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# CLGE

# Working for a Profession

Jean-Yves Pirlot, CLGE President

17 - 18 October 2013

First FIG Young Surveyors Meeting in Europe



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# Leading Surveyors Association

- 36 Member countries
- + 3 Observing members
- 28 EU Members States
- >> 100.000 Surveyors
- Requires close cooperation
  - FIG, EGoS, ...
  - EuroGeographics, PCC
  - European Bodies
  - National Associations





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# One Profession

Civil Servants	Publicly Appointed	Regulated Profession	Free Market
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# CLGE: a definition

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- Promotes the Profession in the EU
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The individual Surveyors spread over now 36 member states are the final and most important beneficiaries of our activities.

CLGE also pursues more general aims such as:

- the **sustainable development**;
- **public and individual interests European Citizens.**





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# The Executive Board 2012 - 2014







# Strategic Goals of CLGE

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- Build a Professional image of the European of Surveyor, recognized by the national governments as well as the EU;
- Motivate young surveyors to become active within their national associations and hence within CLGE.
- Make sure that the CLGE members are satisfied with the performance of CLGE.



# Strategic Goals of CLGE

- Influence;
- Visibility;
- Renewal;
- Members Satisfaction.





# Strategic Goals: Influence

- Take part in the legislative process governing the exercise of the Surveying Profession at the European and national levels
  - Code of Conduct
  - European Real Estate Area Label



# European Code of Conduct

- The Code is published on the official website of the European Economic and Social Committee.
- We are monitoring:
  - The ratification process (adoption, transposition, acknowledgment, ...);
  - Its application by our members.



# European Code of Conduct



**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EUROPEAN SURVEYORS**  
**issued by the Council of European Geodetic Surveyors - Geometer Europas (CLGE - GE)**

**Preamble**

European Surveyors are professionals with the academic and professional qualifications and legal and technical expertise to undertake a range of surveying tasks (a non definitive definition of the profession is described in Appendix 1 to this Code of Conduct).

The work of European Surveyors is fundamental to the provision, delimitations, maintenance and enhancement of the economic, physical and social setting in which all human activities take place. In their roles within the environment, and the functioning of the legal systems of Europe, they recognise their basic responsibility to ensure the protection of both consumers and our unique environment. In this way, European Surveyors make an exceptional and vital contribution to the quality of life for all European consumers.

Their professionalism, skill, expertise and objectivity in achieving the efficient and effective planning and administration of the physical, social, legal and economic environment ensures the quality and sustainability of all of human activities undertaken within Europe. Thus, they have a clear and constant responsibility to the European Community, their respective governments, their clients and to the wider public, for the long-term well-being of both current and future generations.

Their professional expertise and independence which are underpinned by the highest levels of professionalism and ethical principles ensure the quality of surveying services. This is assured by the disciplinary regulations of their national associations, this Code of Conduct and, where appropriate, by legal authorisation and national regulations.



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# European Real Estate Area Label

- [www.euREAL.eu](http://www.euREAL.eu)
- A unified code for the measurement of surfaces in Buildings
- Embedded in European Law via the Inspire Directive
- Lead to the International Property Measurement Standards Coalition (IPMS)



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[www.eureal.eu](http://www.eureal.eu)





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# Global IPMS Coalition







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# Strategic Goals: Visibility

- Build a Professional image of the European of Surveyor, recognized by the national governments as well as the EU
  - House of the European Surveyor an GI;
  - Cooperation with GSA;
  - Prove our social relevance by highly visible projects.





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# House of the European Surveyor in Brussels





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# GSA & CLGE hand in hand





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# The European Space Expo moves to Budapest





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[www.BlueParking.eu](http://www.BlueParking.eu)

(GNSS surveys to map P for disabled people)



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# CheeHai TEO, FIG President

