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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Number: 3

Date: September 23, 2012

Place: Lisbon, Portugal

Attendance:

Mihail Garevski, President
Martin Koller, Vice President
Atilla Ansal, Secretary General
Andreas J. Kappos, Secretary
Zygmunt Lubkowski
Carlos Oliveira
Alain Pecker

Absentee:

Mauro Dolce, Vice President
Rainer Flesch, Treasurer
Pierre - Yves Bard, ESC Representative

Prologue:

The third meeting of the Executive Committee of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering for 2010-2014 Period was held in Lisbon, Portugal on Sunday September 23, 2012 between 14:00 and 19:00 prior to the 15th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering. The Executive Committee meeting was chaired by the President.

Agenda:

1. *Approval of Agenda*
2. *President's welcome and summary of his activities*
3. *Secretary General's report on 33rd ESC General Assembly, Moscow*
4. *Preparations toward 2ECEES, 2014 in Istanbul*
5. *Central Office Activities for 2011-2012 term*
6. *Working Groups' Activities by A.Kappos*
7. *EAGE Prof. Nicholas Ambraseys Lectureship for 2014*
8. *The role and participation of EAGE in EU Projects*
9. *Next Meeting Location & Miscellaneous*

Item 1: The proposed Agenda of the Meeting was approved by all Executive Committee Members present.

Item 2: The President welcomed the members to the Third Executive Committee Meeting for the 2010-2014 Period.

He expressed his thanks to all Executive Committee Members for their participation as International Organizing Committee of the International Conference on Earthquake Engineering that will be held in Skopje between 29 and 31 May in 2013.

Item 3: The Secretary General shared his opinion and the details of the 33rd General Assembly of the European Seismological Commission held in Moscow in August with some photos of the event. Second Prof. Nicholas Ambraseys Distinguished Lecture was presented in Moscow by Prof. Ezio Faccioli. Even the lecture was scheduled on Tuesday (second) morning as a Keynote Lecture, participation was limited. Secretary General mentioned that in general the participation was less than previous ESC Assemblies. One reason he thought was that it was an expensive event for European researchers and besides even the organizers of the General Assembly reported the participation as 500, around 300 were Russian and there were a lot no shows among them. Ambraseys Lecture by Prof. Faccioli was arranged to be published as a paper in Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering.

Item 4: The Secretary General informed the Executive Committee about the preparations of the 2nd European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology to be held in Istanbul between dates August 24-29, 2014.

The first announcement of the Conference was presented to the Executive Committee which will be distributed by the conference promotion desk during the World Conference on Earthquake Engineering. The promotional video prepared was also displayed every possible occasion to increase the attraction to the Conference.

First Announcement includes general information like the dates, venue, website, scope and topics of the conference. Only local committees and authorities were included in the First Announcement and the international committees will be included in the Second Announcement. Atilla Ansal gave some information about the local committees and their duties. He pointed out that some differences in the ESC and EAEE rules need still to be solved: e.g., invited lectures, abstract book vs. paper proceedings, session organizers, reviewing process, etc. Additionally, ESC has very strict General Assembly organizing requirements to be fulfilled, like Young Seismologists Training Course. The registration fee was reported to be of the order of 500 Euros. The conference venue which is close to Taksim square with a full range of accommodation alternatives can host 15 parallel sessions at maximum. Some additional rooms will be also arranged for the extra committee meetings.

The Executive Committee advised to write the name of Dr. Murat Nurlu, ESC Vice-President as the Co-Chairman of the Conference and reminded that due to ESC tradition abstract submission date needed to be extended. Executive Committee Member Zygmunt Lubkowski warned that since the week of the Conference is still holiday season, it is better to book hotels one year ahead for enough accommodation.

Item 5: Secretary General presented the Report of the Central Office Activities for September 2010 – September 2012 term partly presented in the previous Executive Committee Meeting and summarised the main activities of the Central Office during this period.

Secretary General participated to ESC Executive Committee Meeting on August 19, 2012 and to ESC General Assembly on August 23, 2012 in Moscow. He reported changes in the ESC Executive Committee and the situation about the joint working groups. Two working groups

(01-08 Strong motion data from Europe, the Mediterranean and the Middle East, 03-08 Earthquake risk reduction in built cultural heritage in the Mediterranean Basin) were dissolved and only one joint working group (04-07 Macroseismic field work practices) remained.

Italian Association ANIDIS decided to adopt the new proposal (15€/member) and subscribed 174 of its members as subscribing EAEE members. Some other national associations have the same tendency.

