



*The Council of European Geodetic Surveyors  
Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens*

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CLGE**

**Varna/Bulgaria, 24-25 September 2010**

**MINUTES**

Venue: Albena Resort, Varna, Bulgaria

*The General Assembly III, traditionally reserved for the national part, took place on Friday morning September 24, from 11.00 – 12.00.*

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General Assembly I, Friday 24. September 2010, 14.00 – 15.30

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1. Opening

CLGE President Henning Elmstroem warmly welcomes the General Assembly, the last of the current election period.

After serving his traditional "Gammel Dansk" and greeting the General Assembly he expresses that the GA in many ways is historic. The merging process CLGE-GE has been finished, the formal opening of the Surveyors House in Brussels is to be carried out in early October. CLGE now has 33 members and with 27 countries present the General Assembly it is very representative.

Further he mentions that progress has been made by our delegate from Latvia Elita Baklane who was appointed as DG of the Land Survey. Remy Dhur was recently appointed DG of the Luxembourg Cadastre. General Secretary Jean-Yves Pirlot has become an Executive Master in public Administration and has written a final paper about CLGE.

Finally he gives greetings from Volkmar Teetzmann who has not been able to come.

CLGE pins are given by the president to the new delegates and participants (see ppt presentation).

2. Roll Call and Apologies of Absence

a. Roll call

Unfortunately Cyprus, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland were not able to attend the GA.

Finland, Lithuania and Poland have sent explicit apologies.

Iceland, incoming member, was not able to attend but has sent its apologies.

The Danish delegates Torben Juulsager was not present due to sudden serious illness in his close family and he has asked Hennina Elmstroem to carry his voting right.



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The GA explicitly accepts that Henning Elmstroem could carry the Danish voting right.

b. Announcement of the member's present and carrying voting rights

The Secretary General writes down the delegates carrying the voting power.

c. Appointment of two tellers

The General Assembly appoints Ewa Swenson and Georgi Valev as tellers for the voting procedures ahead.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The General Assembly adopts the Agenda as circulated on the 22 August 2010 with a correction of the enclosure.

Even if the number of candidates equals the number of open places, there will be a formal vote (Enclosure 1).

On proposal from the Executive Board the General Assembly decides that for the adoption of the new fee structure a 2/3 majority will be required.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the GA in Bucharest, 7-8 May 2008

General Assembly adopts the minutes as circulated on the 30 May 2010.

5. Membership affairs

Jean-Yves Pirlot points out that he has checked the application forms received from Iceland and Moldova. Both nations do not have an official union of surveyors yet. The applications come from the state administrations. These administrations are willing to join CLGE and to build their respective associations based on the experience of CLGE.

The General Assembly accepts Iceland as a new principal CLGE member.

Iceland was not able to send a delegation but Henning Elmstroem will bring them the good news.

The General Assembly accepts the Republic of Moldova as a new principal CLGE member.

Vasile Chiriac, head of delegation, gives some words about the progresses in building their association: the Union of Geodesy of the Republic of Moldova.

They are eager to rely on the experience gathered by CLGE.

6. Assessment of the election period 2007 - 2010

President Henning Elmstroem reports about the election period 2007-2010. He therefore uses a presentation based on the working plan.

He points out that it is unfair to speak about the report of the president. He insists that it is all teamwork.

He then concentrates on the level of the studies required by CLGE, in Bulgaria, but also abroad.



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The size of CLGE was increased dramatically during the last election period. The number of members grew with 33%. The President sees this as a major achievement of his team. The theoretical final level of member countries could reach 46?? (Council of Europe), the balance will probably be about 40.

The President then launches a renewed invitation to the opening of HESGI (10 October 2010, in the late afternoon).

He thinks CLGE would need the creation of a professional secretariat but this asks for funding. This question will probably be handed by the next executive board.

He also points out the quality of the new Website. A good job was done even if progresses are always possible.