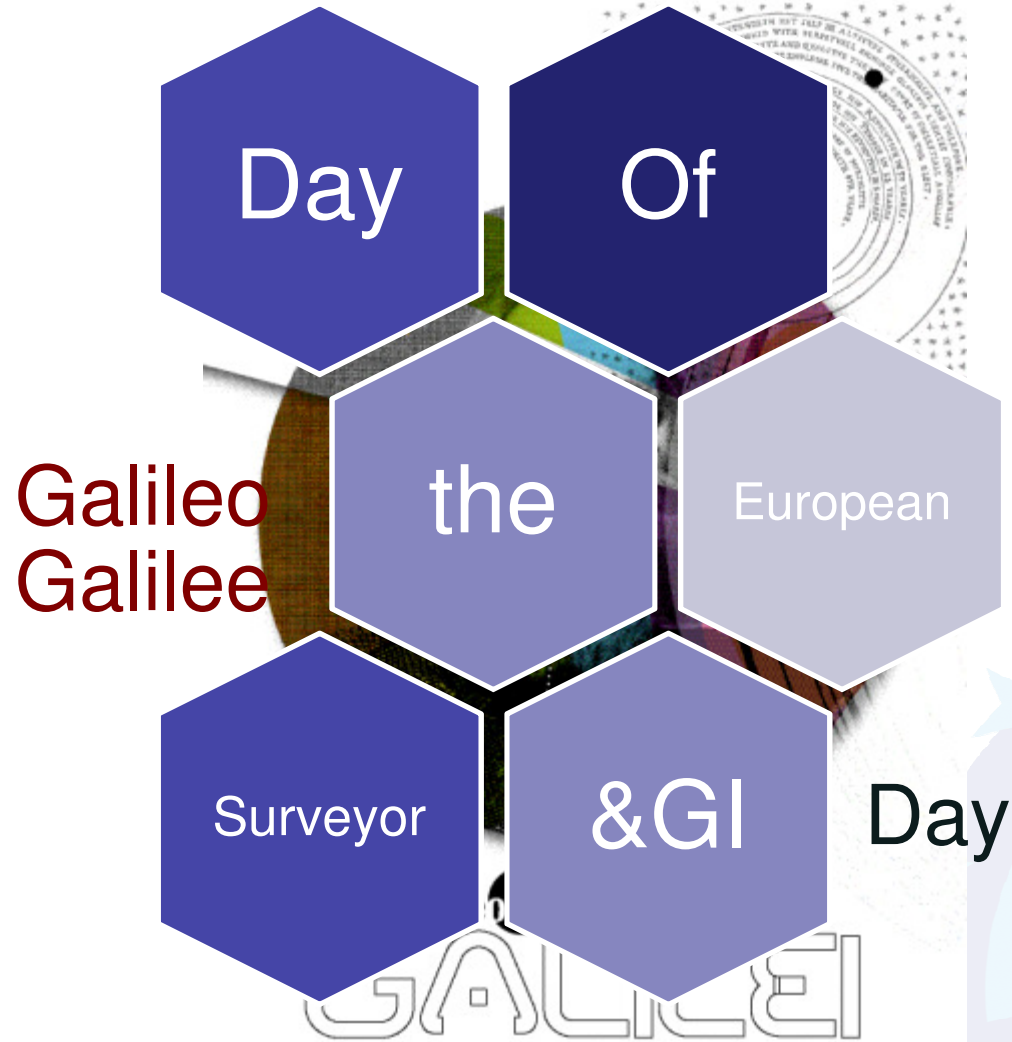






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# Budapest Declaration





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# CLGE Students' Contest & Meeting



See you in Berlin  
**INTERGEO 2014!**  
07 October



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# CLGE Students' Contest & Meeting





# Strategic Goals: Satisfaction

- Make sure that the CLGE members are satisfied with our performance







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# Introduction of WorkShops





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# GeoInformatics





An interview with the CLGE President Jean-Yves Pirlot

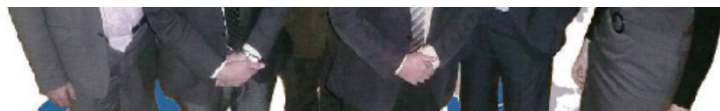
# Council of European Geodetic Surveyors Newsletter

This is the first contribution from the CLGE for GeoInformatics. As an introduction to the readers of GeoInformatics, CLGE President Jean-Yves Pirlot explains in detail what the organization is all about, such as its members and main activities.

By the editors



[www.geoinformatics.com/CLGE](http://www.geoinformatics.com/CLGE)



The CLGE represents 75 countries, distributed across the 27 EU states.

with the other young European institutions. Official history reports a first meeting in 1972, during the ICG congress held in Wiesbaden, Germany. However, older members of our association have mentioned other meetings, as early as 1962. We hope



# Twitter: CLGEPresident and \_CLGE

The CLGE France does not distinguish between the French and the other EU countries. As a result, the French and the other EU countries are represented in the CLGE Council, which is the main decision-making body.

## GeoInformatics: What's the aim of the Council of European Geodetic Surveyors?

Jean-Yves Pirlot: In a broad sense, CLGE is the leading surveyors association in Europe

### GI: ... moreover?

**Pirlot:** CLGE is the Council of European Geodetic Surveyors. The acronym stems from the French name Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens. In a broad sense, it represents the interests of the European surveyor on the whole continent. This means that our Council promotes the profession in the European Union as well as in the surrounding Council of Europe countries. Surveying includes Cadastral Surveying

which provides security to land and property title and thus underlies the economic foundation of developed societies. Moreover, Geospatial Information is now ubiquitous in our lives and the surveyor plays a fundamental role in this field. Both activities are strongly related because a well-managed cadastral is an ideal fundament for national Geo Data Infrastructures.

