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MINUTES OF THE EAAE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Number: 15

Date: August 28, 2014

Place: Istanbul, Turkey

Attendance:	
Delegates of National Members:	Individual Members:
<i>Mohamed Farsi</i> , Algerian Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering	<i>Gunther Aehs</i>
<i>Rainer Flesch</i> , Austrian Assoc. for EQ Engng. and Structural Dynamics	<i>Atilla Ansal</i>
<i>Philippe Bisch</i> , French Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering	<i>Kuvvet Atakan</i>
<i>Christoph Butenweg</i> , German Soc. for Earthquake Engng and Structural Dyn.	<i>Mohamed Belazougui</i>
<i>Elizabeth Vintzileou</i> , Hellenic Society for Earthquake Engineering	<i>Rita Bento</i>
<i>László P. Kollár</i> , Hungarian National Com. for Earthquake Engineering	<i>Katrin Beyer</i>
<i>Mauro Dolce</i> , Italian National Association for Earthquake Engineering	<i>Gabriela Craifaleanu</i>
<i>Ahmad Naderzadeh</i> , Iranian Society for Earthquake Engineering	<i>Dina D'Ayala</i>
<i>Zoran Milutinovic</i> , Macedonian Society of Earthquake Engineering	<i>Peter Fajfar</i>
<i>Jankovic Srdjan</i> , Montenegrin Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering	<i>Mauro Dolce</i>
<i>Kuvvet Atakan</i> , Norwegian Society for Earthquake Engineering	<i>Michele Fardis</i>
<i>Zbigniew Zembaty</i> , Polish National Com.on Earthquake and Paraseismic Eng.	<i>Rainer Flesch</i>
<i>Luis Guerreiro</i> , Portuguese Society for Earthquake Engineering	<i>Mihail Garevski</i>
<i>Emil-Sever Georgescu</i> , Romanian Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering	<i>Martin Koller</i>
<i>Peter Fajfar</i> , Slovenian Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering	<i>Zoran Milutinovic</i>
<i>Alex Barbat</i> , Spanish Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering	<i>Baki Öztürk</i>
<i>Thomas Wenk</i> , Swiss Society for EQ Engng. and Structural Dynamics	<i>Andreas J Kappos</i>
<i>Mustafa Erdik</i> , Turkish National Com on Earthquake Engineering	<i>Alain Pecker</i>
<i>Ahmed Elghazouli</i> , The Society for EQ Engng. & Civil Engng. Dyn.UK	<i>Kyriazis Pitilakis</i>
<i>Kostyantyn V.Iegupov</i> , Association for Ukrainian Earthquake Engineering	<i>Philippe Renault</i>
	<i>Carlos Sousa Oliveira</i>
Delegate of Corporate Members:	<i>Anastasios Sextos</i>
<i>Rainer Flesch</i> , Austrian Institute of Technology	<i>Robin Spence</i>
	<i>Gökçe Tönük</i>
	<i>Helmut Wenzel</i>
	<i>Zygmunt Lubkowski</i>

Prologue

The Fifteenth General Assembly of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering was held in Lütfi Kırdar Congress Centre in Istanbul, Turkey on Thursday evening, August 28, 2014 on the occasion of the 2nd European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology. The General Assembly started with the welcoming remarks of President Mihail Garevski at 19:30 pm once the attendance was sufficient in accordance with the list of participating Delegates and Individual members.

The Agenda:

1. Welcome - Approval of the Agenda
2. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary for the GA
3. President's Report for 2010-2014
4. Report of Conference Organization
5. Report of the Central Office Activities for 2010-2014
6. Audit Committee Report
7. Elections of the Executive Committee
8. Elections of the Audit Committee
9. Election of Honorary Members
10. Miscellaneous
11. Closure

Item 1: The Draft Agenda was approved.

Item 2: Mihail Garevski, Atilla Ansal and Gökçe Tönük were elected as the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and as the Secretary for the General Assembly.

Item 3: The President, Mihail Garevski thanked all the Delegates and Individual Members for their participation to the General Assembly, and to the Executive Committee Members, especially to Secretary General for their support in his four-year period of presidency. The President briefly summarized the activities related to the Executive Committee Meetings, the publication of the Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering and the book series on Geotechnical, Geological and Earthquake Engineering. He stressed the importance of the regional seminars and joint conferences with ESC. He explained the outcome of the joint EAEE-ESC Executive Committee Meeting to establish a joint committee to prepare the Guidelines for the European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology.

Item 4: Atilla Ansal, as the Co-Chairman of the organising committee of 2ECEES gave a brief report concerning the activities and organisational issues related to the conference. He explained the major elements of the conference program. He summarised the number of participants, the numbers of oral and poster presentations. He mentioned that the presence for oral presentations were in the order of 90% in average while for poster presentations this ratio drops to approximately 60%.

Item 5: The Secretary General presented the Central Office Report for 2010 – 2014 term concerning the activities related to Executive Committee Meetings, Member Associations, Individual Members, Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering, EAEE web pages, Springer Book Series, EAEE Newsletter.

The Secretary General presented the Proposed Activity Plan for the 2014-2018 term with respect to different items as:

1. Executive Committee Meeting every year,
2. Improvement of Working Group activities
3. Publication of Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering
4. Book Series on Geological, Geotechnical, and Earthquake Engineering.
5. Regional seminars for young engineers and scientists every year,
6. A joint committee with ESC to draft the Guidelines for Joint Conferences

Presented activity reports for 2010-2014 term and the proposed activity plan for 2014-2018 were approved by the unanimous vote of the Delegates and Members present in the General Assembly.

Item 5a: The Secretary General briefly presented the income and expenditures for the 2010-2014 period in terms of balances for the four years as given in Table 1.

