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Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CLGE Copenhagen/Denmark,**  
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## MINUTES

**Venue** DDL Office, Lindevangs Allé 4, DK 2000 Frederiksberg, Denmark

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**Participants** President Klaus **Rürup** (GER), Henning **Elmstroem** (DK), Vaclav **Slaboch** (CZ), Mark **Wijngaarde** (NL), Gerda **Schennach** (AUS), René **Sonney**, (CH) Otmar **Schuster** (GE)

### 1. Opening and Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

President K. Rürup opens the session with thanks to the host H. Elmstroem for organizing the meeting and

the venue.

Participants adopt the agenda for this meeting and the minutes of the last Executive Board meeting in Kiruna without any comments or amendments unanimously.

### 2. Reports

*Vice-President H. Elmstroem* reports about the meeting in Bad Ragaz/Switzerland earlier this year. This 3 country meeting (AT, GER, CH) has been held since 1994. FIG President H. Magel has presented a very interesting paper on issues of qualification and the liberal sector, who will have to turn to amore advisory role. The value of the profession in Europe needs to change. The discussions gave as well an impression about the topics to be addressed in the December CLGE seminar.

*Vice-President M. Wijngaarde* has followed an invitation to the joint meeting of the Belgian Union of Géomètres-Experts and the National Society of Land surveyors at the University of Antwerp on occasion of the merging of these two organisations. Presentations have been given on the legal obligations for Geometer Experts, on requirements to professionals in general and on education.

On 16 June 2005 he attended a meeting at the Headquarters of the Kadaster / NL. Representatives from ISPRS, FIG e.a. have been invited as well. The Board of the Dutch GIN association is interested to cross the borders by more cooperation and to establish more interchange between the associations on different levels and in different countries by organizing joint seminars, e.a.

A report has been submitted about the CLGE meeting in Kiruna, which will be published in the GIN

magazine of July 2005. *Secretary-General G. Schennach* reports about the input by P. Cavero concerning the FEANI classification of professions and the reaction which has been sent to FEANI by G. Schennach on behalf of CLGE. O. Schuster and K. Rürup will contact Mr. Walter, the Secretary-General of FEANI in Brussels personally. G. Schennach will contact M. Ouranos to ask him to talk to the FEANI President in Greece to promote the request of CLGE to keep the professional group of surveyors in the FEANI classification. K.

Rürup supposes that FEANI wants to make a new proposal for professional classification to the EU.

G. Schennach participated in the last EGIN (European GI Network) meeting in Italy, it is a group of different European associations related to GI.

CLGE has been registered as an INSPIRE/SDIC. SDICs are spatial data interest groups who will be involved into the review process for the implementation rules of the INSPIRE Directive, which is probably

to be decided in a short term and will affect the profession.

J.-Y. Pirlot has submitted the Allan Report for Belgium, it is the first country with an update.

V. Slaboch gives an overview about updating the CLGE website. He complains about missing inputs by members for their national parts of the website as well as for general information delivery via the main website.

Earlier this year he has attended a seminar in France. Representatives of many French research centres participated in the event and have been informed about the CLGE seminar in Brussels. The Moroccan association plans to organise a francophone seminar in Morocco in the same week in December as the CLGE seminar will be held.

CLGE delegate R. Camilleri is active to establish a university education for surveyors in Malta. He has sent

a letter in which he asks to invite EGOS members to the CLGE seminar.

CZ has developed a publication about surveyors and qualification and their role in cadastre. One chapter is

dedicated to CLGE.

K. Rürup reports about a planned meeting with a journalist, named Sonja de Bruijn, from the *Geoinformatics* magazine to publish an article in the September 2005 issue which will be published at the *INTERGEO*. It was agreed that she will send some questions for preparation to K. Rürup and to discuss the topics personally afterwards. Any items of interest that should be brought in are welcome to be submitted to K. Rürup. Earlier this spring K. Rürup attended a seminar in Nowosibirsk. Nowosibirsk is a town of 3 mio of inhabitants, 18 universities. It is a rather young city, which was founded at the smallest gap of the river Ob, where the Transsiberian railway crosses the river. The town is situated close to Semibalatinsk (rocket base) and to Academgorovsk. Science dominates the economy, but you cannot find industry. The total budget of the hosting university is 3.5 million USD, 100 000 USD are granted from Moscow, 3 million created through self business from research and project work. The institutes have excellent equipment of technical devices. Students are charged an annual fee of 500 USD per year. The paper was the standard presentation about CLGE and in general about EU and about procedures in the EU and it had a main focus on professional education and qualification, tasks for the surveyors, requirements for a strong interest group. 80 audients mainly students shortly before their examinations, PhDs and interested professors from other universities listened to the presentation, which was given in German and translated sentence by sentence. K. Rürup suggests to finding options for one year practices after the university to involve young professionals into the international scene. After the last Executive Board Meeting in Kiruna K. Rürup met with GE representatives in Mülheim/Germany. He attended as well the Bad Ragaz meeting in Switzerland, which has been reported by H. Elmstroem already. CEPLIS

had a meeting in Brussels with Mdme Heldmeier and Ms Kasermann, both representing the EC. K. Rürup participated in this meeting.

