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REPORT OF THE CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 2010 – SEPTEMBER 2012

GENERAL

The main activities of the Central Office during the past two years were:

- Drafting the Minutes of (a) Last Executive Committee Meeting for the 2006-2010 term; (b) Meeting of EAE Association Council; (c) EAE General Assembly; (d) First Executive Committee Meeting for the 2010-2014. After the suggestions and approval of the Executive Committee, the minutes were forwarded to all the Executive Committee Members, National Delegates, Honorary Members, the representatives of ESC. They were also inserted in EAE web pages and were printed in the EAE Newsletter No. 29.
- Organising the Second and third EAE Executive Committee Meetings for 2010-2014 term in Istanbul on 29 May 2011 and in Lisbon on 23 September 2012.
- Drafting the Minutes of the Second Executive Committee Meeting held in Istanbul on 29 May 2011 for the 2010-2014 term. After the suggestions and approval of the Executive Committee, the minutes were forwarded to all the Executive Committee Members, National Delegates, Honorary Members, the representatives of ESC. They were also inserted in EAE web pages and were printed in the EAE Newsletter No. 30.
- The EAE income and expenditures for 2010 and 2011 were audited in March 2011 and 2012 by an officially approved audit company. The Annual Activity and Audit Reports (in Turkish) for 2010 and 2011 were submitted to the Istanbul Government Authorities. As an NGO EAE is required to submit Annual Activity and Audit reports each year before the end of April. During the 2010 Annual Report Submission, we also informed the authorities concerning the changes in the Executive Committee.
- Activities related to the selection of Prof. Ezio Faccioli as the Second Nicholas Ambraseys Distinguished Lecturer, arranging his participation to ESC, the creation of the award statute, Chairing the Session of the presentation, and the award ceremony in Moscow.
- Participation and preparations for the EAE booth in the exhibit area during 33rd General Assembly of ESC in Moscow, Russia (August 19-24, 2012);
- Organizing jointly with Mario Lopez and Carlos Oliviera a special session on "Political Aspects of Earthquake Risk Reduction" during the 15th WCEE in Lisbon.
- Organising the revision and upgrading of the EAE web site,
- Drafting of the EAE Newsletter No:30

- The Secretary General contributed to the progress of the FP7 Project Proposal titled "Seismic Engineering Research Infrastructures for European Synergie" (SERIES) along the lines as summarised in the objectives in the proposal.
- Monitoring the EAEE funds and EAEE Bank Accounts in Istanbul,
- Correspondence with EAEE National Delegates,
- Correspondence with members, monitoring and updating membership records;

The Secretary General participated to:

to represent EAEE and to attend technical sessions and to promote special issues for BEE and new books for the GGEE book series. He made brief presentations about the EAEE and about Task Group activities in some of these meetings.

- 10-13 January 2011 Santiago, Chile, "Fifth International Conference on Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering"
- 29 April 2011, Reykjavik, Iceland, International Symposium on Strong-Motion Earthquake Effects
- 28 June-7 July 2011, Melbourne, Australia, XXV. (IUGG) International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics General Assembly, Earth on the Edge:, Science for a Sustainable Planet
- 23-26 August 2011 USA, California, Santa Barbara, EGS2011 "Effects of Surface Geology on Seismic Motion"
- 3-5 September 2011 Tebriz, Iran, "1st international conference on "Urban Construction in Vicinity of Active Faults"
- 11 September 2011 Athens, Greece, "ERTC-12 Workshop on Evaluation of EC8"
- 1-4 March, 2012, Tokyo, Japan, One Year after the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake, - International Symposium on Engineering Lessons Learned from the Giant Earthquake
- 28-30 May 2012, Taormina, Italy, Second International Conference On Performance-Based Design In Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering
- 19-24 August 2012, Moscow, Russia, 33rd General Assembly of the European Seismological Commission
- 24-28 September 2012, Lisbon, Portugal, 15th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Executive Committee approved by postal balloting the following proposals

- Approval for paying approximately 536€ based on the conversion rate on the invoice date to the Audit Company for the Audit report cost for 2010
- Approval for paying approximately 506€ based on the conversion rate on the invoice date to the Audit Company for the Audit report cost for 2011
- Approval for paying approximately 974€ based on the conversion rate on the invoice date to the Hotel for the ExCom Meeting Expenses.
- Approval for paying approximately 1386€ for the travel and accommodation expenses for Prof.Faccioli for 33rd General Assembly of ESC to deliver 2nd Nicholas Ambraseys Distinguished Lecturer,
- Approval of the approximately 272€ for the Award Statute
- Approval of 757€ for EAEE Web site design
- Approval for paying approximately 800€ to support the special session by supporting the travel expenses of the US speaker for the Special Session on "Political Aspects of Earthquake Risk Reduction" in Lisbon during 15th WCEE.
- Approval for the meeting room charge for WG11 in the amount of 258 Euro.

