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The President

Report from the President

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In my President's letter 20. July 2007 I mentioned that Lithuania would become a new member of CLGE in Luxembourg. Since then, Estonia has decided to join us as well and I am happy to announce another enhancement of CLGE.

This development is according to our plan for contacts to countries inside our area of interest and we are convinced that the coming years will demonstrate further enhancements of CLGE.

We have a plan of further contacts and Mark Wijngaarde will play an important role in this process in close cooperation with the board.

MOU

The MOU with EuroGeographics has been finalised and is on progress being acknowledged in EuroGeographics and CLGE and GE. This MOU is considered a vital step in underlining the will of cooperation between the surveyors in Europe.

The MOU with EGOS has been negotiated in a meeting late July and is considered to be finished during autumn 2007.

The House of European Surveyors and GeoInformation

The Surveyors House – Rue du Nord 76 in Bruxelles – is an increasing success and is available for all our members and our friends connected to us by MOU's. We will open the doors for enhancing the relations to EUROGI bearing in mind the increasing importance of GIS for all CLGE members.

The secretary function inside the House is now in professional hands of our colleague Anne Pirlot and it is my hope that we will be able to enhance the working hours for Anne in order to secure the best possible services for our members.

CLGE-GE Conferences

The plan for coming Conferences is ambitious

The Strasbourg Conference 2008 – www.geometre-strasbourg2008.eu is the first challenge and our French colleagues are putting a huge effort in presenting a highly professional conference. I am looking very much forward to this event. Jean-Yves Pirlot is in charge of supporting the progress and cooperation with OGE. Together with French officials, delegates from CLGE and GE are working hand in hand to prepare the agenda.

Those, who have been attending OGE meetings in France, will know that we can expect

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a very exciting and well-run Conference. Attached to this letter you will find an announcement to be used in national magazines, on your web pages and where you find it appropriate.

In 2009 the follow up on the Lyon conference is under initial planning to be held in Vilnius in connection with the 1000 Year celebration of Lithuania. The invitation to all our members and all the surveying universities in Europe is under preparation. The final report and recommendations from Lyon is ready to be presented.

During the summer CLGE has been asked from The Nordic ombudsmen (the Nordic presidents) to host a conference on a very specific theme – “The boundary “. According to the preliminary planning the conference will be held in Bergen University in Norway led by our Colleague Leiv Bjarte Mjoess and it will be an excellent opportunity for all surveyors and professors in Europe to discuss the aspects of this vital subject. Leiv is also active inside the team preparing the Strasbourg Conference 2008.

The Malta Task Force

CLGE has played a role in enhancing the Education in Malta and delivered a report – finished in April - on how to proceed. This mission will be concluded in Malta early October in a meeting with the Malta University and the Ministry of Education. The CLGE delegation is composed of Prof. Paddy Prendergast and myself.

The report underlined the importance and the need for Malta to establish a national NSDI and our colleagues on Malta have taken this challenge in quite a magnificent way. On Oct. 4 there is a highly profiled conference concerning INSPIRE in Malta. Amongst the speakers will be Mrs. Frieda Brepoels, MEP, Dr. Joanna Drake Head of representation in Malta, Nick Land, Executive Director, EuroGeographic, Hugo De Groef, Directorate-General European Commission and CLGE.

This CLGE mission in Malta has been a good example on how CLGE can assist our members by setting up Task force teams to cope with the need put forward by the members.

History

Time is running quickly and the story of the past is easily lost. CLGE was founded in 1972 and is now 35 years old, becoming a grown up organisation. To secure the story of CLGE Professor Jean-Jacques Derwaell (B) has taken upon him the task of writing the story of CLGE. The result of his efforts will be put on the web to secure that all members have an easy access to the past.

Sponsors

The initiative taken by Jean-Yves Pirlot is developing in a steady way. You can look on the preliminary result on our web-site www.clge.eu we consider this an important part of the organisation and will move on getting new sponsors. You will see in the budget that our level of activity makes sponsorships very important.

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CLGE-GE

The relationship between CLGE and GE is not only very close but is developing further. In Vilnius in June we combined the Executive board meeting and held a common meeting enhancing the relation and saving money.

Geometer Europas made the statement below, which was unanimous adopted by CLGE Executive Board.

GE recognizes the need to have a main interlocutor to European authorities, namely CLGE, which it recognizes as the umbrella organization for European surveyors. It also recognizes the need to have a specific organization to represent the European publicly appointed surveyors, which is the core mission of Geometer Europas.

Therefore, Geometer Europas suggests to CLGE to set up a common working group to prepare the integration of the organizations and to propose the future structure, under the guidance of the two presidents.

The first follow up meeting between the presidents in this integration process will have been held, when we meet in Luxembourg.

Election period 2007-2009

It is very comforting for CLGE that we have such a fine result of the nomination process making it possible to meet the challenges in the future and to develop CLGE. The future calls for flexibility, cooperation and manoeuvrability to put the surveyor in the well-deserved position in the development of the modern digital society. I am convinced that the team can be set in a constructive manner allowing every member of the Executive Board to find challenging tasks.

EU

You will get a special report on this important topic. In my letter from July I mentioned our position in CEPLIS having our two distinguished colleges Alain Gaudet and Rudolf Kolbe in the executive Board in CEPLIS. Our close cooperation with EuroGeographic adds new dimensions to our work in presenting our position in EU.

I already mentioned EUROGI, that will also be a partner in this development.

The work of The Combined Task Force – EU CTF-EU is important for CLGE.

I will finish this short report by expressing my wish to meet you all in Luxembourg.

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