



CLGE NEWSLETTER - JANUARY TO JUNE 2021

Dear Members, Colleagues and Friends,

We are pleased to present the interim six-monthly report for the first semester of 2021.

CLGE has had a busy start to 2021 with a new President and Executive Board, elected in September 2020, taking up the reins. We have successfully organised the full complement of Executive Board meetings, Bureau meetings and the first General Assembly of 2021. We continue to meet in so called hybrid or blended mode – a mix of people both online and physically gather and this is working well. It gives everyone the chance to participate whatever their personal and national circumstances may be from time-to-time. We have leveraged our existing investment in Microsoft 365, in particular the Microsoft Teams application, with no additional software licensing costs to widen digital participation for our regular meetings. In 2020, with help from CLGE Vice President Michalis Kalogiannakis, we invested in high quality portable audio-visual equipment to support this hybrid way of working. We continue to benefit from this smart investment. Nevertheless, we prefer to meet with our members in person and we encourage this whenever possible. For some very large events such as the annual Global Surveyors' Day we occasionally need to use different digital platforms which are more appropriate the format of the meeting. We will continue to review our technology choices to ensure that we are getting best value for CLGE whilst delivering the quality of experience that our participants expect.

We announced a new theme of the year 2021, a new Global Surveyor of the Year, a new Students Contest and the GISCAD-OV project continues apace. We are increasingly posting regular news updates to our new [website](#) as well as on [LinkedIn](#) and these are certainly the best way to keep up-to-date with what's happening here at CLGE. However, we recognise that some of our followers like to read a periodic consolidated digest of what we are up to and that's the purpose of these interim and annual newsletters which we are continuing to produce. Of course there is more work for the Board in producing these additional outputs so we would welcome any feedback on the newsletters and any ways that these could be improved for the future, so if you have any comments to share please get in touch with our Vice-President for Digital Strategy & Communications [Duncan Moss](#). Please continue reading to find out what is going on, we hope you enjoy this version of the newsletter. If you would like to receive the Word version of this issue for publication or translation purposes, we will send it on request.

Duncan Moss

CLGE Vice-President for Digital Strategy & Communications



New Chair and Vice-Chair of FIG Young Surveyors Network



The FIG Young Surveyors Network (YSN) was first established as the Working Group 1.2: 'Young Surveyors Working Group' of FIG Commission 1 at the XXIII FIG Congress (2006) held in Munich, Germany.

The Young Surveyors Working Group was later upgraded to the Young Surveyors Network during the 2009 FIG Working Week in Eilat, Israel. The Network was established with the main aim to

create an environment that encourages the active participation of young surveyors in the work of FIG, as well as its 10 commissions.

The Network has created an environment for young surveyors from different cultures, with different academic backgrounds and professional experiences from all over the globe to come together and learn from each other towards the sustenance of the surveying profession. The Network has held many meetings, workshops, and conferences all over the world. These have been done in conjunction and/or with the support of leading bodies such as the UN-Habitat, the World Bank, CLGE, and the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation.

From the beginning of 2021, Kwabena Obeng Asiama (Ghana/Germany) is now Chair and Ferah Pirlanta Köksal is the Vice Chair of FIG YSN. Ferah is also the FIG YSEN Delegate to the CLGE Executive Board and we send both her and Kwabena our many congratulations and good luck in their new roles. The Young Surveyors are currently organising the [6th FIG Young Surveyors Conference](#) and working on several projects with many volunteer Young Surveyors from all around the world.

Croatian Earthquake Appeal



In December 2020 a strong earthquake struck central Croatia which severely impacted several of our colleagues in the region. The Croatian Chamber of Geodetic Engineers responded by providing some financial relief to meet the immediate needs of our colleagues and has requested further support from CLGE. We responded positively and our main objective is to help our colleagues to resume their business as fast as possible and to improve their working

conditions. We have created a solidarity fund that will be used solely to cover the expenses for this and similar disasters and invited the support of CLGE Members. We will report the support provided by CLGE and the outcomes later in 2021. Meanwhile we thank everyone who donated.



Year of Women in Surveying 2021



On the eve of 8 March 2021, the International Women's Day, we were delighted to confirm that the CLGE theme of the year for 2021 would be 'Women in Surveying'. This theme is a natural successor to our theme of the Year 2020 which was 'Sustainable Development', the UN SDG 05 is all about gender equality. Please see the [announcement on our website](#) and watch a [short video](#) from Blaženka Mičević who is leading a Working Group for Women in Surveying. Blaženka presented on this important theme at the Global Surveyor's Day 2021, see below for more details on that. We are also looking forward to the '[VII CLGE Conference of the European Surveyor – Women in Surveying](#)' on Thursday, 25th November at Saariselkä Finland, immediately preceding our Autumn General Assembly 2021, which will provide an informative and fitting culmination to our outgoing theme of the year.

