

# MINUTES OF THE UMG EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday 26 January 2015, Ordre des géomètres-experts Head office - Paris (France)

#### **PARTICIPANTS:**

France: MM. François Mazuyer, Jean-François Dalbin, Luc Lanoy, Hervé Grélard

and Mrs Bénédicte Fournier-Schmitt Italy: Mrs Maria Grazia Scorza Lebanon: Mr. Antoine Mansour

Morocco: MM. Aziz Hilali and Khalid Yousfi

#### **APOLOGIZED:**

Algeria: Mr. Sidhoum Sebti Egypt: Dr. Dalal Sobhi Alnaggar Tunisia: Mr. Abdelaziz Nbiba

#### AGENDA:

- 1/ Presentation of the state of progress of the preparation of the 1st UMG Congress
- 2/ UMG website and congress
- 3/ Updating of the 1st congress draft budget
- 4/ Tribute to pay during the 1st congress
- 5/ Membership of new members
- 6/ Next General Assembly
- 7/Other items

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# 1/ Presentation of the state of progress of the preparations of the 1st UMG Congress

President Hilali reminds the decision to organize the 1st congress in Morocco during the last Executive Board meeting in Montpellier.

Therefore, a local organizing committee as well as an international organizing committee were set up with Mr.Khalid Yousfi, UMG treasurer, as the congress director.

Two towns could have hosted the congress: Marrakech and Tanger. Marrakech was privileged due to frequent air links.

The company First Class Travel based in Marrakech was selected, following a call for tenders, to take in charge all the deliveries of services in relation to the Marrakech convention centre, the venue of the congress, the accommodation, the social programme,...

President Hilali announces to the executive board members that the 1st UMG congress is placed under the High patronage of His Majesty the King Mohammed VI.

The UMG congress benefits from institutional supports (FGF, UAG and ONIGT) as well as from Moroccan public powers.

Considering the low number of registrations, the organizing committee suggests to the executive board to postpone the registration dates with lower fees until 22 February 2015.

Similarly as regards the proposals of articles related to the scientific programme, the organizing committee suggests to the executive board to postpone the date up to 3 February 2015.

A point is made on the sponsoring actions realized and the actions to be implemented to encourage the members of the UMG bodies to take part massively to the sponsoring actions.

As regards the promotion of the congress, president Hilali informs the EB members that the institutional partners, namely FGF and UAG, sent an invitation letter to all their members.

Concerning the registrations to the UMG congress, OGE indicates that it has put a communication on its website and engages itself to send a message to all the French licensed surveyors. A new relaunch will be made towards FGF members.

After discussion, the EB members decided what follows:

**Decision 1:** The Executive Board decided to approve the proposal of the organizing committee regarding the extension of the registration dates limits for reduced fees and the reception of abstracts as follows:

- Registration with reduced fees until 22 February 2015
- Reception of abstracts until 3 February 2015

#### 2/ Presentation of the UMG website

The congress director M.Khalid Yousfi presented the UMG web site as well as the portal towards the site of the UMG 1st congress. A demonstration for the registrations and the payments on line was made.

OGE commits itself to put the link of the UMG site on its web site as well as on FGF web site. The same recommendation was adopted by all the EB members.

### 3/ Updating of the 1st congress draft budget

Mr. Khalid Yousfi, UMG treasurer, also gave an account of the updated draft budget for the 1st UMG congress. 224 250,00 euros of receipts and 215 350,00 euros of expenses are planned, which makes a positive net result of 8900,00 euros.

As regards the membership fees, Mr. Khalid Yousfi informed the executive board that four members out of seven have honoured their commitment namely: ONIGT (Morocco), OGE (France), CNG (Italy) and OTL (Lebanon).

Concerning the financial support of the executive board members to the 1st UMG congress, as decided during the last meeting in Montpellier 10 September 2014 and as foreseen in the draft budget of the congress adopted by the executive board, Mr. Khalid Yousfi informs the executive board members that only ONIGT (Morocco) has paid 12000,00 euros.

After discussion, the EB members decided what follows:

**Decision2:** The executive board decided to chase up the rest of the members (Algeria, Tunisia and Egypt) for the payment of the overdue of their membership fees.

**Decision3:** Considering the state of progress of the preparations of the 1st UMG congress, the executive board decided to chase up again all the members for the payment of the sum of 2500,00 euros per country as financial support to the congress except ONIGT (Morocco) which has already paid 12 000,00 euros.

# 4/ Tribute to pay during the 1st congress

The executive board members have discussed on the opportunity to pay a tribute, during UMG 1st congress, to one person or many people who contributed to the UMG creation and who helped a lot the profession at the national level.

Considering the foreseeable absence of many founding members, it is decided not to pay tribute during the 1st congress. This initiative could however be implemented during the next congress.

# 5/ Membership of new members

In order to develop the UMG and to reinforce its influence, president Hilali suggests to contact again Mediterranean countries which are not UMG members. It was thus decided:

**Decision 4**: The Executive Board decided to contact other countries to attend the next general assembly and to join the UMG. The contacts will be made as follows:

- France will contact Spain, Malta, Cyprus and Croatia
- Italy will contact Greece
- Lebanon will contact Turkey

#### 6/ Preparation of the next General Assembly (17 April 2015 in Marrakech)

Following the decision of the EB which gathered 10 September 2014 in Montpellier and after discussions and debates, the members of the executive board approved the proposal of agenda, date and venue made by president Hilali for the holding of the next general assembly.

**Decision 5**: The Executive Board decided the holding of the next general assembly Friday 17 April 2015 in the Fès room of the Marrakech convention centre.

#### The items on the agenda are the followings

- Presentation and adoption of the President's policy report
- Presentation and adoption of the financial report
- Presentation and adoption of the plan of action 2015-2019
- Election of the new board
- Holding of the 2016 general assembly (date and place)

#### 7/ Other items

Vice president Mansour suggested to the EB members the town of Beyrouth (Lebanon) for the holding of the UMG general assembly in 2016 in parallel to the national congress of the Order of topographers of Lebanon.

As regards the frequency of UMG congresses, the EB members decided what follows:

**Decision6**: The executive Board decided that the UMG congress will take place every two years