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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Number: 6

Date: August 29, 2010

Place: Ohrid, Macedonia

Attendance:

Martin Koller, President

Mihail Garevski, Vice President

Atilla Ansal, Secretary General

Peter Fajfar

Rainer Flesch

Andreas J Kappos

Carlos S Oliveira

Mauro Dolce

Absentee:

Robin Spence, Vice President

Jacob Eisenberg

Dario Slejko, ESC Representative

Prologue:

The sixth meeting of the Executive Committee of European Association for Earthquake Engineering for 2006-2010 Period was held in Ohrid, Macedonia on Sunday, August 29, 2010 between 14:30 and 18:00 hours and chaired by the President.

Agenda:

1. *Approval of the Agenda*
 2. *Introduction by the President*
 3. *Vice President's Report about 14th ECEE*
 4. *Report on Central Office Activities for 2006-2010*
 5. *Approval of the Financial Report for 2006-2010*
 6. *Applications to organize the 2nd ECEES in 2014*
 7. *European Regional Seminars on Earthquake Engineering*
 8. *Task Groups, Joint Task Groups with ESC*
 9. *Agenda of the Association Council Meeting*
 10. *Approval of the Participants and the Agenda of the General Assembly*
 11. *General Assembly Guidelines (Individual Members & Voting Scheme)*
 12. *Proposals for the New Executive Committee*
 13. *Miscellaneous*
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Item 1: The proposed Agenda was approved with the addition of a sub-item on memberships under the Central Office activities and the minutes of the Fifth Executive Committee Meeting were signed by all the Executive Committee Members present.

Item 2: The President welcomed the members to the Sixth Executive Committee Meeting and thanked all the members for their efforts.

Item 3: The Vice President, Mihail Garevski welcomed and thanked to the Executive Committee Members for their presence and support as the International Organising Committee of the Conference. He expressed on behalf of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) his excitement for the conference week that will be starting in few hours. He summarised the conference preparations, the programme and the schedule of the EAEE Meetings during the conference. He informed the Committee about the registration tent and main tent where the plenary sessions will be held and about shuttle bus arrangements for airport transportations from three airports, Skopje, Tiran, and Thessaloniki. He also gave information about the social activities during the conference.

Item 4: The Report of the Central Office Activities for the term 2006 - 2010 that will be presented in the General Assembly was summarised by the Secretary General. The main activities of the Central Office during the past four years were reported as follows:

- EAEE was officially registered as an international NGO with its Central Office at Bogaziçi University, Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute by the official approval of the Turkish Cabinet of Ministers on April 17, 2007.
- An auditable official bank account under the name of European Association for Earthquake Engineering was established at Garanti Bank at the Boğaziçi University Branch.
- The Secretary General contributed to the preparation of the FP7 Project Proposal titled “Seismic Engineering Research Infrastructures for European Synergie” (SERIES) submitted for the call on FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2008-1 by the Coordinator M.Fardis. EAEE became one of the 23 participants under the umbrella of Boğaziçi University, Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute. The main activity of the EAEE Central Office will be the coordination of work package WP4 named as “European Integration - European and international co-operation of research infrastructures”. The objectives in the proposal were summarized as: “The European Association of Earthquake Engineering, established in Turkey as an NGO, and its Secretary General, Prof. A. Ansal will lead NA3 towards its general objectives: (i) outreach to, and integration of, the European S/T community in earthquake engineering, and (ii) co-operation of research infrastructures at the European and international level.”
- Prof. Nicholas Ambraseys Distinguished Lecture Award was established and the Guidelines for the selection of the award recipient were drafted.
- The modifications in the EAEE Statutes were drafted and for the approval of the changes in the EAEE Statutes, Postal Balloting was conducted which was concluded in favour of the approval.
- Guidelines for EAEE General Assemblies were drafted.

