



## CLGE opening speech CLGE Students' Contest on the Move Finals

Opening by Vladimir Krupa, CLGE President

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It's my pleasure to open these finals of the CLGE Students' Contest and I warmly thank all those who have prepared them, starting from the three candidates who reached the finals, the jury members under the leadership of former VP Mairolt Kakko from Estonia, and our sponsors and partners without whom we wouldn't be able to have the Contest for all these years.

Currently we are supported by the GSA, Autodesk, the Italian Company GeoWeb, Leica Geosystems, Pix4D and Riegl. Normally, I would say now: "and they deserve a round of applause... but here I have to ask you to click on the correct icon... anyway, you've understood what I mean.

Although we have ten years of experience with this contest, this is, as far as I remember, the first time that we organise these finals and it is certainly a good idea.

As often, crises create problems, and men develop solutions which are swiftly used in unexpected and interesting ways. The online business exploded due to this nasty virus but ... we have adapted as good and as bad we can and use the new trends to our advantage.

When I said 10 years it's also the time since when we are cooperating with the European GNSS Agency. Firstly, we had their kind support but very quickly, they became a full-fledged partner, taking part in nearly all our General Assemblies and Events and supporting the contest with a strong commitment. After this first decade, it appeared that there is more in it.

We decided to unite our forces, the GSA and CLGE to develop a new contest: Geomatics on the Move and it's little brother or sister CLGE Students' Contest on the Move. We chose these names, because we wanted to announce changes to come.

So, it is probable that, the CLGE Students' Contest as we have known it for 10 years will change in shape and content, but the idea remains:

- Firstly: CLGE is strongly committed to have a common contest with the GSA and this is developing now, as I speak;
- Secondly: CLGE is also strongly committed to maintain this link to Students and Young surveyors.

The future will show how we will manage this but for now, I welcome all the other participants and thank them for their presence. Lay back, prepare for three nice, very short and dynamic presentations and be ready to ask a few questions, if you have some.

I wish us all nice finals and will soon give the floor to the Chair of the Jury. He will also preside over these finals. At the end, he will convene the jury, to discuss the final results and then ... we will all meet at the Global Surveyors Day Celebration, on 23 March 2021, at 21.00 CET and we will know the final ranking of the three finalists.

Thank you for your attention, Mairolt, the floor is yours.