EUROPEAN SEISMOLOGICAL COMMISSION

Secretary General participated to ESC Informal Executive Committee Meeting held in Melbourne, Australia on July 2, 2011 where the main discussion was the 33rd ESC General Assembly

Secretary General participated to ESC Executive Committee Meeting on August 19, 2012 and to ESC General Assembly on August 23, 2012 in Moscow.

ESC 2014 Joint ESC-EAEE, 2nd ECEES

2014 General Assembly (joint with EAEE, 2nd ECEES): Istanbul 24-29 August. AA presents the first announcement and informs that the web-page is active. He points 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. The registration fee will be of the order of 500 euros and the conference hall can host 15 parallel sessions at maximum. EAEE will ask ESC ExeCom for nominations for the review committees.

Changes in ExeCom

- *President: Alexey Zavyalov*
- *Vice-President: Murat Nurlu*
- *Past President: Steinunn S. Jakobsdottir*
- *Assistant Secretary: Stefano Parilia*

Working Groups

04-07 Macroseismic field work practices (ESC-EAEE) I. Cecic Extension to 2014

01-08 Strong motion data from Europe, the Mediterranean and the Middle East (ESC-EAEE) J. Douglas, Dissolved (J.D.)

03-08 Earthquake risk reduction in built cultural heritage in the Mediterranean Basin (ESC-EAEE), D. Benouar, Dissolved (ExCo)

MEMBERSHIP

The Central Office sent out e-mail letters to Member Organisations almost every six months informing them about their membership dues. 15 of the EAEE National Member Associations have paid their National membership dues for 2011. While only 11 of the EAEE National Member Associations have paid their National membership dues for 2012. Italian Association ANIDIS decided to adopt our proposal (15€/member) and subscribed 174 of its members as subscribing EAEE members.

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 195 by September 2012. Out of these 195 members 63 (52 electronic and 11 paper copy) have paid for 2012.

BUDGET Sep. 2010- May 2011

BALANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2010	8,949.48 €	
	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Membership fees from		
<i>National Members</i>	2,056.00 €	
<i>Corporate Members</i>	984.00 €	
<i>Individual Members - Electronic Subs.</i>	2,481.60 €	
<i>Individual Members - Paper Copy Subs.</i>	1,226.00 €	
<i>Individual Members - Electronic+Paper Copy Subs.</i>	686.00 €	
Secretary of the Central Office		-
Office Expences		
<i>Auditing Cost</i>		536.00 €
<i>Newsletter printing-Award-Promotion Material</i>		428.12 €
<i>Rate for bank account and Interest</i>		349.69 €
SPRINGER		
<i>Hard Copy</i>		1,336.00 €
<i>Electronic (2010)</i>		750.00 €
SUM	16,383.08 €	3,399.81 €
DIFFERENCE		12,983.27 €
SPRINGER DEBT (Hardcopy + Electronic 2011)		2,401.00 €
BALANCE FOR MAY 2011		10,582.27 €

BUDGET May 2011-Sep. 2012

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 Expences		
<i>Auditing Cost</i>		505.79 €
<i>Ambraseys Lecturer Expences</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 €

BULLETIN OF EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING (BEE)

Last year our impact factor kept increasing again to 1.701 and for 2011 the impact factor dropped slightly to 1.559 but still we are ranked second after Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics among the six earthquake engineering journals (Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics, Earthquake Spectra, Soil Dynamics and Earthquake Engineering, Journal of Earthquake Engineering, Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering, Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Vibration). It is now possible for BEE to have an average Impact Factor for the last five years. Five year average is preferred to judge the performance of a journal. I hope if we can keep our increasing trend, BEE may be included in the SCI core index in the near future.

In 2012 we are publishing our tenth volume, which means that we are celebrating our tenth anniversary or our first decade. This would not have been possible without the contributions of the distinguished BEE Editorial Board, distinguished authors of the published manuscripts and the competent and dedicated reviewers.

I would like to express my gratitude to all authors who are really the main contributors to this process and to all the Members of the Editorial Board for all their support as reviewers, authors and Guest Editors. I would also like to thank all reviewers for their very important input in this process. And of course I would like to express our gratitude and thanks to Springer and to Petra D. van Steenberg, Senior Publishing Editor of Earth Sciences for her continuous support and encouragement.

During the past nine years the number of submitted manuscripts has increased continuously from 26 in 2003 and in 2004, to 38 in 2005, to 51 in 2006, 65 in 2007, 107 in 2008, 126 in 2009, and 150 in 2010 and 154 in 2011. The number of submitted manuscripts almost stayed the same for 2011 which might be interpreted as the stabilization of the popularity for BEE. Up to September 21, 172 manuscripts were submitted to BEE.