### **3. Financial issues**

Treasurer R. Sonney reports about the present status of the financial situation and explains the charts which have been distributed in the meeting (see enclosure). BEL, GR, POR, UK, NOR, BUL and MT have not yet paid their membership fees. Expenditures develop as budgeted, no extraordinary costs or income have occurred. 10 000,-- € are left for the meeting in Brussels. R. Sonney is going to prepare the Budget for 2006 and circulate the draft for comments by the Executive Board members until the end of July. An amount of 5000,-- € for a one day seminar will be posted again.

The new member Cyprus has indicated that they have 120 members in total. From this figure the membership will be calculated. *Disc:* R. Sonney noted from the CEPLIS accounts that there was an open payment by CLGE from former times of about 11 000,-- € Executive Board members suppose that it is a remnant from the presentation of CLGE by B. Bour, probably not agreed by the Executive Board. R. Sonney will try to clarify it with the former treasurer J-L. Horisberger and with CEPLIS. H. Elmstroem will try to contact L. B. Mjos via S. Enemark in a future Nordic Meeting for getting the fee from NOR.

### **4. CLGE Seminar 2005**

V. Slaboch, who is in charge of organising the seminar in Brussels gives a report about the draft programme and the status of preparations. He has already contacted a lot of people and informed them about the seminar. The website will be soon prepared for the public announcement including general information, maps, online-registration, programme and offers for accommodation with special rates for CLGE. The venue is already fixed in the Royal Academy of the Military Service. The online-registration will allow creating a participation list automatically from the incoming registrations.

The programme is not yet finalised. S. Enemark, Vice-President of FIG, will present the key note speech.

M. Konecny, President of IGA, will give a key note as well. Financial issues for speakers need to be fixed. *Disc:* M. Wijngaarde asks for more facts and figures about participants, speakers e.a. to calculate the financial framework.

O. Schuster has talked to French people and agreed that it is necessary to define a goal and an aim for the seminar and to clarify if the EU is interested into the seminar. Promoting high quality education or topics which are interesting for the DGs and to discuss them directly with them could be main goals. For this purpose we need to find out how we fit to the actual policy of the European Commission. Innovation, competitiveness e.a. are the main EU policy issues. These issues need to be addressed in the seminar. As well as how to create growth in economy by our professional tasks supporting growth, responsibility, qualification, e-administration and de-regulation. The last speech of G. Verheugen refers to these topics. It

can be found on the website <http://www.geometer-europas.org/> H. Elmstroem considers it as our core mission to prove that high education is basic for Europe to keep up the economy or to proof needs for regulation for the property market which is closely linked to the economy. The regulated part of the profession needs

to be addressed in the seminar as collecting data is no longer a skilled work. Georeferenced data relate to

Art 45 of the EU contracts. (see item 3 of the minutes of the Executive Board meeting in Innsbruck 2005).

G. Schennach refers to the discussion about cutting down the public sector that both sectors face challenges by having been mostly engaged in creating reference data in the past and this is going to be a lower qualified work due to sophisticated measuring devices and automatically processing facilities. The professionals on both sides need to focus more on e-business and providing quality and expertise for products developing from reference data.

The draft programme of the seminar was discussed and agreed (see attachment). The responsibilities for addressing the speakers are shown in the attachment. H. Elmstroem will talk to the KMS Deputy speaker to clarify if he or R. Sonney should speak. V. Slaboch will contact all the speakers and arrange for papers

and for proceedings. H. Elmstroem proposes to meet with J.-Y. Pirlot and V. Slaboch in Brussels in

October to discuss further details.

If the seminar should conclude in a CLGE statement, we need to prepare the main outline of the statement

in advance. The editorial group for the preparation of the outcome of seminar are: O. Schuster, H. Elmstroem, K. Rürup. V. Slaboch and J.-Y. Pirlot are responsible for everything else. V. Slaboch will prepare a proposal for the invitation and send it to the Executive Board for comments. Invitations will be

distributed to delegates, national associations asking them to submit it to their members, CEPLIS (members

and telegram), ECEC, EUROGI, EUROGEOGRAPHICS, EGOS, GE, FEANI, FIG, PCC, WPLA, Universities, FIG Com1 + 2.

Additional promoting will be done via national magazines and websites of national associations and pan-

European associations, J. Kavanagh will be contacted on behalf of RICS Europe.

