

# RESOLUTIONS

of the first

Coordinating Committee Meeting

THE STRUVE GEODETIC ARC

in Helsinki, Finland, August 23 – 25, 2005

The delegates of countries of the Struve Geodetic Arc - Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russian Federation, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus and Republic of Moldova - present in the Meeting, adopted the following resolutions.

## Resolution No. 1

The Delegates of countries of the Arc

*recognising* that the World Heritage Committee has inscribed “The Struve Geodetic Arc” on The World Heritage List on its 29<sup>th</sup> Session in Durban, South-Africa, on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2005,

*express* their sincere thanks to the World Heritage Committee and all other organizations and persons involved into the nomination process; sincere thanks and best regards will be sent personally to DI Aarne Verio, who in his presentation in the Tartu Conference in 1993 initiated the idea to get The Struve Arc on the List,

*look forward* to continue the cooperation for the benefit and success of the Struve Arc as the World Heritage,

*state* to send the Resolutions of the Meeting to World Heritage Committee with the National Reports presented in this Meeting.

## Resolution No. 2

The Delegates of countries of the Arc

*noting* the *Management Mechanism* for the Struve Geodetic Arc, as agreed in the Moldova Conference,

*recognising* that this is the First Coordinating Committee Meeting arranged according the Rules of Procedure for *Management Mechanism*,

*endorse* to amend the Rules of Procedure for *Management Mechanism* by creating the Position of Expert Organization to the Coordinating Committee to be filled by FIG and other International Organisations such as IAG and IAU; respectively International Organizations within cultural discipline are welcomed to join into the work of the Coordinating Committee.

### **Resolution No. 3**

The Delegates of the countries of the Arc

*recognising* the importance of the University of Tartu and especially the leading role of the Observatory of Tartu as the “home” of the Struve Geodetic Arc at that time when the Arc was created and identically nowadays,

*encourage* and urge the Ministry of Culture in Estonia to do all in his power to financially assist the University of Tartu in the running of the Old Observatory in Tartu.

### **Resolution No. 4**

The Delegates of the countries of the Arc

*noting* the joint celebration and inauguration of the Struve Geodetic Arc in the connection of this Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> on the Finnish site Puolakka,

*look forward* to expand the knowledge and publicity of the Arc, and suggest that a single date be chosen for an inauguration and publicity day and initially suggest 17 June 2006. For that date one Struve point in each nation would be selected where official representatives would congregate and give a short message from those points via Television or as a Eurovision programme. Other Struve points can be opened separately on dates selected by each country.

### **Resolution No. 5**

The Delegates of the countries of the Arc

*Noting* the early proposals for a logo of the Arc,

*agreed* that further proposals can be sent addressed to the Board due 31 December 2005. Also the proposal that no logo at all is needed can be supported within the same time limit.

### **Resolution No. 6**

The Delegates of the countries of the Arc

*welcome* the proposal of the Delegate of Sweden to host the Coordinating Committee Meeting of the year 2006 in Sweden; tentatively within the first half of August and in the northern part of the country.

### **Resolution No. 7**

The Delegates of the countries of the Arc

*having* their First Coordinating Committee Meeting in Helsinki, in August 23 –25, 2005,

*thank* most sincerely the organisers for the most interesting visit to the Struve point Puolakka and express their thanks to Jarmo Ratia and Pekka Tatila for the organisation of the technical sessions and associated arrangements resulting in a most successful gathering.