



Report on Seminar held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Electra Palace Hotel, Thessaloniki, Greece.

Approximately 60 Greek professional surveyors and students, together with honoured guests attended the European Group of Surveyors seminar on matters concerning surveyors in Europe.

A full programme of subjects were presented by speakers from the EU and Turkey providing information of training courses, technical matters and education and mutual recognition of professional Qualifications for Surveyors.

The morning started with the President of EGoS Mr Randolph Camilleri from Malta introducing the honoured Guests and Speakers who would be contributing throughout the day.

- The President of HARSE ( Hellenic Association of Rural Engineers) Greece. Mr Stefanos Xekalakis
- The Vice President of FIG (International Federation de Geometres) Mrs Chryssy Potsiou and the President of Spatial Information Management (30 FIG Commission)
- Geom. Bruno Razza CNGGL ( Consiglio Nazionale Geometrie Geomtri Laureati) Italy. E-cadastre international surveying courses and services offered to surveyors supported by Ms Maria Grazia Scorza.
- Secretary General of EGoS and Vice President of FPWS ( Faculty of Party Wall Surveyors) UK. Mr Malcolm Lelliott. Party Wall matters and disputes in the UK.
- Professor Basil Psarianos of the National Technical University of Athens. "From Practice to Theory" Professional Qualifications.
- Mr William Cowap – Director of CICQ Ltd UK. Environmental Management Quality Assurance ISO 14001 and Quality Management for surveyors ISO 9001-2008.
- Mr Nikolas Kalamakis PhD. Member of HARSE. Common Topo-diagram and geo-information according to the INSPIRE Directive.
- Associate Professor Dr. Rahmi Nuran Celik of the Istanbul Technical University, Turkey. "Professional Opportunities for Surveyors"
- Mr Vassilis Oikonomopoulos – Civil Engineer and Past president of ECCE (European Council of Civil Engineers)



Mr Randolph Camilleri gave a brief presentation on the history, Objectives and Members of EGoS together with an outline of the co-operation with other bodies such as CLGE and FIG and a share in the House of Surveyors in Brussels.



Mrs Chryssy Potsiou gave a presentation on the work of FIG representing Geodetic Surveyors throughout the World on an International basis. Many of the European Organisations are represented on FIG including members of EGoS. FIG are proud of work that they have been embarking upon in connection with the formation of a new group for young surveyors. She was glad to learn of the co-operation between the organisations in Europe and welcomed future co-operation between FIG and EGoS.



Maria Grazia Scorza provided information on the Training courses for Surveyors. These have been developed on an international basis and delivered in English.

The courses are run over a month of theory and practical knowledge and mainly attended by surveyors from the Mediterranean countries.

Geom. Bruno Razza then gave an address on the role of the surveyors work in Italy and in particular to the Cadestra systems, National Building Registration in Italy and use of the internet for uploading the information from source.



Malcolm Lelliott provided a technical paper on the work carried out by a specialist sector of surveyors in the UK on Party wall matters dividing buildings under different ownership and the legal mechanism in place to deal with this work which is carried out by Surveyors.



Prof. Basil Psarianos gave a presentation on matters concerning the qualified surveyor and how to achieve recognition of professional qualifications under EU standards. The requirement included Education of the profession with a transparent surveying education. An assurance to meet the quality standards required and guarantees that grades meet the Education process. It is the responsibility of organisations, such as EGoS, to provide a registration process.



Bill Cowap's presentation was a practical one of a recognised Quality Assurance scheme for both Business Management process for Surveyors under ISO 9001-2008 and Environmental Management of the surveying process under ISO 14001-2004.

The affordable schemes have been developed for single operation or small surveying companies or Firms to help surveyors in the work place to achieve standards that are required in order to win work from government lead employers or larger private based organisations. Although written in English the schemes can be developed and used by any European surveyor.



Nikolas Kalamakis provided information on the latest development on the Geographic process under the INSPIRE directive.

The **INSPIRE (Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe) Directive** mandates all European Union Member States to provide environmentally related datasets so that they can be easily accessed by other public organisations within their own country, in surrounding European countries and by the European Commission for Europe-wide policy making. The initiative will provide web services allowing access to GI across all European member states.



Prof. Rahmi Nuran Celik gave an insight into the professional opportunities that surveyors can expect. To collecting data and using different instrument types and looking to the future and how the information might be used.



Vassillis Oikonomopoulos whose wide knowledge of the work of the Civil Engineer provided a glimpse of the Engineers role in the European scene and their education. One of the problems that has been implemented in Greece is the introduction of a free market on professional fees that is a cause of concern to all the professions.



Prior to the close of the formal proceedings Randolph Camilleri invited the President of HARSE Stefanos Xekalakis to say a few words and he thanked the attendees and hoped that they found the information provided of interest and help.



Randolph Camilleri had two duties to perform; firstly to arrange for the signing of the memorandum of understanding between VDV (Germany) and HARSE (Greece) and secondly – from left to right Stefanos Xekalakis, Wilfried Grunau.



to award certificates to Past Presidents of EGoS who were present at the meeting to:-  
Wilfried Grunau - President of VDV Germany  
Basil Psarianos (Greece)  
Kurt Rieder – Vice President VDV Germany.

There are also certificates for: Johan Vanvolsem (Belgium)  
Antonio Benvenuti (Italy)

The meeting closed with a word of thanks by Randolph Camilleri to HARSE President for their kind hospitality; to Nikolaos Zacharias for arranging the event and venue and finally to all the speakers and wished everyone for a safe journey home.

