

RESOLUTIONS

of the Fifth Coordinating Committee Meeting of THE STRUVE GEODETIC ARC in Oshmyany, Belarus, 3-5 July 2012

The delegates of the countries of the Struve Geodetic Arc - Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine - present in the Fifth Coordinating Committee Meeting of the Struve Geodetic in Oshmyany adopted the following resolutions.

Resolution No. 1

The Delegates of countries of the Arc

approved the updated version of the *Management Mechanism* for the Struve Geodetic Arc, *express their sincere thanks* to Saulius Urbanas for his activity chairing the Committee during the last four years and Arūnas Būga for arranging and making available to public the Committee's materials via „struvearc.wikidot.com“.

express appreciation on EuroGeographics assistance supporting an implementation of the Committee policies, facilitating communication from State parties.

elected prof. Dr. Yuriy Karpinskyi, Director of Research Institute of Geodesy and Cartography of Ukraine, as the new Chair of the Committee.

look forward to continue further involvement of Saulius Urbanas (EuroGeographics) in activities of Struve Geodetic Arc Coordinating Committee as Secretary General.

Resolution No. 2

The Delegates of the countries of the Arc

decided to support the initiative of Mr Jim Smith, Alan Wright, Jan de Graeve and Vitalij Kaptüg in their impressive research work for the Central European and 30 th Arc,

endorsed the Chair, Secretary General and other colleagues to prepare a stepwise workplan for a possible extension of the Struve Geodetic Arc in the northern and southern directions, further research of the Central European and 30th Arc. The plan will require an involvement of the authorities of the countries concerned, and provide guidelines for restoration of these Arc's geodetic sites.

Resolution No. 3

The Delegates of the Countries of the Arc,

recommend to continue an inventory and exploration of the poorly established and described Struve Geodetic Arc sites.

look forward for closer collaboration between national mapping authorities, national UNESCO committees, professional bodies and the national organisations, responsible for protection of antiquities, working together in restoration and preservation of all Struve Geodetic Arc sites.

Resolution No. 4

The Delegates of the Countries of the Arc,

recognize efforts from Estonia for preservation and restoration of the Tartu Old Observatory;

support the initiative in establishment of Struve Geodetic Arc exhibition in the Võivere Windmill;

suggest all State Parties to share with Estonian colleagues photos, pictures, reports or any other interesting materials, that might attract and promote Struve Geodetic Arc to ordinary visitors of the exhibition.

Resolution No. 5

The Delegates of the countries of the Arc

endorse the initiative of Russian State Party arranging a meeting of representatives of Russian, Norwegian and Swedish State Parties in Moscow aimed at organisation of a joint investigation during 2013 of the field stations of the Russian-Swedish measurements of degrees on Spitzbergen (Svalbard) at 1898-1902.

Resolution No. 6

The Delegates of the countries of the Arc

recognised good value in promoting Struve Geodetic Arc to wide public through producing collectables and *encouraging* all State Parties to look for new ways of initiating new attractive collectables to be produced.

Resolution No. 7

The Delegates of the countries of the Arc

welcome the proposal of the Delegation of Ukraine to host the next Coordinating Committee Meeting in the year 2014.

Resolution No. 8

The Delegates of the countries of the Arc

having their fifth Coordinating Committee Meeting in Oshmyany, Belarus, 2012,

thank most sincerely all the organisers for the excellent arrangements and sweet host of organising very interesting and successful meeting.