Global Surveyor's Day 2021



Our first major event of 2021 was the Global Surveyor's Day which took place March 23rd (because the 21st was on a Sunday). We ran this 90 minute event at late 21:00 Central European Time to give our colleagues in Africa, Middle East, Asia, Oceania and the Americas the opportunity to join us. In 2021 this ran as an online event for which over 900 people worldwide signed up. The event was hosted by CLGE President Vladimir Krupa. After Vladimir's opening remarks we were treated to three welcoming addresses from Frédérique Ries MEP, Professor Rudolf Staiger, FIG President and Marc Vanderschueren, Chair of the Forum of Regional Bodies (FoRB). Next up was Blaženka Mičević with a presentation on CLGE Theme of the Year 2021 'Women in Surveying' which is also the CLGE Theme of the Year 2021. This series was complemented by a number of talking head statements from representatives of FoRB from around the world. Following this session Mairolt Kakko, Chair of the CLGE Vetting Committee announced the winners of the CLGE Students' Contest on the Move 2020, who we warmly congratulate. The finale of the evening was the unveiling of the Global Surveyor of the Year 2021, Johann Carl Friedrich Gauss, by Prof. Dr. Hansjörg Kutterer, President of DVW and CLGE President Vladimir Krupa. To read full details of the event and to download the Poster, the Event presentations plus two additional documents; one from John Hohol President FIG Foundation regarding some important forthcoming publications on the History of Surveying and Measurement and the second from Zoran Mukanov on Gauss as a Surveyor (in Macedonian Cyrillic) please visit the [news post](#). We send a special thank you to Moderator Olga Bjelotomić Oršulić and Director Ivan Remeta for all their hard work in making this Event a great success and look forward to seeing you again at Global Surveyor's Day 2022.

6th FIG Young Surveyors Conference



On 15 May 2021, CLGE President Vladimir Krupa and CLGE Vice-President Jānis Klīve took part in the 6th FIG Young Surveyors Conference. In his opening address President Krupa emphasised that CLGE has a long tradition of supporting the FIG Young Surveyors European Network. Vladimir also commended the Conference theme of ‘*Challenges in our New Reality Reimagining a Sustainable Future*’ and alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030. He went on stressing the importance of international coalitions and how CLGE continues to make the case for the [International Ethics Standards Coalition \(IESC\)](#) to adopt “Sustainability” as one of the explicit Ethical Principles. Vladimir concluded by noting that CLGE is putting its own house in order too, by checking what we can do to decrease our carbon footprint and compensating the emissions that we cannot avoid through a cooperation with the German Company called Atmosfair. [Please read the opening speech in full here.](#)

CLGE Seminar in Athens (GR)



Our online CLGE Seminar on 3rd June formed part of the Hellenic Association of Surveying and Rural Engineers (HARSE) Congress 2021. The main Congress programme was intended for Greek surveyors, with the CLGE section being in English. CLGE speakers were Michalis Kalogiannakis, Vladimir Krupa, Blaženka Mičević, Matjaž Grilc and Jean-Yves Pirlot. Please visit the [event web page](#) for further detail and to listen again to the recordings.



CLGE General Assembly in Athens (GR)

The first CLGE General Assembly of 2021 took a place in the Greek capital city of Athens on the 4th and 5th June, our second General Assembly there in recent times. This was mainly due to the situation with COVID-19. CLGE Vice President Michalis Kalogiannakis is based in Athens and did a great job to organise and stage our General Assembly for which we are most grateful. It was a blended meeting with 15 Members present in person in Athens and a further 30 Members taking part

online. These 45 Members represented 30 different countries. We were delighted to welcome Bernhard Richter, Vice-President for Geomatics at [Leica Geosystems](#) to his first General Assembly. Please visit the [event news post](#) to find out more. All the presentations are [online](#) and most of them are freely accessible for all interested people, they can also be download in bulk as a single zip file from [here](#).

Vasile Chiriac, in memoriam



We were all saddened to learn of the death of our colleague and friend Vasile Chiriac, CLGE Delegate for Moldova on 15th June 2021. Vasile has been CLGE Secretary General for four years and subsequently became our Special Delegate for Protocol Matters. We remember the many photos he took during our General Assemblies, always with a smile. Although he was recovering from a recent hospital stay Vasile helped the team to prepare the General Assembly in Athens in which despite his condition, he participated online, proudly answering the roll call for Moldova, always aware of his duty. Vasile was an example to us all. Please visit his [online tribute](#).

CLGE at the FIG Working Week 2021



CLGE together with other Regional Bodies and Members Association organised a session of the Combined Forum of Regional Bodies (FoRB) and Members Association Forum (MAF). Discussions took place about the value of the FoRB, the impact of COVID-19, getting kids into survey and women in surveying. [Please find out more here](#).

Membership Affairs



On 22nd January 2021 North Macedonian CLGE Principal Member the 'Macedonian Chamber of Trade Surveying Companies' announced that Nikola Ribaroski had been elected as its new President at their Annual Assembly. CLGE President Vladimir Krupa paid tribute to outgoing President Goran Jovanoski who has been a dependable CLGE Delegate for many years and



expresses his eager anticipation to work with Nikola as his successor. Certainly we are all looking forward to the CLGE General Assembly in Skopje (MK) in 2022. [Please read more here.](#)

Partner and Corporate Members



The [European Union Agency for the Space Programme \(EUSPA\)](#) was launched on the 12th of May 2021 marking the start of a new era for EU Space, this builds upon the legacy of the GSA which EUSPA succeeds. We are delighted that EUSPA continues [its strong partnership](#) with us and look forward to future collaboration. For further information about the change of name and

responsibilities of EUSPA please see the announcement on the [CLGE website](#).



[Ordnance Survey of Great Britain](#) (OS) has joined CLGE as a Corporate Member and we look forward to working with OS colleagues in the future. CLGE Vice President Duncan Moss who works for OS is our point of contact. We thank Duncan and his colleagues for their support and interest in CLGE.