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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Number : 1

Date : September 11, 1998

Place : Paris, France

Attendance :

Philippe Bisch, President
Rainer Flesch, Vice President
Amr S. Elnashai, Vice President
Atilla Ansal, Secretary General
Franco Braga, Secretary
Panayotis Carydis, Ex.Com.Mem.Greece
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Peter Fajfar, Slovenia
Sener Tinic, Switzerland
Mauro Dolce, TG3 Coordinator
Costas Syrmakizis, WG7 Convener
Horea Sandi, WG10 Convener

Prologue

The First Meeting of the newly elected Executive Committee of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering was held in Paris on Friday afternoon, September 11, 1998 after the Closing Ceremony of the 11th European Conference on Earthquake Engineering. The Executive Committee meeting was chaired by the President.

Agenda :

- 1. Approval of the Agenda*
- 2. Opening Remarks from the President*
- 3. Opening Remarks from the Secretary General*
- 4. Task Group Reports & Activities*
- 5. Future Activities*
- 6. Time & Place of next meeting*
- 7. Miscellaneous*

Item 1: The Agenda of the Meeting was approved by all members.

Item 2: The President made a brief presentation. He expressed his welcome to all Members of the newly elected Executive Committee. He summarised his ideas concerning future activities as:

- a. Regional seminars are necessary, EAE should make all the efforts to organise more than one each year,*
- b. EAE should encourage and support Task Groups to find financial support and to prepare proposals for possible projects,*
- c. Each Executive committee members can take the responsibility of different tasks.*

Item 3: Secretary General summarised his ideas concerning the future EAE activities and outlined his suggestions as:

- d. Each Executive committee members can take the responsibility of different Task Groups to improve and accelerate their activities,
- a. Regional workshops can be organised that could be supported by national associations in connection with Task Group activities,
- b. EAEE regional seminars and can be organised more frequently,
- c. Present Internet EAEE web pages can be used and improved for more efficient dissemination of the reports and databanks, for establishing closer links among member associations,
- d. The EAEE Bulletin can be improved with the publication of information that is more relevant and reports supplied by delegates and Executive Committee members.

Item 4: Secretary General informed the Executive Committee about existing Task Groups and Working Groups and summarised their present situation as:

- a. *TG1 on "Evaluation of EC8 and Harmonisation of Seismic Codes"*
In the TG1 meeting held during the SECED Conference in Chester, the experts in this field suggested that it would not be feasible and productive to have another committee activity on EC8 since it has been discussed thoroughly and certain consensus have reached among the partners. Thus, the activities of TG1 almost ended. The main purpose of TG1 was to evaluate the structural aspects of EC8. There is a new suggestion by B.Mohammadioun and P.Y.Bard to establish a TG on design earthquake characteristics related to site conditions in EC8 that can be considered as the new topic for TG1. In this respect Dr.Bisch suggested that one other possibility for TG1 is to consider future codes.
- b. *TG2 on "Interpretation of Strong Motion Records for Engineering Applications"*
TG2 is a joint group of EAEE and ESC with Prof.Ambraseys as Coordinator for both associations. In the meeting held during the conference, the decision to establish a data bank of strong motion records was discussed and adopted. The data bank will be available to the contributing partners in the first stage and in the future, the data bank will be open to public.
- c. *TG3 on "Earthquake Hazard, Earthquake Risk and Earthquake Scenarios"*
TG3 is one of the very active task groups. They have a network project financed by EU. Prof.Dolce gave information about the future activities of TG3.
- d. *TG4 on "Low-Cost Housing with Local Materials in Seismic Areas"*
TG4 is the continuation of one the oldest working groups. The Coordinator Prof.Yarar has proposed that Prof.Tomazevic be the Co-Convener for this task group.
- e. *TG5 on "Seismo-Isolation of Structures"*
The group had no meetings during the past four years. The Coordinator of the TG5, Prof. Jurukovski has proposed to organise a Colloquium on this topic to be held during 1999. There is also a proposal by Prof.Eisenberg to organise a TG5 meeting during the forthcoming St.Petersburg conference.
- f. *TG6 on "Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering and Microzonation",*
TG6 is one of the joint groups of EAEE and ESC. They have organised number of TG meetings and two symposiums during ESC General Assemblies and they are planing to organise another one during the forthcoming IUGG in Birmingham UK.
- g. *TG7 on "Development of Shaking Table Testing Techniques"*
Dr.Duarte, the Coordinator of TG7 expressed his wish to leave his post and suggested that Prof.Carydis should be the new Coordinator. Prof.Roy Severn who coordinates the shaking table projects in Europe also expressed his interest in this TG.
- h. *TG8 on "Seismic Behaviour of Irregular and Complex Structures"*
TG8 is another active task group. They have organised a workshop in Italy and they are planing to organise another one in Turkey during 1999.
- i. *TG9 on "Repair and Strengthening"*
TG9 was established in 1996 with the Coordinator Alberto Castellani. The Coordinator forwarded related literature to all members of the group. Prof.Castellani will try to organise a group meeting and a workshop on the subject in Umbrio, Italy in 1999.
- j. *WG4 on "Prefabricated Building Structures in Seismic Regions"*
WG4 had a meeting during the conference. The Convener Prof.Nenov informed us that they have decided to end the activities of WG4 that was going on for the past 17 years. The WG produced a report about the topic that will be published in the coming issues of EAEE Bulletin.

k. *WG7 on "Seismic Aspects of Historical Monument Preservation"*

There was not much activity during the past four years, however, the topic is still very important and the Convener, Prof.Srymakezis has been very active in this area. Different conferences were organised on this topic lately. Therefore it was discussed that it would be suitable to modify WG7 as TG10 and try to accelerate the activities of the TG in the coming years.

l. *WG10 on "Characterisation of Ground Motion and Seismic Conditions"*

The working group had a meeting during the conference. Prof.Sandi the Convener of WG10 informed the Committee that there was an interest to extend the activities of WG10. The paper presented in the conference concerning WG10 activities will also be published in the coming issues of the EAEE Bulletin.

Item 5: Secretary General gave information concerning the past proposals for organising regional seminars. Different possibilities were discussed and it was decided that the Secretary General should inquire about the future possibilities by getting in contact with the related delegates to finalise the proposals for 1999 and 2000. The possibilities are Bulgaria, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Macedonia, Germany, Poland, and Yugoslavia.

Item 6: The date for the next meeting was discussed. March was decided as the most possible month.

Item 7: The meeting ended with the thanks of the President.

Atilla Ansal
General-Secretary