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Dear Capt. Lefevre

Many thanks for your letter of 22 October 2012 in which you raise several issues regarding EUGIN using EMPA's mail address. First of all allow me to thank EMPA through you on behalf of all concerned with EUGIN for the many years that our organization has been allowed to use EMPA's address. We also thank you for relaying any mail that was received.

You are correct in stating that I have succeeded Capt. Rein van Gooswilligen as president of the European Group of Institutes of Navigation. With regard to the items raised in your letter I would like to mention the following. I have of course contacted my predecessor regarding the questions raised in your letter. He has confirmed that as far as our recollection goes it has always been understood that EUGIN would not use any EMPA office space but would use EMPA solely as a post address. Therefore no agreement exists between EMPA and EUGIN regarding use and payment for office space. Over the past years no such invoices have been sent by EMPA to EUGIN. Be assured that if any costs have been incurred in sending mail messages these will of course be reimbursed by us. We must however politely decline any responsibility for charges in arrears as mentioned in your mail.

We deduct however from your letter that you wish EUGIN to seek another mail address. We regret such decision on your behalf. Please note that we are currently in the process of finding a new address in Belgium and will do so as soon as time and possibilities permit. We would however very much appreciate if any mail reaching you until such process has been successfully ended will be sent through to EUGIN.

Best regards,


Prof. Dr. Krzysztof Czaplewski,
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