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REPORT OF THE CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 2004 – NOVEMBER 2005

GENERAL

Most likely for the first time in EAAE history in accordance with the Executive Committee decision taken at the 4th Executive Committee Meeting (Item #7), Mrs. Gökçe Tönük was hired as a part time Secretary for the Central Office starting as of October 2004, using the available EAAE budget.

The main activities of the Central Office during this one-year term were:

- Organising the Executive Committee Meetings, drafting and dissemination of the Minutes,
- Drafting and submitting one Marie Currie Training Course Proposal to FP6,
- Conducting individual membership campaigns,
- Drafting and dissemination of the EAAE Newsletters,
- Correspondence with members, monitoring and updating membership records monthly,
- Updating of EAAE Internet web pages.

The Secretary General participated to:

- International Conference on 250th Anniversary of the 1755 Lisbon Earthquake, 1-4 November, 2005, Lisbon, Portugal;
- EAAE Workshop on Reducing Earthquake Risks in Europe, 31 October 2005, Lisbon, Portugal;
- General Assembly of International Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth's Interior, 2-8 October, 2005, Santiago, Chile;
- 16th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering, 12-16 September, 2005, Osaka, Japan;
- TC4 Satellite Conference on Recent Developments in Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering, 10 September, 2005, Osaka, Japan;
- Workshop on the Progress of the EuroSeisrisk Experiments, 21-22 June, 2005, Thessaloniki, Greece;
- International Conference on Problematic Soils, 25-27 May, 2005, Magosa, North Cyprus;
- General Assembly of the European Geosciences Union, 24-29 April, 2005, Wien, Austria;
- Invited Lecture in Institut Cartogràfic de Catalunya, 28 February 2005, Barcelona, Spain;
- International Symposium of Earthquake Engineering (ISEE2005), 13-15 January, 2005, Awaji Island, Japan;
- 2004 Taiwan Post-Disaster Reconstruction School, 21-23 September 2004, Mingdao University, ChangHua 523, Taiwan, R.O.C.

to represent EAAE and to attend Task Group meetings and technical sessions. He made brief presentations about the EAAE and about Task Group activities in some of these meetings.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Central Office organised with the support of Executive Committee Member, Prof. Oliveira, the Fifth Executive Committee Meeting on October 30, 2005 in Lisbon, Portugal.

The minutes of the Fourth Executive Committee Meeting held on September 15, 2004, in Potsdam, Germany during the 29th General Assembly of European Seismological Commission was drafted and forwarded to all the Executive Committee Members, National Delegates, Honorary Members, the representatives of ESC. They were also inserted in EAEE web pages.

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS OF EAEE

The Central Office sent out e-mail letters to Member Organisations every six months informing them about their membership dues. Most of the EAEE National Member Associations have paid their National membership dues for 2003 and 2004, however; there are still 10 EAEE National Associations (from Algeria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Iran, Kazakhstan, Romania, Turkey and Ukraine) that have not paid at all.

The Central Office have been continuously making efforts (campaigns) to increase the number of individual membership by sending invitation letters via e-mail to the participants of recently held conferences and to the members of EAEE National Associations. The number of individual membership has increased to 70 by the end of October 2005.

EUROPEAN SEISMOLOGICAL COMMISSION

The Secretary General has participated to the Meeting of ESC Council held on September 16, 2004 in Potsdam, Germany and ESC Executive Committee Meeting on October 5, 2005 in Santiago, Chile. He communicated with the ESC Secretary General and Executive Committee on different issue concerning the organisation of the joint conference in 2006. JOINT conference

WORKING GROUPS AND TASK GROUPS

During the past year as decided in the previous Executive Committee Meeting, Secretary General corresponded with Prof. Kyriasiz Pitilakis (Greece) concerning the future of the Task Group TG6 on "Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering and Microzonation". Prof. Pitilakis kindly accepted to act as the Coordinator of TG6. The EC approved the appointment of Prof. Pitilakis by postal balloting during 2005.

The TG8 on "Seismic Behaviour of Irregular and Complex Structures" has organised their fourth workshop during 26-27 August 2005 in Thessaloniki, GREECE with the support of Prof. Andreas Kappos.

