

Governance – way forward

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Respect, stamina and belief



Yellow Crane Tower, Wuhan

It is believed that one day, an immortal being called Zi'an disguised himself as a poor man and wandered into Xin's wine store. Right away Xin, showing no judgement or prejudice, offered the man some free wine. The poor man came back day after day for several years and Xin always greeted him with the same warmth. One day, as the poor man left the store, he took some orange peel and drew a picture of a crane upon the wall. He told Xin that if he clapped his hands, the crane would come down from the wall and dance for him. Miraculously, what the poor man said was true and the dancing crane brought so much business to Xin that he soon became a very wealthy man. Ten years later, Zi'an came back to Xin's store, pulled out a flute and summoned the crane from the wall. The crane flew down, allowed Zi'an to mount it and together they flew off into the distance. To commemorate Zi'an and the crane, Xin built the Yellow Crane Tower.

Assessment – Norwegian Ministry of Foreign affairs

The NMA will sound out with like-minded states whether it is desirable to regulate international geodetic work, and their preferred method for doing this. It could also be appropriate to consult informally with the Ecosoc secretariat. Following such a clarification round, the NMA will consult the Ministry of Foreign Affairs over further handling of the issue.

Possible legal instruments

- Convention – very long term, legally binding for nations
- ECOSOC Code of Conduct – can be established faster, not legally binding, the text can say something about how the impact of the code of conduct shall be monitored and measures to compensate initiated
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Hubei Provincial Museum, Wuhan

Important to be specific

- What are the specific needs? Consultations must identify needs. A questionnaire?
- We must start formulating the articles regarding these needs as fast as possible, to help nations decide what is important to get in place
- Needs can be
 - Radio silence
 - Standards
 - Free GNSS-data
 - Open data sharing of specific data types
 - etc

Suggested decision

- The SCoG establish a Governance working group with the aim to investigate and implement improved governance structure (s) for the GGRF
- Other decisions?



Yue Fei (1103 – 1142 CE), Chinese national hero of the Song dynasty