In Bergen the University has formally confirmed the need of increasing the studies into a master level by signing the declaration with CLGE.

The first students event in Karlsruhe was a success. Henning Elmstroem makes a new call to have a good students event in Hanover 2012.

The Bucharest Conference was well handled in a very efficient manner. Valeriu Manolache was able to avoid the financial problems due to a late withdrawal of the state sponsoring of the conference.

Rudolf Kolbe is Vice President of CEPLIS and that's an excellent thing for CLGE. There will be a report about CEPLIS later on in the programme.

We've planned to conduct a satisfaction survey amongst our members but this still has to be done.

The General Assembly approves the report of the President.

### 7. Report by the Treasurer and the Auditor

a. René Sonney reports about the financial situation and the accounts of CLGE from 1 January 2010 – 15 September 2010. The capital of the CLGE is 105'143.69 euros.

b. Report by the Auditors

Remy Dhur makes a short report about the financial documents he's controlled. He's found them in an excellent state responding to all the rules of the state of the art. Knowing René for about 15 years now, he warmly thanks him for the excellent job he did.

The General Assembly to adopt the accounts as presented and to give discharge to the Treasurer and the Executive Board.

c. CLGE Treasurer René Sonney reports about:

- the new Fee Structure as proposed by the Executive Board is presented by René Sonney.

Some countries express their fears and or opposition against the new scheme, because its introduction could cause an unaffordable increase of their national contribution. The CLGE membership of some countries could be jeopardized.

Some members insist that on the other hand the overall CLGE budget should be increased if we want to raise our ambitions.

Some other members express that they are in favour of the new approach.



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Associations who will be in financial troubles due to the new fee structure could invoke article 9 of the new statutes.

The president underlines that to change fee systems is always difficult and that this change has been worked upon for 3-4 Years

Portugal is against. It cannot survive this increase of fees. Also the Netherlands warns about increases. France is against due to the fact that there is no increase in the budget allowing CLGE to expand its activities.

Luxembourg has the same problem as Portugal. Its delegate recognizes that the update of the member numbers are not done. He reflects about the large number of public surveyors. They have nothing to do with the GDP.

Germany thinks that it is a very good idea. Also The Czech Republic is in favour and told that it is not possible to make a perfect system.

As an answer to those feeling themselves hit by the new system it is pointed out that according to the statutes one can apply for a lower fee.

- the budget 2011 is presented by the treasurer

A voting with secret ballots is carried out: 20 members in favour six against and one blank vote.

As a 2/3 majority is exceeded the General Assembly adopts the new Fee Structure and the budget 2011.

Some heartily words of farewell are given by René Sonney.

He strongly advocates a more ambitious CLGE in the field of GI.

Henning Elmstroem and the General Assembly warmly thank the outgoing treasurer for all his work and his very satisfying results.

### 8. The Legal Status of CLGE after the merging process with the former Geometer Europas

The President Henning Elmstroem reports about the situation and presents the new statutes.

The General Assembly adopts the statutes as presented and to endorses that all the current members become members of the "New CLGE" (CLGE asbl, non profit organisation under Belgian Law).

This adoption finalised the long process about merging CLGE and GE.

### 9. The election procedure

The President presents the election procedure to follow and the candidates who have been announced to the Executive Board before July 22.

The seven candidates make a short presentation.

Although Valeriu Manolache does not take part in the current election, he gives a short presentation as well to show his availability for later work within the Executive Board.



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Post	Proposed	Country of origin
President	Jean-Yves Pirlot	Belgium
General Secretary	Michelle Camilleri	Malta
Treasurer	Dieter Seitz	Germany
3 Vice Presidents	Pierre Bibollet	France
	Rudolf Kolbe	Austria
	Danko Markovinovic	Croatia
	Leiv Bjarte Mjös	Norway
<i>Vice Presidents</i>	<i>On proposal of the Ex-Board</i>	<i>Appointed by the GA</i>
<i>Special items</i>		
	Valeriu Manolache	Romania
Auditor 1	Remy Dhur	Luxembourg
Auditor 2	Ivan Andreev	Bulgaria

The General Assembly takes notice of the nominations and to adopts the election procedure as described in enclosure 1, with the amendment discussed during point 1.