*Our tasks in property delimitation and Geoinformation management are strongly related because the cadastral is an ideal fundament for Geo Data Infrastructures.*

The individual surveyors are the first and most important beneficiaries of CLGE's activities.

However, the Council also pursues more general aims, such as the sustainable development of European society and the public and individual interests of European citizens.

It is important to note that we are representing the profession as a whole. This means that we have delegates from the private, the public and the academic sectors. For the time being, we are introducing a representation of the youngsters as well.

### GI: When and why was CLGE founded?

**Pirlot:** About 50 years ago, it became clear that the European countries, united within the worldwide organization FIG,

**Pirlot:** CLGE is still growing. As shown on the map (figure 1), we are represented in 35 countries. Amongst them we have the 27 EU member states as well as 8 Council of Europe countries. In each country we ask our member organizations to create a National Liaison Group. This group is represented by two delegates in our General Assembly, sharing one single vote. This approach promotes national cooperation.

### GI: How is it possible to become a member of CLGE and how are you recruiting new members?

**Pirlot:** Actually, the National Liaison Groups (NLG) are not yet completely built in all



member countries. This process is still ongoing. It means that candidate associations can always contact existing members of a given NLG and start negotiations to join CLGE. Normally, this does not interfere in these discussions in as much as they are by both parties. Not so long ago, the French Association for Topography started talks with our historical member CLGE (Ordre des Géomètres-Experts

(francais)). I am confident that they will join the French NLG soon. Others could follow.

*By requiring the constitution of National Liaison Groups, we foster the local cooperation amongst surveying associations. And it works!*

We are not really recruiting actively. All the Council of Europe members we come to suffice that the candidate associations represent the majority of the population within their country and organize themselves to follow the principles of CLGE. Once accepted they have to build a National Liaison Group, together with the sister organizations in their country.

European Surveyors, regardless where you are on March 5th, 2012, please celebrate your professional March 5th, 2012, 500 years Mercator, the First Day of the European Surveyor and GeoInformatics.



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CLGE - DVW  
INTERGEO 2013 + Lisbon  
Students' Contest

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# The CLGE Students' Contest 2013

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Leiv Bjarte Mjøs, CLGE Vice President

Dieter Seitz, CLGE Treasurer

Omar Pierre Soubra, Trimble

Prof. Dr. Gerd Buziek, esri

Prof. Dr. Karl Friedrich Thöne, DVW President



# What's at stake?

- Three prizes (papers in English)
  - Topography / Geodesy  
(€1000,- + **Trimble** event)
  - GIS / Mapping and Cadaster  
(€1000,- + **esri** event)
  - National and European Professional  
Engagement (€1000,- + CLGE programme)



# How it works

- Jury (Vetting Committee)
  - Chair Leiv Bjarte Mjøs
  - Experts from CLGE
    - Henning Elmstrøm
    - Pedro Ortiz Toro
    - Jens Riecken
  - Delegate from **Trimble**: Omar Pierre Soubra
  - Delegate from **esri**: Frank Holsmuller





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# Conclusion Awards Session

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Comité de Liaison

# CLO Award



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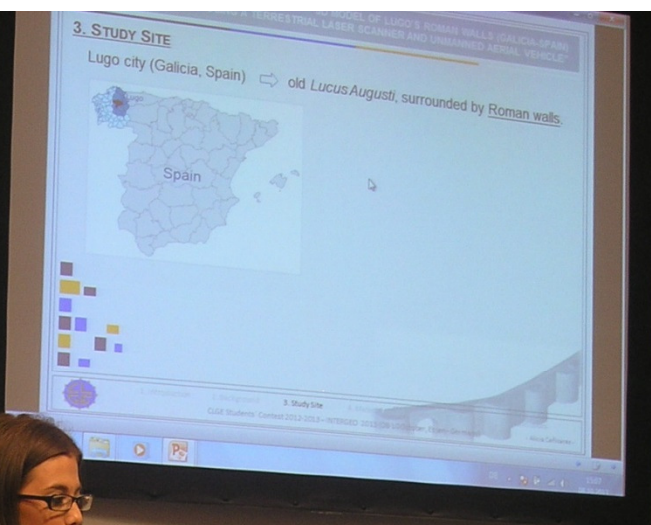


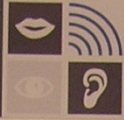
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Proximity  
Proactivity  
Professionalism

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**Surveyors Association**  
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Professional  
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Proactivity





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# CLGE Students Contest 2013 National & International Engagement