The complete report is report of the meeting is available at <http://www.eaee.org> and will be included in the first issue of the EAEE Newsletter for 2006..

BULLETIN OF EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING

There has been a change in the manuscript submission procedure for the Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering, as of May 1, 2005, manuscript submissions and the review process is being monitored by the Springer Editorial Manager online peer review system.

The first two issues of Volume 3 are already printed and all the manuscripts for Volume 3 were forwarded to Springer in July, 2005. Springer will submit Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering to ISI for the science citation index once the third issue is printed. Starting from 2006, it was decided based on mutual agreement with Springer that Volume 4 of BEE will consist of 4 issues.

Agreements have been finalized to have three special issues during 2006 and 2007; 2 from the Risk-EU project with Guest Editors Benoît Le Brun and Robin Spence and one from the special sessions held during the EGU General Assembly on "Natural Hazards' Impact on Urban Areas and Infrastructure" with the Guest Editor Maria Bostenaru Dan.

Up to present 83 manuscripts were submitted to BEE for publication. Almost all of the papers were reviewed by two referees. 40 manuscripts have already been published. 18 manuscripts are under review and 23 manuscripts were declined and 2 manuscripts were withdrawn by the authors.

Plans are in progress to establish a secure server in the Central Office to support the electronic subscription of EAEE individual members. The new EAEE server will be connected to the internet via the national ADSL system and will be the main location for the EAEE web pages as well as for the BEE secure site for individual EAEE members with electronic subscription to connect using specially designated passwords to download BEE articles.

MARIE CURRIE TRAINING COURSE PROPOSAL TO FP6

The Secretary General with the collaboration of EAEE Task Group Coordinators and Executive Committee members (Professors N.Ambraseys, R.Spence, R.Flesch, M.Dolce, C.Syrmekezis, K.Pitilakis, A.Castellani, A.Martelli A.Rutenberg, N.Aydinoglu, and M.Erdik) has drafted a FP6 Project Proposal to Marie Curie program (European Training Courses on Earthquake Engineering, ETCEE) for conducting training courses on eleven topics as listed below:

A proposal was submitted to 6th Framework Programme for Marie Curie Actions in May 2005 to organise 11 training courses on: (TC1) Performance Based Seismic Evaluation and Design; (TC2) Strong Ground Motion Simulation; (TC3) Structural Vulnerability and Earthquake Scenario; (TC4) Earthquake Scenarios, Early Warning and Rapid Response Applications; (TC5) The Evaluation and Strengthening of Existing Buildings; (TC6) Seismic Isolation of Structures and Innovative Antiseismic Techniques; (TC7) Site Effects and Seismic Microzonation; (TC8) Seismic Design and Retrofitting of Irregular and Complex Structures; (TC9) Dynamic Response of Structures to Seismic Loading; (TC10) Repair and Strengthening in Seismic Regions; (TC11) Earthquake Protection of the Cultural Heritage. The partners and organisers of the training course were: 1.Bogaziçi University, Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute, Turkey; 2.University of Basilicata - Department of Structures, Geotechnics, Engineering Geology, Italy; 3.University of Cambridge, Cambridge Uni. Department of Architecture, United Kingdom; 4.ENEA, Italy; 5.Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Auth), Laboratory of Soil Mechanics, Foundation and Earthquake Engineering, Greece; 6.The University of Florence, Italy; 7.Arsenal Research, Austria; 8.University of Trento, Italy; 9.National Technical Uni. of Athens, School of Civil Engineering, Institute of Structural Analysis and Aseismic Research, Greece. The Central Office was informed by the related EU Project Officer on August 25, 2005 that the submitted proposal has failed to pass the threshold levels and was declined.

NEWSLETTER

The Central Office drafted and disseminated the first two issues of the EAEE Newsletter. In these two issues brief information were given concerning the member Associations from Germany, Austria, Croatia, Georgia, and Italy. There were also articles concerning the *EAEE Earthquake Protection Policy Statement*, *International Partnership Advocating Global Earthquake Safety*, *Progress Report For the Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering for the Period of 2002-2005*, and *concerning the FP6 project proposal on European Training Courses on Earthquake Engineering (ETCEE)*.

INTERNET - WEB

The Internet-EAEE web pages created in 1995 were updated continuously.

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