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#### 10. European Affairs

Jean-Yves Pirlot gives a short presentation about the latest evolutions of the European Affairs (see the ppt of the GA).

Rudolf Kolbe reports about CEPLIS. On the GA in Rome on June 10 a new board has been elected for the next three years. President Jacques Reignault (Union Nationale des Associations de Professions Libérales – France), First Vice president Rudolf Kolbe (European Council of Engineer Chambers/Council of European Geodetic Surveyors), Vice president Simone Zerah (European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine – European Confederation of Biologists), Vice president Peter Swindlehurst (United Kingdom Inter-professional Group), Vice president Carlos Carnicer (Union Profesional). On the afternoon seminar Mrs. Sophie Maletras (European Commission, DG MARKT) spoke about the Services Directive and focused her speech on three major points: the implementation of the Directive, administrative cooperation and the establishment of Single Points of Contact.

The new board had its first meeting on Sept. 21. Main points were discussion on the new working plan 2011-2013, Proposal for the new budget (3% increase for 2011 after no increase last year due to the legal raise of salaries). The autumn GA is scheduled for Nov. 8 to be held in the European Parliament, the afternoon seminar will be hosted by a MEP and there will be a presentation of a university professor about the Institute of Leeds (Academy of liberal professions) and discussion with the attending MEP's.



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The working group on 'Single Market' (former WG on Services) met on Sept. 23. Regarding the directive on professional qualification CEPLIS will prepare a so-called "non paper", an advisory message we could say, of CEPLIS to the Commission, identifying the issues we feel the current text of the Directive is rather weak in dealing with: Minimum Training Requirements, Exchange of information on fitness to practice, Language tests, Continuous Professional Development, Identity verification, Professional Cards, Common Platforms, Temporary licence to practice. The CEPLIS Members are highly invited to contribute to this 'non-paper'.

### 11. National presentations

Danko Markovitch presents Croatia and Opatija, to prepare the next GA.

Ewa Swenson gives a second announcement of the Umeå meeting about geodetic infrastructures in Europe.

Clemens Kiepke finally announces the evolutions concerning the Hanover Conference.

### 12. Dates and Venues of the coming Assemblies, Conferences and Meetings

#### a. Statutory meetings

I GA 2011, Opatija (Croatia) / 6 – 7 May 2011;

II GA 2011, Tallinn (Estonia) / 16 – 17 September 2011;

I GA 2012, Edinburgh (United Kingdom) / 5 – 7 May 2012 (Henning please confirm);

II GA 2012, Hanover (Germany) / 12 October 2012;

I GA 2013, Budapest (Hungary) / Dates to be fixed;

II GA 2013, Chisinau (Moldova) / Dates to be fixed;

#### b. Non statutory meetings

Seminar 22 – 23 June 2011 about the Geodetic Infrastructure in Umeå University / Sweden;

INTERGEO event 2012: Attendance of the fair on 10 October 2012;

Third Conference of the European Surveyor 2012, Germany, in Hanover [together with the Intergeo and the Autumn GA as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Students meeting, InterGEO 2012 (CLGE-DVW)], 11 October 2012;

Students meeting, InterGEO 2012, 10 October 2012 (Date still to be confirmed).

### 13. IG Interest Group

Declaration of the Interest Group of Publicly Appointed and Regulated Liberal Surveyors (PARLS).

The present member countries declare their willingness to get membership of the Interest Group PARLS.



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#### 14. Future Goals for CLGE

Informal discussion about the future of CLGE are organized in three break out sessions under the form of Brainstormings.

