

RESOLUTIONS

adopted by the second **International Conference on the Struve Arc** held from 3. to 5. September 2003, in Minsk, Belarus.

The delegations of the countries concerned with the Struve Geodetic Arc from Fuglenaes at the Arctic Ocean to Staro-Nekrassowka near the Black Sea, all present in the Conference “Struve Arc – past, present, future”, proposed and adopted the following resolutions after visits and presentations.

1.

All delegations have received the updated version of Nomination of the Struve Geodetic Arc for inscription on the World Heritage List. All will report and propose eventual corrections and additions by the end of September 2003 to the representative of the National Land Survey of Finland (NLS).

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All delegates will submit the final document of the Nomination of the Struve Arc for Inscription on the World Heritage List to their authorities for signature and will send the signed documents to the representative of the NLS of Finland by the end of December 2003.

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In order to preserve Struve Arc points selected, all delegates recommend that a committee of the of the Struve Arc be created which would coordinate the activities of the ten countries in a manner beneficial in the long term preservation of the selected points of the Struve Arc. The committee will be composed of the representatives of the National Survey agencies of the ten countries and the International Institute of History of Surveying and Measurement. The committee will establish its rules of procedure. The committee will receive a yearly report from each of the countries on the state of conservation of the selected points. It will report periodically to the World Heritage Committee on the state of conservation of the Struve Arc as a whole. It may develop programs of the promotion of the Struve Arc by classic and new technologies. It may also develop a logo for the Arc. It may undertake other tasks as appropriate.

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On the proposal of the Delegation of Estonia all delegates endorse the proposal to preserve the Observatory of Tartu (Dorpat) and the living quarters of Georg Wilhelm Fredric Struve as a Museum of the Struve Arc.

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On proposal of the Delegation of Moldova to host the 2004 meeting in Moldova all delegations welcome the proposal.

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The delegations appreciate the large work, which has been recently carried out by the Committee on Land Resources, Geodesy and Cartography under Council of Ministries of the Republic of Belarus headed by Mr. Kuznetsov with the help of his colleagues, on restoration of the Struve Arc stations and promotion in the republic of this outstanding scientific technical event. The Delegations thank the Conference Organising Committee, the Committee on Land Resources, Geodesy and Cartography under the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.