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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Number: 4

Date: September 1, 2013

Place: Paris, France

Attendance:

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

Absentee:

Rainer Flesch, Treasurer
Pierre - Yves Bard, ESC Representative
Carlos Oliveira

Prologue:

The fourth meeting of the Executive Committee of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering for 2010-2014 Period was held in Paris, France on Sunday September 1, 2013 between 10:00 and 17:00. The Executive Committee meeting was chaired by the President.

Agenda:

1. *Approval of Agenda*
2. *President's welcome and his activities*
3. *2ECEES in 2014 in Istanbul, programme, keynote and theme lectures, poster presentations*
4. *Central Office activities for 2012-2013 term*
5. *Carlos' Comments*
6. *ESC Executive Committee Meeting in Goteborg during IASPEI*
7. *Task Groups activities, report by A. Kappos*
8. *EAAE Prof. Nicholas Ambraseys Award Lecture*
9. *Possible changes after 2014 Conference*
10. *Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering and GGEE Book Series*
11. *Date of the next meeting in Istanbul*
12. *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 Fourth Executive Committee Meeting for the 2010-2014 Period. He expressed his thanks to Alain Pecker for kindly providing the meeting room at "Géodynamique et Structure".

He summarized the preparations, participation, and the events during the International Conference on Earthquake Engineering held in Skopje between 29 and 31 May in 2013.

Item 3: The Secretary General explained the preparations related to 2014 Second European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology, 2ECEES. The draft conference programme was discussed among the Executive Committee Members, and it was suggested:

- To extend the morning coffee break as of Tuesday from 9:45 to 10:45 to have time for poster presentations
- To cancel the free afternoon on Wednesday in order to have 15:30-16:30 poster session.
- The preliminary suggestions for Keynote Lecturers are as follows:
 - a) Joint (5): Ambraseys & Lehmann Lectures, Mauro Dolce, Mustafa Erdik, **Domenico Giardini**
 - b) EAEE (4): Colin Taylor, Kyriazis Pitilakis, Warner Marzocchi, Paolo E. Pinto
 - c) EAEE (20):

1. Aydinoğlu, Nuray	8. Escoffier, Sandra	15. Mylonakis, George
2. Beyer, Katrin	9. Fardis, Michael	16. Oliveira, Carlos
3. Çetin, Kemal Önder	10. Fischinger, Matej	17. Paolucci, Roberto
4. Bommer, Julian	11. Kappos, Andreas	18. Pecker, Alain
5. D'Ayala, Dina	12. Karadoğan, Faruk	19. So, Emily
6. De Stefano, Mario	13. Kaynia, Amir	20. Vintzeleou,
7. Elghazouli, Ahmed	14. Lagomarsino, Sergio	Elizabeth
- Executive Committee after discussing all aspects of the publication of the conference special lectures volume, estimated to be around 1000 pages, supported the proposal to have it as electronic Open Access Book in Springer's GEE Series.
- It was suggested to have, if possible, electronic poster sessions, as in Lisbon.
- The Executive Committee also suggested some Special Session topics as: Inconsistencies in EE, Real time monitoring, Early Warning & Rapid Response, Induced Seismology, Nuclear Power Plants.
- It was decided to encourage each WG Coordinator to organize a special session during the conference.

Item 4: Secretary General presented the Report of the Central Office Activities for September 2012 – September 2013 term summarising the main activities of the Central Office during this period.

The modified version of the Guidelines for EAEE Conferences was discussed and approved by the Executive Committee.

Secretary General presented the budget for the year 2012 prepared by Erişen Independent Audit Financial Consultancy Corporation as a part of the yearly Audit Report for EAEE.

BUDGET JANUARY 2012- DECEMBER 2012

A - INCOMES (EURO)			
31.12.2011 Transferred Cash		€ 13,613.09	
Fee Income for the year of 2012		€ 8,330.45	
Total Income for 2012		€ 8,330.45	
B – EXPENDITURES (EURO)			
Periodicals Expenditures (<i>Springer</i>)		€ 2,381.00	
Travel Expenditures		€ 1,385.88	
Faccioli travel			€ 621.88
Faccioli accommodation			€ 764.00
General administration expenditures		€ 1.535.15	
Web design			€ 757.00
Ambraseys Award			€ 272.36
Auditing			€ 505.79
Bank Charges		€ 103.95	
Total of Expenditures for 2012		€5,405,98	
Difference of Income and Expenditure for 2012		€2,924.47	
B – TOTAL AMOUNT (EURO)		€16,537.56	

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2013

A - INCOMES (EURO)			
31.12.2012 Transferred Cash		€ 16,537.56	
Fee Income for the year of 2013		€ 10,000.00	
Total		€26,537.56	
B – EXPENDITURES (EURO)			
Periodicals Expenditures		€ 5.000,00	
Travel Expenditures		€ 1.000,00	
General administration expenditures		€ 3.000,00	
Bank Charges		€ 500,00	
Total of Expenditures		€9,500,00	

Item 5: Carlos Oliveira's Comments

Carlos mentioned that some work was done by the Member of European Parliament (MEP-Portuguese Delegation) Maria do Céu Patrão Neves who spoke during the Special Meeting on EC affairs that took place during the 15WCEE. She called attention to the fact that Mitigation of Earthquake Risk was mentioned in the next strategic framework of EC for the period 2014-2020 through "Partnership Contracts between EC and Member countries" in the area of "Urban Rehabilitation" and "Prevention and Management of Catastrophes".

