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MINUTES OF THE FIRST ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING

Number: 1

Date: September 5, 2006

Place: Geneva, Switzerland

Attendance:

<i>Robin Spence, President</i>	<i>Panayotis Carydis, Vice President</i>
<i>Martin Koller, Vice President</i>	<i>Roger Musson, ESC Representative</i>
<i>Mohamed Belazougui, Algerian Association for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Mikayel Melkumyan, Armenian Association for Earthquake Engineering</i>
<i>Rainer Flesch, Treasurer, Austrian Association for Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics</i>	<i>Marin Kostov, Bulgarian National Committee for Earthquake Engineering</i>
<i>Mihaela Zamolo, Croatian Society for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Vladimir Schenk, Czech Society for Mechanics</i>
<i>Mohamed Sobaih, Egyptian Society for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Philippe Bisch, French Association for Earthquake Engineering</i>
<i>Thomas Bistry, German Society for Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics</i>	<i>Guram Gabrichidze, Georgian National Committee of Earthquake Engineering & Engineering Seismology</i>
<i>Andreas J Kappos, Hellenic Society for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Laszlo P. Kollár, Hungarian National Committee for Earthquake Engineering</i>
<i>Edward Leibovich, Israeli Association for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Mauro Dolce, Ex. Com. Member, Italian National Association for Earthquake Engineering</i>
<i>Mihail Garevski, Macedonian Society of Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Amir Kaynia, Norwegian Society for Earthquake Engineering</i>
<i>Zbigniew Zembaty, Polish National Committee on Earthquake and Paraseismic Engineering</i>	<i>Carlos Sousa Oliveira, Ex. Com. Member, Portuguese Society for Earthquake Engineering</i>
<i>Emil-Sever Georgescu, Romanian Association for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Jacob M.Eisenberg, Russian National Committee for Earthquake Engineering</i>
<i>Emilia Juhasova, Slovak Association for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Matjaz Dolsek, Slovenian Association for Earthquake Engineering</i>
<i>Rafael Blazquez, Ex. Com. Member, Spanish Association for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Thomas Wenk, Swiss Society for Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics</i>
<i>Atilla Ansal, Secretary General, Turkish National Committee on Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Ahmed Elghazouli, The Society for Earthquake Engineering and Civil Engineering Dynamics</i>
<i>Alexander Khavkin, Association for Ukrainian Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Bozidar Pavicevic, Montenegrin Association for Earthquake Engineering</i>
<i>Radimir Folic, Serbian Association for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Ali Akbar Moinfar, Honorary Member</i>

Absentee:

<i>Peter Fajfar, Ex. Com. Member</i>	<i>Pierre-Alain Nazé, Ex. Com. Member</i>
<i>Themos Demetriou, Cyprus Civil Engineers and Architects Association</i>	<i>Ragnar Sigbjornsson, Icelandic National Society of Earthquake Engineering</i>
<i>Ahmad Naderzadeh, Iranian Society for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Marat Ashimbayev, Kazakhstan Public Regional Foundation for Development of Earthquake Engineering</i>

Prologue:

The first meeting of the Association Council of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering was held in the Geneva Yacht Club (La Nautique) in Geneva, Switzerland on Tuesday evening, September 5, 2006 between 20:00 and 22:00 hours on the occasion of the 1st European Conference on Earthquake

Engineering and Seismology. The Meeting started with the welcoming remarks of the Vice President Martin Koller and the Meeting was chaired by the President Robin Spence.

Agenda :

1. *Approval of the Agenda*
2. *President's Summary for 2002-2006*
3. *Vice President's Summary about 1ECEES (13th ECEE & 30th GAESC)*
4. *Summary of Central Office Activities for 2002-2006*
5. *Presentations by Delegates proposing to organize the 14th ECEE in 2010*
6. *Secret balloting to select the location of the 14th ECEE in 2010*
7. *Recommendations for the EAEE General Assembly*
8. *Election of Council Candidates for Executive Committee*
9. *Miscellaneous*

Item 1: The Proposed Agenda of the Meeting was approved.

Item 2: President welcomed all the Delegates and summarised very briefly the purpose of the Meeting.

Item 3: Vice President Martin Koller summarised the developments concerning the organization of the First European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology.

He explained briefly the difficulties encountered to harmonise the traditions of both organisers in conference details and also concerning the differences between administrative approaches of two associations. However, despite all the difficulties, moderate ways of solving all the problems were found and the organisers of 1st ECEES are supporting whole heartedly the continuation of the joint events.

Item 4: The *Report of the Central Office Activities for September 2002 – September 2006* was presented briefly by the Secretary General summarising the activities and present situation concerning to the Executive Committee Meetings, Memberships, Task Groups, Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering, Marie Curie Proposals, EAEE Newsletter and Webpage.

Item 5: The Candidate National Organisations to organise the next ECEE were: (1) Macedonian Society of Earthquake Engineering proposing Skopje and (2) Italian National Association for Earthquake Engineering proposing ROME as the venue to organise the conference in 2010. The Delegates of the candidates made presentations in alphabetical order starting with Italy.

Item 6: A secret balloting was conducted to determine the venue of the next ECEE. Skopje, Macedonia was selected as the city for the next European Conference on Earthquake Engineering by the majority vote of 25 to 14. Prof. Garevski, the President of the Macedonian Society of Earthquake Engineering expressed his thanks to all Delegates for selecting Skopje as the city for the 14th European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and he assured that they will do their best to achieve perfect organisation.

Item 7: Secretary General explained briefly the procedures for the General Assembly according to the recently adopted Statutes and the EAEE traditions. He summarised the Ex.Com recommendations to propose a draft list of candidates for both Executive and Audit Committees.

Item 8: The Association Council agreed to propose (Mauro Dolce, Rainer Fleisch, Andreas Kappos, Emilia Juhasova, Mohamed Belazougui, Jacob Eisenberg, Carlos Oliveira, Ahmad Naderzadeh) as possible candidates for the Executive and (Panayotis Carydis and Philippe Bisch) for the Audit Committees.

Item 9: Philippe Bisch made a brief presentation asking support to bring the WCEE to Europe to be organised in Nice, France in 2012.

Epilogue: The first meeting of the Association Council of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering held in Geneva was finalized. The evening ended with a joyful dinner hosted by Martin Koller and Domenico Giardini, the Co-Chairmen of 1st ECEES.

Atilla Ansal
Secretary General