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To the CLGE members, delegates and European Surveyors,

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On 2-3 December, the CLGE Executive Board met in Siek, near Hamburg in Germany.

It was the occasion to honor two long serving CLGE officials, Henning Elmstroem, Past President, living in the "nearby" Denmark, and especially, Volkmar Teetzmann, Past President of one of the German Member Associations of CLGE, BdVI, retired but very important and active Past CLGE Board Member.

Both strongly support the idea of the Day of the European Surveyor and GeoInformation and will of course be among the invited VIP guests to the ceremony.

During the Executive Board meeting, the full team (Pierre Bibollet and Danko Markovinović were on duty elsewhere and apologized) has recognized again that we are living a very deep crisis all over Europe. Some of our associations are very badly hit and their members are still struggling for economic survival.

In these hard times it is definitively not the moment to slow down our activity. On the contrary, more than ever we have to bring our profession on the radar of the EU establishment and our national governments.

Therefore it is very important that we fully cooperate on the preparation of this first Day of the European Surveyor and GeoInformation, on 5 March 2012.

We ask all our delegates to spread the news and to engage their national associations to prepare for this celebration.

Our plan is twofold:

- National activities
All over the European continent, Surveyors should wave our professional flag, honor the 500th Birthday of Mercator and organize something really special, that could raise the attention of our clients, the general public or both.
- Brussels celebration
In the afternoon and early evening, we will organize a come together in the very heart of Europe, Brussels. Of course, each CLGE member association can send us a delegation consisting of about four people. Feel free to register one or two delegates and for instance two Members of the European Parliament, national politicians or other relevant compatriots.



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You will understand that all this must be done in the coming weeks. Please keep us posted about what you're planning and the people we should invite. For obvious reasons, we ask you to send your guests and participants informal invitations. Your answers are requested not later than 4 January 2012.

In the name of the full Executive Board I seize the opportunity to wish you, your family and all those you're fond of a very Merry Christmas as well as a Successful and Happy New Year 2012.

If we do not meet in Brussels, we definitely will see us in Edinburgh, on 30-31 March 2012, invitations to follow soon.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JP', is written over a horizontal blue line. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract.

Jean-Yves Pirlot
CLGE President