The "Portuguese Association for Earthquake Engineering (SPES)" has worked with MEP Patrão Neves in order to inform the Portuguese authorities on the need to have dossiers explaining the urgency to advance with initiatives leading to those "Partnership Contracts". They had formal meetings with the Minister of Economy and Environment and with the Secretary of Internal Affairs who heads the Unit of Civil Protection. However, probably due to the economic situation in Portugal, those initiatives did not yet lead to any results. Only the City Council of Lisbon has prepared a Working Document where, for the first time, the Earthquake Problem was identified.

SPES has managed to have the Portuguese Parliament to approve a decision on the need to have "adequate seismic provisions" in cases of rehabilitation works of a certain scale and importance. They are now trying to have the general rules approved for this "adequate seismic provisions", which requires a Code of Actions or a Guideline. This Code does not exist in Portugal, and according to the Portuguese law "Seismic Rehabilitation" can only be enforced if the Code is approved.

The Committee discussed the comments sent by Carlos. The Committee suggested that it may be possible to adopt Eurocode 8 part 3 (EN1998-3) that can be utilized in relation to all seismic rehabilitation activities.

Item 6: Secretary General presented the minutes of the ESC Executive Committee Meeting in Göteborg during IASPEI, on July 25, 2013 where the main discussion was the Meeting with the LAC of the ECEES2014, in Istanbul, on 20 June 2013. Basic ESC requirements, as specified, in the GA Guidelines, were presented, as well as an overview of the 1st ECEES programme and meetings. Main deadlines, registration fees, Young Seismologist Training Course (YSTC), session's organization and administrative meetings were discussed and agreed. One suggestion for the YSTC was to choose a topic that would enable both engineers and seismologists to participate and a possible topic may be ambient noise measurements.

Item 7: Andreas Kappos as the Secretary of the Executive Committee summarised the current state and situation for each WG. Following the discussion concerning different possibilities, it was decided:

- To ask Sinan Akkar and Nikos Theodulidis (from ESC) to be joint coordinators for WG2 on "Interpretation of Strong Motion Records for Engineering Applications" replacing of Ragnar Sigbjörnsson who asked to step down.¹
- To appoint Mihail Garevski as the coordinator for WG5 on "Seismic Isolation of Structures" replacing Allesandro Martelli who officially retired from his post in ENEA.
- To ask Adam Crew if he would be willing to become the coordinator of WG7 on "Development of Shaking Table Testing Techniques". A. Pinto (from JRC) has at a certain stage indicated that he might be able to take over of WG7 but it eventually became clear that he was not able to devote the time needed for this responsibility.²

¹ [post-meeting note: Akkar and Theodulidis have been contacted by Kappos and they kindly agreed]

² [post-meeting note: Crew has been contacted by Kappos and he kindly agreed]

- To enquire about the possibility to appoint Elizabeth Vintzileou as the Coordinator for WG10 “Seismic Aspects of Historical Monument Preservation” replacing Costas Symakezis who has recently retired from the university.
- To re-establish WG1 with the new title “Future directions for Eurocode 8” following a proposal submitted by Edmund Booth (after conferring with the Secretary A. Kappos); Booth will act as WG1 Coordinator, and work of the WG will start immediately.

Item 8: EAEE Prof.Nicholas Ambraseys Award Lecture

The Secretary General, as the Chairman of the Selection Committee, summarized the selection process, and informed the Committee that after two rounds of voting Robin Spence was selected as the Third Prof.Nicholas Ambraseys Award Lecturer. The EAEE Executive Committee approved this nomination and it was decided to inform Robin Spence about the decision of the Executive Committee.

Item 9: The Committee discussed the possible changes after 2014 Conference concerning the Executive Committee memberships. There was a general consensus to consider some new members that would be willing to replace some of the outgoing members that have long served on the Committee.

Item 10: The Secretary General summarised the situation with the Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering (BEE). He presented the numbers of submitted, published, and the new Special Issue proposals received during this period. He also presented the developments concerning the book series of Geological, Geotechnical and Earthquake Engineering.

Item 11: It was decided to have the next Executive Committee Meeting in Istanbul on Sunday April 13, 2014.

Epilogue: The fourth meeting of the Executive Committee of the EAEE held in Paris ended with thanks of the President to Alain Pecker and Secretary General for the organisation of the meeting and all participating members.

Atila Ansal
Secretary General