- The Rules of EAEE Task Groups were modified.
- 21st European Regional Earthquake Engineering Seminar on Seismic Assessment and Retrofit of Bridges was organised during 16-18 June 2010 in Işık University, in Şile, Istanbul.
- An official meeting on “The Reduction of Earthquake Risks in Europe” with the EU Directorates was organised on 13 March 2008. The participants from EAEE besides Secretary General were Carlos Oliveira, Mauro Dolce, André Plumier, and Mário Lopez. From the EU Commission the participants were Michel Chapuis DG RTD, Georgios Katalagianakis DG RTD, Christophe Lesniak DG RTD, Bjorn Vangelsten DG RTD, Fiorella Perotto DG ENV, Matthias Martens DG REGIO, Graca Carvalho BEPA, Mateo Bonifacio BEPA, Michel Geradin JRC, and Frederic Sgard OECD. As EAEE participants relatively short presentations on; (1) History and activities of EAEE (A.Ansal); (2) Seismicity in Europe (C.S.Oliveira); (3) Impact of past and future earthquakes (M.Dolce); (4) Causes of damage and preventive actions (A.Plumier); (5) A Case Study (A.Ansal) were made. In the remaining part of the meeting M.Lopez made a brief summary that can be titled as “Proposed tasks for the EU Commission” to initiate the discussion between the participants. The responses received from different DG representatives were in general positive. In summary it was told that Brussels can take a more active role in Earthquake Risk Mitigation but the first initiatives should come from the member states.
- EAEE Newsletters for 2007: No.25/1, 25/2, 2008: 26/1, 27/1, 2009: 28/1, 28/2, 2010: 29/1 were drafted, printed, and disseminated.
- EAEE booth in the exhibit area during 4ICEGE in Thessaloniki, Greece (2007); COMPDYN, Crete, Greece(2007); MERCEA in Reggio Calabria, Italy (2008); ESC 2008 in Crete, Greece; and 14ECEE in Ohrid (2010) was prepared and individual membership campaigns were conducted.
- The EAEE income and expenditures for 2007, 2008, and 2009 were audited in March 2008, 2009, 2010 respectively by an officially approved audit company. The Annual Activity and Audit Reports (in Turkish) for 2007, 2008, and 2009 were submitted to the Istanbul Government Authorities.

The Secretary General was informed on August 20, 2008 that our dear colleague and fellow Executive Committee Member Prof. Emilia Juhasova passed away on July 26, 2008. An Obituary prepared by her son Martin Juhas is printed on the back page of the EAEE Newsletter Vol. 26, No.1 (2008) and was also uploaded to EAEE web pages. The EAEE Executive Committee conducted a postal balloting among its members and it was decided unanimously to invite Prof. Jakob Eisenberg (Delegate of Russia) to the EAEE Executive Committee as the first Reserve Member. Prof. Eisenberg kindly accepted the invitation and he has been serving as a member of the EAEE Executive Committee since 2008.

The Central Office corresponded frequently with National Member Organisations informing them about their membership dues. During these four years most of the National Members forwarded their membership dues on time. As of August 2010, 28 out of 33 of the EAEE National Member Associations have paid all their National membership dues until 2010. Secretary General proposed to change the membership type of “Kazakhstan Public Regional

Foundation for Development of Earthquake Engineering” from National Member to Organisational Member since they have not paid their membership dues since 2007. Kazakhstan will be informed about this decision. The Executive Committee approved this proposal to change the status of “Kazakhstan Public Regional Foundation for Development of Earthquake Engineering” to Organisational Member.

The Central Office have been making efforts 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 and by distribution of EAEE Newsletter with the membership form in the conferences and meetings. The number of individual membership has increased to 161 by August 2010.

The Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering Summary Report for 2006-2010 was briefly presented. In this period, BEE has been selected by ISI and has started to be included in SCIE and CC/Engineering, Computing, and Technology starting from the first issue of 2007. The impact factor is increasing each year. The number of issues was increased to six starting from 2010.

