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Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens

The President

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To the CLGE members and delegates

Dear colleges and friends

The summer is giving room for relaxing times with our families but also time to reflect about our work done and to be done in the future.

And – at least in the northern part of Europe – the weather has given a lot of time indoor to facilitate other activities than is usual connected with holidays.

Below I will mention some of the activities carried out since our General Assembly and our Conference in Lyon – once again many thanks to the organisers.

Our Vice-president Vaclav Slaboch has recovered significantly and was able to represent CLGE on the FIG Commission 2 Symposium held in Prague 7-9 June 2007. Vaclav addressed the Audience on behalf of CLGE and received a lot of thanks from the audience.

The CLGE Malta report on Enhancing Surveyors Education was released late April hopefully to support our Maltese friends to reach the goal of a master level on Malta. Meetings in October with Malta University and representatives from the relevant Ministerial offices will follow the release of the Report.

Lithuania is our latest incoming member. During a combined CLGE and GE meeting in Vilnius, our Lithuanian Colleges decided to enter CLGE as a full member. The formal decision of course will be put forward to the General Assembly in Luxembourg. I warmly welcome president Vaidotas Sankalas in our midst.

Vice-president Mark Wijngaarde has made a visit to Estonia and Latvia and we look forward to the development of our relations with them as well.

CLGE was represented on the FIG Working Week in Hong Kong and we had a very informal social session on a local restaurant. We will make this kind of CLGE social session more prepared in the future to guarantee that all the CLGE delegates could meet and exchange information's and views on the event.

Vice-President Alain Gaudet has been elected as member of the CEPLIS board and our colleague and CLGE delegate Rudolf Kolbe has been elected as well making the Surveyors a strong group inside CEPLIS. Congratulations to both of them. A very important theme to be dealt with is the Code of Conduct and it is of great confidence that we are represented in such a magnificent way in CEPLIS.

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Our MoU with EuroGeographics is under preparation and will be presented in Luxembourg. EuroGeographics considers using our facilities in Rue du Nord in Brussels and EuroGI and EGOS already took the same decision. Many thanks to UBG for the work put in developing this important meeting facility.

We are working on a MoU with EGOS as well and we will probably also will be able to present it in Luxembourg.

The CLGE WEB site is undertaking a complete renovation according to decision made in the EXB. A working party – the webmaster Milan Talich, Rafic Khouri and Mark Wijngaarde – will investigate the situation and prepare a proposal for a common CLGE and GE website. The intention is to make it a tool in our communication system.

The 2008 CLGE Conference is moving forward and you can follow the preparations on www.geometre-strasbourg2008.eu Please put the 17-19 September 2008 in your calendar and prepare for a magnificent event. And please remember that the deadline for abstracts is on the 31 of August 2007.

The term of office for this Executive Board is coming to an end in Luxembourg. Items for a working program 2007-2009 are called for and hopefully a draft can be presented for the General Assembly. The invitations for Luxembourg were sent out on 28 June and please register early and not later than 10 September. According to the Statutes elections will take place for the whole EXB and therefore the invitation states the fact that nominations should be made normally not later than 60 days prior to the GA making 20 August the limit.

Our Secretary General Gerda Schennach announces her retreat after 9 years in office and to replace her effort is a challenge. In the EXB two members are very important for the CLGE daily business – the Treasurer and the Secretary General. We have managed to persuade René Sonney to stay for two more Years and as Secretary General we will bring Vice-president Jean-Yves Pirlot in proposal. In my view this a very comforting combination of two skilled colleagues. I have announced to be willing to stay in office for the next period.

Therefore dear friends, please consider taking part in the nominations to make a strong team for the future development of CLGE.

I wish you all a good summer

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