With respect to printed manuscripts; the first BEE volume in 2003 had 16 articles, the second volume in 2004 had 15 articles, and the third volume in 2005 had 12 articles. Due to the increase in the number of issues to four, the fourth volume in 2006 had 25 articles, the fifth volume in 2007 had 27 articles and the sixth volume in 2008 had 34 articles, and the seventh volume in 2009 had 33 articles. In 2010 we started to publish 6 issues and the number of published articles increased to 77 and in 2011 to 95 manuscripts.

The first five issues of Volume 10 are already in print. The first issue was a Special Issue on "Old Masonry Under Seismic Loading" with Guest Editors; Carlos Sousa Oliveira and Anibal Costa with 17 manuscripts including the Guest Editorial. The second issue is a normal BEE issue with 16 manuscripts. The third issue has 15 manuscripts, the fourth and fifth issues have 12 manuscripts. There were five new special issue proposals during the past year. These 5 special issues are in line for publication:

- Special Issue on "Recent Major Earthquakes"; Editor, may contain 10 manuscripts
- Special Issue on "2011 Lorca Earthquake"; Guest Editors: Belén Benito Oterino and Enrique Alarcón; may contain 12 manuscripts
- Special Issue on "A new generation of ground-motion models for Europe and the Middle East"; Guest Editor: John Douglas; may contain 10 manuscripts
- Seismic Microzonation of Palatine Hill, Roman Forum and Coliseum Archaeological Area; Guest Editors: Massimiliano Moscatelli, Alessandro Pagliaroli, Gian Paolo Cavinato, Sergio Castenetto, Josè Alfredo Naso, may contain 10 manuscripts
- The earthquake sequence that struck Emilia region, Italy, in May 2012, Guest Editors: Marco Mucciarelli and Domenico Liberatore

BOOK SERIES ON GEOTECHNICAL, GEOLOGICAL AND EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING

Even though this activity is established independent of EAEE, in the long run it can be partly official book series of EAEE to publish the conference proceedings as well books that may come out of TGs. Springer offers 20% to EAEE Individual Members for this book series.

Titles in press:

- Seismic Behaviour and Design of Irregular and Complex Civil Structures, Oren Lavan and Mario De Stefano, 978-94-007-5376-1, Approx. 400 pp., Due January 2013
- Geotechnical Predictions and Practice in Dealing with Geohazards, Jian Chu, Sri P.R. Wardani, A. Iizuka (Eds.), 978-94-007-5674-8, Approx. 325 p., Due January 2013
- Preliminary Reconnaissance Report of the 2011 Tohoku-Chiho Taiheiyo-Oki Earthquake; Architectural Institute of Japan; Volume 23
- Role of Seismic Testing Facilities in Performance-Based Earthquake Engineering, SERIES Workshop, Michael N. Fardis and Zoran T. Rakicevic, Volume 22
- Seismic Design and Assessment of Bridges, Inelastic Methods of Analysis and Case Studies; Andreas J. Kappos, M. Saiid Saiidi, M. Nuray Aydinoglu and Tatjana Isaković, Volume 21
- Practical Soil Dynamics, Case Studies in Earthquake and Geotechnical Engineering, Milutin Srbulov, Volume 20
- Deformation Analysis in Soft Ground Improvement, Jinchun Chai and John P. Carter, Volume 18
- Special Topics in Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering, Mohamed A. Sakr and Atilla Ansal, Volume 16
- Geotechnics and Earthquake Geotechnics Towards Global Sustainability, Susumu Iai, Volume 15
- Earthquake Data in Engineering Seismology, Predictive Models, Data Management and Networks, Sinan Akkar, Polat Gülkan and Torild van Eck, Volume 14

Titles in preparation:

- Earthquake-Response Analysis of Ground, Nozomu Yoshida, Approx. 350 p., Due 2012
- Performance-Based Seismic Engineering, Matej Fischinger and Bozidar Stojadinovic, Approx. 480 p., Due 2012

NEWSLETTER

The Central Office drafted the issue of the EAEE Newsletter for 2011 and 2012. The issue for 2011 V29 and 2012 V30 are electronic newsletter, it will be forwarded to all EAEE members and earthquake related organisations and it was and will be inserted in to the EAEE web pages when all the reviews are completed.

INTERNET - WEB

The Internet-EAEE web Pages that were created in 1995 were updated continuously. The format of the web was last revised in March 2006. The web page is modified in early 2007 to enable the EAEE Individual Members with electronic subscription to download all the published issues of the Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering via secure connection procedure using special ID and passwords specified by the Central office. The present address of the EAEE Web Pages still is: <http://www.eaee.org>.

Most recently during the last six months, as also suggested by ExCom Members, the Central Office searched for available options. After some deliberations, a new web page design was drafted by a professional designer. The web page is at the trial stage at the present, and some parts of it is still under construction as will be shown during the ExCom meeting in Lisbon

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