Table 1. Balance Totals for the years of 2010-2014

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>INCOMES (EURO)</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES (EURO)</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
1.1-31.12.2011	31.12.2010 Transferred Cash	8511.93	Springer	1700.00
	Fee Income for the year of 2011	6269.17	Travel Expenditures	-
	ECEE - EAEE Contribution	2388.00	General administration expenditures	1509.75
			Bank Charges	346.26
	TOTAL	17169.10	TOTAL	3556.01
				€ 13,613.09
1.1-31.12.2012	31.12.2011 Transferred Cash	13613.09	Springer	2381.00
	Fee Income for the year of 2012	8330.45	Travel Expenditures	1385.88
			General administration expenditures	1535.15
			Bank Charges	103.95
	TOTAL	21943.54	TOTAL	5405.98
				€ 16,537.56
1.1-31.12.2013	31.12.2012 Transferred Cash	16537.56	Springer	-
	Fee Income for the year of 2013	8903.51	Travel Expenditures	-
			General administration expenditures	504.08
			Bank Charges	234.71
	TOTAL	25441.07	TOTAL	738.79
				€ 24,702.28
1.1-26.08.2014	31.12.2013 Transferred Cash	24702.28	Springer	4157.00
	Fee Income for the year of 2014	10753.65	Travel Expenditures	-
			General administration expenditures	674.05
			Bank Charges	364.55
	TOTAL	35455.93	TOTAL	5195.60
				€ 30,260.33

Bank Balance for August 20, 2014	€ 30,260.33
Springer Debt (Hardcopy+Electronic 2014)	€ 3,866.00
Total Balance for August 20, 2014	€ 26,374.33

Item 5b: Emil Sever Georgescu and Ruholf Heuer as the Audit Committee were asked previously by the Secretary General for auditing EAEE Budget. Emil Sever Georgescu presented the audit report and noted the following:

- Starting from 2007, annual financial reports of EAEE have been audited for each year.
- There are no assets of the Association or an employee at the moment. (Conditions for future employment should be clarified.)
- All documents (invoices & incomes) are kept available.
- All bank statements are kept available.
- Status of payment of membership fees (national, corporate and individual members separately) are listed.
- Membership fees are not always allocated to the year of membership. However, there is a progress in recent years.
- A follow-up of the budget has been organised on a periodic basis.

Item 5c: Proposed Draft Budget for 2014-2018 period was summarised as given in Table 2.

Table 2. Budget Proposal for the years of 2014-2018

YEARLY	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Balance from 2010-2014 term	€ 27,000	
Membership fees from National Members	€ 25,000	
Corporate Members	€ 1,000	
Individual Members – Paper Copy	€ 6,000	
Individual Members – Electronic	€ 10,000	
15 ECEE	€ 2,000	
Support to Ex.Com Members		€ 2,000
Office expenses		€ 5,000
Springer-Electronic		€ 13,000
Springer-Hard Copy		€ 10,000
SUM	€ 71,000	€ 30,000
DIFFERENCE		€ 41,000

Presented financial reports for 2010-2014 period and proposed draft budget for 2014-2018 was approved by the unanimous vote of Delegates and Members present in the General Assembly.

Item 6: Secretary General announced retiring Executive Committee Members and explained how the list of nominees was prepared. The election of the new EAEE Executive Committee was conducted. In accordance with the EAEE tradition, Atilla Ansal, from the country organizing the conference was nominated for the presidency, Mihail Garevski, the acting president, was nominated for the first vice-presidency of EAEE. Kyriazis Pitilakis, as the Chairman of the country selected for hosting the next conference in 2018 was nominated for the second vice-presidency. Andreas Kappos was proposed as the Secretary General. An open balloting was conducted by raising hands for each post after each nomination. All the nominees were elected to the proposed posts for 2014-2018 by the unanimous vote of the Delegates and Members present, without any abstentions.

For the election of the additional five active and three reserve Executive Committee members; Alain Pecker from France, Christoph Butenweg from Germany, Carlos Sousa Oliveira from Portugal, Mauro Dolce from Italy, Matej Fishinger from Slovenia, Zygmunt Lubkowski from UK, Mohamed Belazougui from Algeria, were nominated for the Executive Committee memberships. After each nominee introduced himself and expressed his motivation for being an Executive Committee Member, a secret balloting was conducted for the active five positions. Mauro Dolce received (155), Christoph Butenweg received (144), Alain Pecker received (143), and Zygmunt Lubkowski received (124) and Carlos Sousa Oliveira received (95) votes and were elected as the new Executive Committee Members. Matej Fischinger with (52) votes and Mohamed Belazougui with (50) were elected as the two reserve Executive Committee Members according to the EAEE Statutes.

Item 7: For the election of the two Audit Committee members; Emil Sever Georgescu from Romania, Rudolf Heuer from Austria were nominated. A secret balloting was conducted

and Emil Sever Georgescu received (156) and Rudolf Heuer received (156) votes and were elected as the Audit Committee Members for the 2014-2018 term.

Item 8: Emil Sever Georgescu proposed Dr. Horea Sandi for his contributions and devoted efforts in the field of Earthquake Engineering as the new Honorary Member of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering and he was approved as an Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of the Delegates and Members present in the General Assembly.

Item 9: All Delegates expressed their appreciation to the members of the past Executive Committee and to Atilla Ansal for his devoted efforts for the organisation of the 2ECEES. They congratulated the members of the new Executive Committee and wished them success in their future activities.

The General Assembly ended with the decision to have the next General Assembly in Thessaloniki in 2018 during the 16th ECEE.

*Atilla Ansal
Gökçe Tönük*