

RESOLUTIONS
of the Eighth Coordinating Committee Meeting of
THE STRUVE GEODETIC ARC
in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, 12-14 September 2018

The delegates of the countries of the Struve Geodetic Arc - Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Belarus and Moldova - present in the 8th Coordinating Committee Meeting of the Struve Geodetic Arc in Sankt Petersburg adopted the following resolutions.

Resolution No. 1

The Delegates of the countries of the Struve Geodetic Arc (further – SGA) *recognise good practice* of State Parties of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Latvia in producing Management Plans for the maintenance of SGA sites according to the UNESCO guidelines applied to World heritage objects, *encourage* all State Parties to progress concluding Management Plans by exploring the good practice.

Resolution No. 2

The Delegates of SGA *have been impressed* by the developments of the interactive map “Struve Geodetic Arc” (English, Russian), which was implemented by the St. Petersburg Association of Geodesy and Cartography and St. Petersburg State University, *support* the initiative and *encourage* the further popularization of the information about SGA by arranging the interactive map for a public launch in 2019.

Resolution No. 3

The Delegates of SGA *appreciate* the extended investigation of the tower of the church of St. Maurice, Estonia, in connection to the Struve Geodetic Arc works in 1826 – 1827, where the geodetic activities have been carried out by St. Petersburg Association of Geodesy and Cartography and kindly supported by the pastor of the St. Maurice church.

Resolution No. 4

The Delegates of SGA *appreciate* the good practice in a number of countries (Norway, Sweden, Finland, Lithuania) in arranging tourist routes and supplementing documentation (maps, descriptions) for touristic visits in the sites of SGA, *encourage* all State Parties to make efforts in raising an interest of SGA sites to tourists.

Resolution No. 5

The Delegates of SGA *strengthen* further collaboration with National UNESCO Commissions and the World Heritage Centre (further – WHC), *suggest* Chair and Secretary General to improve the information exchange between the communication channels on news, events and documentations related to the activities of State Parties, *consider* further investigation and consultation with the WHC on a type of references of other individual objects, such as the “small basis” of Pulkovo observatory, that might be associated to certain aspects of SGA.

Resolution No. 6

The Delegates of SGA *take into account* the recommendations from the Capacity building seminar for Site Managers of WH objects, organised by the National UNESCO Commission of Lithuania in Vilnius, 2017, *suggest* all State Parties taking efforts in strengthening the role of Site Managers of SGA, as guided by the recommendations of the seminar (<http://seminarforsitemanagers.eu/recommendations-2>).

Resolution No. 7

The Delegates of SGA

recommend all State parties taking efforts in arranging an official translation of the English version of the definitive description of the retrospective Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of SGA, which was approved at the 38th UNESCO World Heritage Committee in Doha, Qatar, 2014, also **suggest** the official translation shall be validated and published by the responsible national authority avoiding possible different interpretations of the OUV of SGA (referring to good practice of Lithuania and Norway).

Resolution No. 8

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appreciate the coordination by Saulius Urbanas for the maintenance of the SGA pages in the EuroGeographics website and Ivars Liepins monitoring the update of SGA pages in the wikidot website, **emphasize the demand (repeatedly)** for each State Party to provide national information updating the SGA pages in the wikidot website (struvearc.wikidot.com), **encourage** all State Parties to actively share information about national and international activities related to SGA and **kindly ask** to more actively provide information about SGA related activities to Chair and Secretary General assuring the actual information is available through the SGA webpages at the EuroGeographics website and wikidot.

Resolution No. 9

The Delegates of SGA

elect Mr Per Christian Bratheim from the Norwegian Mapping Authority as the Chair of the Coordinating Committee, **approve** the proposal of the Norwegian Mapping Authority to host the next Coordinating Committee meeting in the year 2020 in Norway.

Resolution No. 10

The Delegates of SGA

express their sincere thanks to

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