Item 5: The Financial Report for the past four year period prepared by Central Office composed of annual income and expenditure tables was presented as given below. Income is only composed of membership dues and main expenditures are payment to Springer and Central Office expenditures.

PERIOD	INCOMES (EURO)		EXPENDITURES (EURO)		BALANCE (EURO)
1.1-31.12.2007	31.12.2006 Transferred Cash	2367.59	Periodicals Expenditures	3615.00	
	Fee Income for the year of 2007	7070.56	Travel Expenditures	842.00	
			General administration expenditures	3216.43	
			Bank Charges	83.47	
	TOTAL	9438.15	TOTAL	7756.90	1,681.25
1.1-31.12.2008	31.12.2007 Transferred Cash	1681.25	Periodicals Expenditures	2890.00	
	Fee Income for the year of 2008	6890.40	Travel Expenditures	-	
			General administration expenditures	3390.00	
			Bank Charges	64.23	
	TOTAL	8571.65	TOTAL	6344.23	2,227.42
1.1-31.12.2009	31.12.2008 Transferred Cash	2227.42	Periodicals Expenditures	2700.00	
	Fee Income for the year of 2009	6876.46	Travel Expenditures	-	
			General administration expenditures	2019.48	
			Bank Charges	138.73	
	TOTAL	9103.88	TOTAL	4858.21	4,245.67
1.1-26.08.2010	31.12.2009 Transferred Cash	4245.67	Periodicals Expenditures	1560.00	
	Fee Income for the year of 2010	9542.47	Travel Expenditures	-	
			General administration expenditures	2972.40	
			Bank Charges	306.26	
	TOTAL	13788.14	TOTAL	4838.66	8,949.48

In the present situation the incomes and the expenditures were 13,788.14 € and 4,838.66 €, respectively with a balance of 8,949.48 € from which 1521.00 € (750.00 € for electronic subscription) is EAEE's recent debt to Springer. The budget was approved by the Executive Committee.

Secretary General mentioned that the balance is increasing each year and the ways of spending the money should be defined. He proposed to use it to support Executive Committee Members for their travel expenses. President, Martin Koller said that the money should also be used to support young researchers and suggested that EAEE can organise seminars or training courses just before or after the Conferences or the countries who want to organise regional seminars can be partially supported each year. Executive Committee agreed on these suggestions.

The Executive Committee were informed about the financial reports that will be internally audited by the Audit Committee Reserved Member, E.S. Georgescu before the General Assembly. Treasurer, Rainer Flesch questioned the role of a Treasurer in the Executive Committee since the association is being audited both internally and externally. Secretary General answered that a treasurer may seem not a need in daily expenses but it would be necessary in cases when EAEE decides to support seminars, somebody from Executive Committee should justify the expenses of the supported organisation.

Item 6: The Executive Committee were informed about the two applications to organise the Second European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology to be held in 2014. President, Martin Koller asked who will be the presenters in EAEE and ESC Councils and mentioned his preference that someone from seismological side of the candidate country should present especially during the presentation in ESC Council. On behalf of both candidates, Atilla Ansal and Rainer Flesch said that will be the case and the proposals by Austrian Association and Turkish Association will be both presented by EAEE National Member Delegate and ESC Titular Member Delegate, together.

The Executive Committee were informed about the details of the elections that will be conducted during both 14th ECEE in Ohrid and ESC General Assembly in Montpellier. The first voting will be on EAEE Association Council on August 31, with the total number of 37 votes. During the ESC General Assembly the voting will be on September 9 with total number of 56 votes. The conference city will be elected based on the total number of votes of two organisations. Candidates will make same proposals and presentations to both organisations.

President, Martin Koller opened a discussion on the issue of the announcement of the result of the first voting before the second voting and expressed his preference for not announcing the results of the voting since these results may affect the second voting. The Executive Committee discussed this issue and decided with the majority to announce the results of the voting in the EAEE Association Council.