BALANCE FOR MAY 2011	12,983.27 €	
	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Membership fees from		
<i>National Members</i>	1,725.50 €	
<i>National Members (BEE Subscribed Members)</i>	2,609.70 €	
<i>Corporate Members</i>	245.00 €	
<i>Individual Members - Electronic Subs.</i>	2,105.12 €	
<i>Individual Members - Paper Copy Subs.</i>	1,399.50 €	
<i>Individual Members - Electronic+Paper Copy Subs.</i>	712.50 €	
ECEE - EAEE Contribution	2,388.00 €	
Office Expenses		
<i>Auditing Cost</i>		505.79 €
<i>Ambraseys Lecturer Expenses</i>		1,385.88 €
<i>Ex. Com. Meeting Expense</i>		973.75 €
<i>Website design + Award</i>		1,029.36 €
<i>Rate for bank account and interest</i>		195.25 €
SPRINGER		
<i>Hard Copy</i>		3,331.00 €
<i>Electronic (2011)</i>		750.00 €
SUM	24,168.59 €	8,171.03 €
DIFFERENCE	15,997.56 €	
SPRINGER DEBT (Hardcopy + Electronic 2012)	1,250.00 €	
BALANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 2012	14,747.56 €	

The Secretary General summarised the situation with the Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering, BEE. He presented the numbers of submitted, published, in printing, under review, declined and withdrawn manuscripts and compared with the total and summarised the new Special Issue proposals received during this period.

Item 6: Andreas Kappos as the Secretary of the Executive Committee is responsible from the WGs. He summarised the current state and the situation of each WG. The situation of inactive TGs was discussed by the Committee Members. The decision of the Committee Members was as follows: inactive groups should be terminated as soon as possible with the deadline of 2ECEES in Istanbul. It was also decided that on the website and in the statutes name "TG" should be changed with "WG".

Item 7: By the suggestion of Martin Koller, Executive Committee agreed to continue with the previous Awards Committee one more time for the selection of the third Prof. Nicholas Ambraseys Distinguished Lecture that will be presented during 2nd European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology to be held in Istanbul. The Committee was composed of A. Ansal, A. Kappos, M. Koller, A. Pecker, and D. Slejko as a member from ESC as the fifth Committee member.

Secretary General shared his concern about giving the Lecture during ESC General Assemblies after the first experience of Moscow. Since there were none of the Executive Committee Members in Moscow, he was hesitant about being in an ESC General Assembly. He mentioned about the organizational difficulties (arranging the lecturer's participation, scheduling the lecture, supporting the accommodation and travel expenses of the lecturer, etc.) and reminded that someone from the EAEE Executive Committee will need to be there for the coming years at least for the Award Ceremony.

Item 8: The role and participation of EAEE in EU Projects was discussed by the Executive Committee. As a mutual agreement, it was decided that EAEE should not take an active part in EU Projects unless the involvement is as training or networking activities. The idea of encouraging WGs to write proposals to EU projects which may finance WG activities was again stated. By this way, EAEE can support WGs by taking place in dissemination of these projects.

Secretary General recommended applying one more time for the Marie Curie training projects with a joint proposal of EAEE, ESC and some other groups. Previously, EAEE made two efforts in 2005 and 2006 and submitted Marie Curie Training Course Proposals. Reasons why these applications were rejected was discussed, which were the "very strong involvement of EAEE" for the first application and "not detailed seminar program" for the second application. The third application was planned to be based on the example of SECED courses that are given by a mixture of academicians and engineering practitioners. Involvement of partners from practice like ARUP (their asset is to have offices in many European countries) would increase the value and impact of the courses. It was decided that lobbying is an important part of the project application. Executive Committee Member Zygmunt Lubkowski stated that it is worth to talk someone succeeded to learn what they did different.

Item 9:

- The President, Mihail Garevski informed the Executive Committee about the email letter by Prof. Haluk Sucuoğlu dated 3rd September 2012, which was about the representation of Turkey in EAEE. On the matter of the expression of interest by the Turkish Society of the Earthquake Engineering, the Executive Committee has first heard the position of Atilla Ansal on the matter, who later excluded himself from the remaining discussion and left the room.

The remaining members of the Executive Committee, after deliberating on the issue, decided that according to the statutes of the EAEE there can only be one National Member from each country and such a member, fully fulfilling the requirements of the Association, already exists from Turkey (i.e The Turkish National Committee of Earthquake Engineering). There are no provisions in the statutes for removing and/or replacing existing National Members. This was the case the recent past with Greece, where in the existing National Member was replaced by the newly formed HSEE, only after the agreement of the existing National Member. The Executive Committee will be happy to receive in the future such a consensus proposal from the Turkish organisations in the field of Earthquake Engineering.

- It was decided to have the next Executive Committee Meeting in Paris, France on September 1, 2013 during the ICSMGE Conference.

Epilogue: The third meeting of the Executive Committee of the EAEE held in Lisbon ended with thanks of the President to Secretary General and Carlos Oliveira for the organisation of the meeting and all participating members.

Atilla Ansal
Secretary General