reinforced by a new member.

Danko Markovitch thanks IG-PARLS for the trust.

### 4. Approval of the minutes of the Varna EGA (CLGE asbl) of the 25<sup>th</sup> september 2010.

The minutes are approved without remarks.

### 5. Approval and adoption of the new budget 2010.

The IG-PARLS budget is integrated in the overall CLGE Budget.

However, there are no changes in the 2010 Budget as far as the financial situation is concerned.

We only have to integrate the two accounts (CLGE asbl and IG-PARLS) before the next CLGE GA.

As we've seen in Varna, the economic situation is very sound. It has not and will not evolve a lot in the final days of 2010.

## 6. Round table: results of the brainstorming “Strategy for 2011 – 2015”.

Maurice Barbieri introduces the round table discussion with the comforting perception that the answers to the preliminary questionnaire are more or less on the same wavelength.

As the strategy of IG-PARLS must be approved by CLGE, there will be a formal presentation of this strategy first to the ExBoard and then to the GA.

The brainstorming results are discussed and the following highlights can be pinpointed:

- Master Level + 2 years of traineeship + state examination (Accord Multilateral, AM);
- The question of cost regulations can be imposed under article 45 and this could be promoted. However, it is very difficult to obtain. The Croatian situation is very interesting and could become a test case when they enter the EU;
- Defend or promote the publicly appointed liberal surveyors;
- The public appointment should be clearly defined and why not harmonized throughout Europe;
- Quality standards are important, amongst them, the thorough knowledge of the local language;
- There should also be a good insurance covering the activities (in the countries of the 6 participants, this insurance is mandatory);
- A monitoring of the work should be mandatory. However, different kinds of monitoring exist (independent penalty board, association, official control by a state run authority, ...);
- Identify the exact nature of IG-PARLS and make it public by a brochure;
- Support the high ethical standards;
- Support PARLS countries for Article 45 but also non PARLS countries who want to obtain it (e.g. Croatia, Moldavia, Serbia, ...). Therefore we could make a taskforce to work on this topic;
- Define what we are, communicate about it in a structured way (at each CLGE GA) and convince CLGE members which are on the same wavelength to join IG-PARLS;
- The Multilateral Accord should be revised and supported by CLGE as a whole. It is a good first step before entering PARLS;
- We have to make a list of potential PARLS members.

We should describe clearly and strongly what PARLS stands for.

The Multilateral Accord should be rewritten to make a clearer message. Our message is rather simple and we should have a clear and precise text about it.

The final goal of CLGE should be that all the CLGE members would sign this new accord multilateral.

We can see that a lot of the positions are shared amongst the PARLS members.

The result of the strategy paper should be presented in Opatija.

Croatia should sign the Multilateral Agreement in its current form. After that we will adapt it with the approval of the 14 signatories.

Henning Elmström insists on the fact that IG-PARLS should be able to help CLGE for certain task, in line with its strategy.

CLGE has to represent IG-PARLS towards the outside world.

## 7. Secretariat of PARLS.

Ann Pirlot-Vandaele, as executive director of CLGE (and IG-PARLS) has to continue her work and will take care of the day to day business and secretariat of PARLS.

To improve the administration of the working documents, a special page, accessible to the IG-PARLS members, will be built by Ondrej Böhm.



The existing Geometer-Europas website should be redirected to the IG-PARLS tab of the CLGE website. This tab should be populated by relevant information.

## 8. Adoption of the Budget 2011.

Dieter Seitz presents the budget as prepared and sent out before the meeting.

France cannot accept the budget as it is now. There must be sign towards CLGE that the "CLGE matters" cannot be paid by IG-PARLS on the long run. The House of the European Surveyors and GeoInformation (HESGI) for instance should be taken outside of the IG-PARLS budget. It could be paid on the reserves for two years or so, but then the burden should be transferred to CLGE.

The other members acknowledge that we should conduct the above mentioned study about our exact aims confronted with a scrutiny of our expenses. However, for the time being they think that the budget can be maintained as planned.

The chair proposes to vote about the budget including the fees as presented by the Treasurer:

5 members vote in favour, 1 against. The budget is adopted.

However, the treasurer will make some simulations to see how the fees would evolve if we take the CLGE model to compute them. He can make other considerations and table them to the General Meeting.

OLG will only have to pay 200 euro for its 2011 fee and that is really a minimum.

## 9. Coming actions and meetings.

This kick-off meeting was very useful to start the reflections about the future of IG-PARLS.

A second meeting should be organized before the CLGE GA in Opatija.

Mid-March would be a suitable moment, as the results could be presented to the CLGE ExBoard planned for end of March in Madrid.

The following points could be interesting topics for this next meeting:

- Internal Rules to be approved. We could include teleconferencing in the decision modes (draft already circulated will be sent out again for comments);
- Strategic document to be approved (draft to be tabled by the chair)
- Accounts (draft to be tabled by the treasurer and exec. director)
- Lease to the Belgian Union of Surveyors for additional infrastructure works (draft to be tabled by UBG)
- Work out some projects (task forces to support members or potential members, development of the Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base, Professional Cards...)
- To Be Completed...

## 10. Any other business.

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