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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting number: 5 Date: 22 April 2018 Place: Thessaloniki Concert Hall, Thessaloniki, Greece

Attendance:

Atilla Ansal (AA), President

Mihail Garevski (MG), Vice President

Kyriazis Pitilakis (KP), Vice President

Andreas Kappos (AK), Secretary General

also attended: Vicky Papadimitriou (VP) (Symvoli, 16ECEE organizer)

Attendance via teleconference:

Carlos Oliveira (CO), Zygmunt Lubkowski (ZL) and Maria José Jiménez (MJ) attempted to connect to the meeting but this was unsuccessful due to a problem with the equipment used. ZL sent a number of comments via email related to Item 2.

The fifth meeting of the Executive Committee (ExCo) of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering for the 2014-2018 period was held in Thessaloniki, Greece on Sunday 22 April 2017 in Building M2 of the Thessaloniki Concert Hall, between 11:30 and 14:30.

The Executive Committee meeting was chaired by the President.

Agenda:

1. Update on the 16ECEE (by K. Pitilakis)
2. Discussion on issues related to the 16ECEE and the EAE meetings during the Conference
3. EAE yearly report to Turkish Ministry of Interior
4. Date of the next meeting
5. Miscellaneous

Prior to opening the agenda the Secretary General (SG) welcomed the participants and expressed the thanks of the ExCo to KP and the organisers of the ECEE who kindly provided the room where the meeting is held and Symvoli Company that took care of all practical issues.

Item 1:

The Chairman of the 16ECEE (KP) presented detailed information regarding the current state of the organization of the Thessaloniki Conference; a copy of the presentation will be circulated to all members of the ExCo together with the minutes.

KP estimates (on the basis of the 1313 final papers received and the current 900 registrations) that the final number of registered attendees will be around 1100. He also mentioned (responding to a question by AK) that there were no paper rejections at the final stage of reviews, since this was done at the stage of abstract review; however, there were several minor modifications made by the authors and/or the OC. The Springer volume of keynote and theme lectures is also ready and will be distributed at the conference; it includes almost the entirety of these lectures; the three that were not included in the volume due to their late submission will be part of the electronic proceedings (USB). VP (from *Symvoli*) briefed the ExCo on a number of practical issues and made note of comments made on them by ExCo members. It is worth noting that a large number (14) of registration points will be available on the first day, distributed among the two buildings where the Conference will be held.

Item 2:

Several practical issues were raised by the ExCo members and the Conference organisers (KP, VP) took note of them. Particular attention was placed on the sp. sessions (23 out of the 41 initially proposed sessions will be finally held). It was decided that at least 3 papers are necessary for a sp. session to be held and that sessions with less than 7-8 papers will be merged (e.g. two in one slot). At the discretion of the SS chairs, papers allocated to the poster category, can be presented either at the pertinent SS, or in the general poster session of the same day, with a brief oral presentation at the SS by the chair(s).

KP asked the ExCo members to make suggestions for the session chairs.

Regarding the dates of the EAEE events, it was decided, taking into account that the Conference is a four-day one this time, to move all of them one day before; i.e. the Association Council (and dinner) will take place on Monday (18/6) and the EAEE general Assembly on Tuesday (19/6); the new ExCo will have its first meeting on Thursday, immediately after the closing ceremony. It is noted that the ECEE gala dinner will take place on Wednesday (20/6/18) at 9pm.

Post-meeting notes:

1. AA and AK sent by email to the OC members suggestions for possible session chairs.
2. KP responded to the comments sent by email by ZL (concerning issues also mentioned in the last meeting's minutes, i.e. the participation of women and people from the Industry). All these emails were copied to ExCo members and are not repeated herein.

Item 3:

AA presented the EAEE yearly report to the Turkish Ministry of Interior, Department of Associations. The ExCo approved its submission.

Item 4:

The next meetings of the ExCo will be as follows:

- The last meeting of the present ExCo will take place in Thessaloniki, at the venue of the ECEE, on Sunday 17/6/18; provisional time 5-7pm.
- The first meeting of the new ExCo (to be elected at the ECEE) will take place also in Thessaloniki, (at the venue of the ECEE) on Thursday 21/6/18; provisional time 6:30-7pm.

Item 5:

The President was asked to contact all national delegates, inviting them to put forward possible candidates for the new ExCo meeting ahead of 17/6, the date that the ExCo will have its last meeting, wherein the candidatures will be discussed.

The meeting ended at around 2:30pm with the thanks of the President and the SG to all participating members.

Andreas J. Kappos
Secretary General