Michelle Camilleri, Jan Hardos and Clemens Kiepke report about the findings of their respective groups. They will write a report and send it to the Secretary General within one week for further use during the redaction of the coming working plan.

The audience welcomes the Brain Storming as a good working tool for discussions in CLGE.

#### 15. Elections

The president carries out the election process with the assistance of René Sonney and the two appointed tellers.

The voting is held with secret ballots.

Are elected:

President Jean-Yves Pirlot

Secretary General Michelle Camilleri

Treasurer Dieter Seitz

Vice Presidents Pierre Bibollet, Rudolf Kolbe, Leiv Bjarte Mjös

The General Assembly appoints Remy Dhur and Ivan Andreev as Auditors.

#### 16. Any other business

Marc Wijngaarde announces the acceptance of the code of conduct by GIN.

He also points out that GIN supports the 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth event in 2012

#### 17. Hand-Over, presentations and Closing of the General Assembly

President Henning Elmstroem remarks that although the moment of farewell is not surprising it is anyhow a sad moment after years of working for the benefit of CLGE. He is amazed by the speed with which the last 5 Years has passed and expresses his thank for the trust shown to him from the members. Especially he points out the cooperation in the Bureau and in the Executive board but also the strong support from the General Assembly.

After 25 GA's, more than 30 EXB and Bureau meetings – thousands of mails he's leaving the bridge to secure CLGE a good future.

He thanks the members of the EXB stepping down and hands over a gift to Jan Hardos, Rene Sonney and the secretary Ann Pirlot.



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To the outgoing Secretary General Jean-Yves Pirlot he presents a Danish soldier to guard him on his coming work.

Finally he warmly welcomes the new incoming president Jean-Yves Pirlot and hands over the CLGE "dirigent" hammer.

Jean-Yves Pirlot gives a few words of thank to the outgoing President and the GA for his election. Together with the new board, he will do everything to keep CLGE on track.

He then hands over a present to Henning Elmstroem, allowing him to find the North for the rest of his life. The House of the European Surveyor and GeoInformation is in the North Street in Brussels, so he will find his friends from CLGE for ever!

A short reception is organised.

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Jean-Yves Pirlot  
Secretary General

Henning Elmstroem  
President





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Enclosure 1)

**Election Procedure:**

**General rules:**

According to the Statutes every member country has one vote. No proxy is allowed. Blank votes are not counted as a given vote. The voting is by secret ballot. In case of a tied vote the voting is decided by a draw of ballots by the president. Votes with less or more than the number of open posts available are declared invalid. Votes with other names than those to take part in the voting are declared invalid. After each voting round a candidate can withdraw his candidature. If a candidate gets more than 50% of the given votes that person is elected. For the auditors a secret ballot is not used unless called for.

**For the election for one post:**

~~If there is one candidate the candidate is declared elected.~~

Even if there is only one candidate, the vote must be carried out. If a delegate asks it, the vote is carried out with secret ballots.

If there is more than one candidate:

If there are two candidates the one with most votes has won. In case of a tied vote (50%-50%) a second turn is done. If there is still a tied vote the voting is decided by a draw of ballots by the president.

If there are more than two candidates there will be at least 1 voting round. In each voting round the candidate with least votes will be rejected. In case of a tied vote (50%-50%) amongst those with least votes a second turn is done for them only. If there is still a tied vote the voting is decided by a draw of ballots by the president.

The voting rounds will continue until only two candidates are left for the final voting round.

**For the election for the 3 Vice Presidents:**

~~If there are three candidates the candidates are declared elected.~~

Even if there are only three candidates, the vote must be carried out. If a delegate asks it, the vote is carried out with secret ballots.

If there are more than three candidates there will be at least 1 voting round. The candidate with least votes will be rejected. In case of a tied vote (50%-50%) amongst those with least votes a second turn is done for them only. If there is still a tied vote the voting is decided by a draw of ballots by the president. The voting rounds will continue until three candidates are elected.