## **5. Promoting CLGE in public**

V. Slaboch gives a online presentation about the status of the national websites within the CLGE website.

R. Sonney asks for a report by V. Slaboch about duties and activities taken for the maintenance of the

website. *Disc:* Minutes of the Executive Board meetings should not be accessible to the public. There are too many strategic and internal items in it.

M. Wijngaarde has drafted the CLGE leaflet, R. Dhur did not react to his contacts. The draft is very well accepted except the names of delegates, which should be skipped as they change too frequently. They are

obtainable from the website. The URL of the website will be added on a prominent position. Last page is suggested to be left blank for national information. Executive Board members are requested to send comments to M. Wijngaarde by 20 August 2005.

O. Schuster will send a proposal for some words about GE. G. Schennach will get an offer for printing 1000 copies. The final version will be presented to the General Assembly in Porto. Members will be given the opportunity to order copies for distribution among their members.

M. Wijngaarde has got a new sample for the CLGE tie. The rate for one tie incl. transport and tax will be around 6,--€ It is decided to order it. Ties will be sold for 5,--€tie at the General Assembly.

## **6. EU, GE and CEPLIS**

GE President O. Schuster reports about G. Greulich, who has now retired from his own firm and has written a paper about the education at universities in the US. There are some similar developments in Europe and therefore he has taken up several things from Europe.

Boston consultants who investigate how many people in Europe will buy big GPS devices contacted O. Schuster about the Market Report. The task for Boston consultants was to clarify the market for a take over of the SWISS Leica.

O. Schuster met in Brussels with the new manager of the new Belgian association. He is a former employee of the military service and he will start for the Belgian association from the 1 Sept 2005 and from October 2005 he will be working for GE for 10% of his time. On 23 June 2005 delegates of the three professional Belgian associations took part in an inter-cabinet meeting about plans of the French Community to allow people with lower education to become Geodetic Surveyor.

O. Schuster refers to the RICS newsletter European Alert (can be subscribed at [ea@rics.org](mailto:ea@rics.org)) edition July 2005 with the main essay on free market. It shows very clearly the gap between the market economy of the Anglosaxon and the professional orientated market in the rest of Europe. In Germany the government did not miss any chance during the last years to cancel the Dipl.-Ing. and to bring the level of qualification down to the US level.

O. Schuster was told yesterday that the Italian CNG wants to sign the Accord Multilateral. O. Schuster is invited to come to Rome on 14 Sept 2005 to give further information. Italy wants to get to high qualified professionals now. The Accord Multilateral gives all countries without legal regulations the chance for more rights to the professionals. The Italian follow the RICS schema as well as the Accord Multilaterale, this gives them the chance to upgrade the profession for one group of the professionals.

*Disc:* H. Elmstroem supports the idea to have an intermediate degree for students who drop out before the end of the studies.

O. Schuster informs about the Directive on mutual recognition, which seems to get forward. On 6 June 2005 the EC has adopted the proposal with qualified majority with the amendments as voted by the EP in the second reading on 11 May 2005. This latest proposal includes the possibility for submitting a Common Platform for Engineers (see FEANI monthly INFO FLASH no 23 on [www.feani.org](http://www.feani.org)).

The Directive of services is delayed by a lot of amendments by the EP concerning general items of interest. The process is going on.

## **7. European Network for GI (EGIN)**

already done under item 2 in the report given by G. Schennach.

## **8. Future events**

General Assembly in Porto. G. Schennach circulates maps and hotel brochures for Porto, which have been sent by J. Ferraz. The draft agenda as discussed. The elections are following the new statutes and therefore it is the second term of office now for R. Sonney and G. Schennach. H. Elmstroem will contact U. Sandgren to check if he is willing to be candidate for internal auditor again. R. Dhur informed R. Sonney that he wants to stay as internal auditor. A. Gaudet was announced to be candidate as Vice-President for professional affairs. V. Slaboch will inform until end of July about his plans to be candidate for Vice-President or not. M. Wijngaarde will run for a second term.

The Executive Board meeting is fixed to be held in Porto on Thursday 22 Sept 2005, 16.00 – 20.00 in the hotel. The CLGE Seminar will be discussed in extra item in Executive Board in Porto.

10-12 Oct 2005 in Sarajevo/Bosnia and Hercegovina, G. Schennach to attend the meeting and give a paper on professional issues.

4-6 Oct 2005, Intergeo in Düsseldorf/Germany, first time from Tuesday to Thursday. O. Schuster will chair a session on innovation policy, two persons from outside the profession will discuss.

23-25 Nov 2005, GIN Conference in Amsterdam/NL, M. Wijngaarde will attend the event

25 Nov 2005, 17,00 reception in DDL in Copenhagen by H. Elmstroem, details will be submitted

14-16 February 2006, GISSIT, Zurich/Switzerland

## **9. Any other business**

none

Gerda Schennach, Secretary-General of CLGE

*Enclosures: Draft Programme Seminar*

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