President, Martin Koller also proposed that the next time when a joint conference venue is going to be voted, the votes of two organisations should be normalised to have the same weights. This suggestion was agreed by the Executive Committee Members.

Item 7: Secretary General reported about the regional seminar held in June 16-18, 2010 at Işık University Şile Campus in Istanbul, Turkey. The topic of the seminar was specialised as "Seismic Assessment and Retrofit of Bridges". The seminar combined contributions from young researchers and engineers with keynote lectures. The lectures were given by leading earthquake engineers mostly from Europe and are members of EAEE Task Group 11 on

“Seismic Design, Assessment, and Retrofit of Bridges”. Some of the EAEE Member Society nominated two young researchers that took part in the Regional Seminar free of charge. With other participants, the total participation was around 80 (except keynote speakers). A CD of the presentations of the keynote speakers were distributed to all participants.

Secretary General emphasised that the National Members should be encouraged and supported to organise Regional Seminars which are traditionally very important activities of EAEE. The decision of supporting such seminars with the EAEE budget was once more supported by the Executive Committee.

Item 8: Short reports submitted by most of the TG Coordinators and the situation concerning all EAEE Task Groups was briefly summarised by the Secretary General.

It was decided to end the activities of TG4 on " Effects of Earthquake Vertical Component" with Prof. Panayotis Carydis as the Coordinator and of TG9 on "Repair and Strengthening in Seismic Regions" with Prof. Alberto Castellani as the Coordinator.

Prof. Roy Severn, Coordinator of TG7 on "Development of Shaking Table Testing Techniques" previously expressed his desire to retire from the TG7. Based also on the previous discussions, it was decided to ask Dr. Artur Pinto to be Coordinator for TG7.

It was decided to ask detailed reports and proposals from the remaining eight Task Groups to be discussed in the Second Ex.Com. meeting in 2011.

Item 9: Executive Committee approved the Agenda of the Association Council Meeting and the suggestion of Peter Fajfar not to present the same summary reports of President, Vice President and Secretary General in both Association Council Meeting and General Assembly. It was agreed that only Secretary General will present an opening speech in the Association Council to summarise the details of two – stage voting.

Item 10: The Agenda of General Assembly was discussed and approved by the Executive Committee with the addition of Audit Committee Report and Financial Report.

The list of those who have the right to attend the EAEE General Assembly prepared by the Central Office was presented to the Executive Committee. According to the list the total number of participants is 75, with 199 total number of votes. The Executive Committee approved the list.

Item 11: Since the changes in the EAEE Statutes were approved, the new voting scheme with different voting weights will be adopted and applied in the General Assembly. Secretary General presented the Executive Committee the new General Assembly Guidelines. The Guidelines defines the participants who will attend the General Assembly and the voting scheme to be adopted. The General Assembly Guidelines were approved.

Secretary General described Executive Committee the multi colour voting weight procedure that Central Office adopted to have an effective and practical voting during General Assembly.

Item 12: It was suggested to prepare nominations for Executive and Audit Committees and to approach the General Assembly with a list of candidates for both Executive and Audit Committees that could be modified in the General Assembly, however, it would be practical for voting if the list is printed before the General Assembly. The Executive Committee prepared the list of possible candidates for the new Executive and Audit Committees for 2010-2014 term and it was decided to print these lists to be distributed to the participants of the EAEE General Assembly.

Item 13:

- Executive Committee discussed the application of the Association For Earthquake Engineering of Republic of Srpska -B&H as a National Member. The Committee reviewed the definition of National Membership in the Statutes and decided that this application can not be acceptable, however, they can be asked to apply as Corporate Member of EAEE.
- The Executive Committee expressed their concern and support for the Italian Scientists and Colleagues who are brought to court for the L'aquila Earthquake as EAEE.

Epilogue: The sixth meeting of the EAEE Executive Committee held in Ohrid was finalised. The meeting ended with the thanks of the President to all members for all their efforts and contributions during the past four years.

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