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MINUTES OF THE EAE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Number: 13

Date: September 7, 2006

Place: Geneva, Switzerland

Attendance:	
Delegates of National Members:	Individual Members:
<i>Mohamed Belazougui, Algerian Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Atilla Ansal</i>
<i>Mikayel Melkumyan, Armenian Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Rita Bento</i>
<i>Rainer Flesch, Austrian Assoc. for EQ Engng. and Structural Dynamics</i>	<i>Philippe Bisch</i>
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<i>Vladimir Schenk, Czech Society for Mechanics</i>	<i>Panayotis Carydis</i>
<i>Mohamed Sobaih, Egyptian Society for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Maria Gabriella Castellano</i>
<i>Philippe Bisch, French Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Peter Fajfar</i>
<i>Wolfgang Bruestle, German Society for EQ Engng. & Structural Dynamics</i>	<i>Mihail Garevski</i>
<i>Guram Gabrichidze, Georgian National Com of EQ Engng. & Engng. Seis.</i>	<i>Mark Klyachko</i>
<i>Andreas J Kappos, Hellenic Society for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Martin Koller</i>
<i>László P. Kollár, Hungarian National Com for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Aissa Mellal</i>
<i>Ali Akbar Moinfar, Iranian Society for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Zoran Milutinovic</i>
<i>Edward Leibovich, Israeli Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Golubka Necerska – Cvetanovska</i>
<i>Mauro Dolce, Italian National Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Božidar Pavicenic</i>
<i>Marat Ashimbayev, Kazakhstan Public Reg. Foun. for Dev. of EQ Engng.</i>	<i>Alain Pecker</i>
<i>Mihail Garevski, Macedonian Society of Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Danilo Ristic</i>
<i>Božidar Pavicenic, Montenegrin Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Robin Spence</i>
<i>Zbigniew Zembaty, Polish National Com. on EQ and Paraseismic Engng.</i>	<i>Alexander Uzdin</i>
<i>Carlos Sousa Oliveira, Portuguese Society for Earthquake Engineering</i>	
<i>Emil-Sever Georgescu, Romanian Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering</i>	Delegate of Corporate Members:
<i>Jacob M.Eisenberg, Russian National Com for Earthquake Engineering</i>	<i>Rainer Flesch, Arsenal Research</i>
<i>Radomir Folc, Serbian Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering</i>	
<i>Emilia Juhasova, Slovak Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering</i>	
<i>Peter Fajfar, Slovenian Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering</i>	
<i>Rafael Blazquez, Spanish Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering</i>	
<i>Thomas Wenk, Swiss Society for EQ Engng. and Structural Dynamics</i>	
<i>Atilla Ansal, Turkish National Com on Earthquake Engineering</i>	
<i>Ahmed Elghazouli, The Society for EQ Engng. and Civil Engng. Dyn.UK</i>	
<i>Alexander Khankin, Assoc. for Ukrainian Earthquake Engineering</i>	

Prologue

The Thirteenth General Assembly of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering was held in the Conference Centre in Geneva, Switzerland on Thursday evening, September 7, 2006 on the occasion of the 1st European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology. The General Assembly started with the opening remarks of President Robin Spence at 18:15 pm.

The Agenda:

1. *Opening*
2. *Election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary for the General Assembly*
3. *Approval of the Agenda*
4. *Activity Reports*
 - a. *Vice President's Report about 1ECEES (13th ECEE & 30th GAESC)*
 - b. *President's Report for 2002-2006*
 - c. *Report of the Central Office Activities for 2002-2006*
 - d. *Proposed draft activity plan for 2006-2010*
5. *Budget Reports*
 - a. *Budget for 1.1.2003-1.9.2006*
 - b. *Proposed draft budget for 1.9.2006-1.9.2010*
 - c. *Audit Report*
6. *Elections of the Executive Com*
7. *Elections of the Audit Com*
8. *Closure*

Item 2: Robin Spence, Atilla Ansal and Gökçe Tönük were elected as the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and as the Secretary for the General Assembly.

Item 3: The Draft Agenda was revised and approved giving the priority to Vice President Koller.

Item 4a: Martin Koller, as the Co-Chairman of the 1stECEES summarised the activities and organisational issues related to the Conference informing the GA about the number of registered participants, oral and poster presentations. He outlined some problems of having joint conference with ESC. The option of sending full papers or only abstracts (which was preferred by ESC) caused some misunderstanding among some engineers that lead to some absentees in the presentations. He pointed out his interest to have 14thECEE again as joint conference with ESC and mentioned also other alternatives such as overlapping conferences at the same place.

In order to see the general preference of GA, an open balloting was conducted. There were 23 votes supporting and 8 votes against the joint conference organisation.

Item 4b: The President Robin Spence started his presentation by thanking all the Delegates for their participation, all the members of the Executive Committee for their support and Martin Koller for the organisation of the 1st ECEES. He briefly presented his report where he summarised his activities during the past four years. The Presidents Summary Report was distributed to all General Assembly participants.

Item 4c: The Secretary General presented the Central Office Report for 2002-2006 summarising the activities related to the Executive Committee, Member Associations, Individual Members, Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering, EAEE web pages, and EAEE Newsletter. He explained briefly the outcomes of the two Marie Curie training course projects that were submitted to EU in 2005 and 2006. He outlined the major changes in the new Statutes, the voting rights of the National, Individual, and Corporate Members, and the decision of the Ex.Com that the Individual members who are also

Delegates of the National or Corporate Members will have multiple voting rights for the election of Executive and Audit Committee Members. The Central Office Summary Report for the 2002-2006 term was distributed to all General Assembly participants.

Item 4d: The Secretary General presented the Proposed Activity Plan for the 2006-2010 term with respect to different items as:

- **Executive Committee:** There will be one meeting every year. Initial contacts were made to have joint Ex.Com. Meeting with ESC in ESC General Assembly in Greece in 2008. The minutes of the meetings will be drafted and forwarded to all the Ex.Com Members, National Delegates, Honorary Members. They will be inserted in EAEE web pages and will be printed in the EAEE Newsletters after the approval of the Ex.Com.
- **Member Organisations of EAEE:** The Central Office will send out e-mail letters to Member Organisations every six months informing them about the EAEE activities.
- The Minutes of the EAEE Association Council and General Assembly will be drafted and will be forwarded to all related participants for review and approval before being distributed to all Members. They will be included in the First issue of the Newsletter for 2007 as well as in the EAEE web pages.
- The Central Office will be making efforts (campaigns) 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.
- **Task Groups:** The past activities of the below listed existing Task Groups and their proposals for the new four year term will be evaluated to extend or to end TG activities.
 - TG1 on "Performance-Based Design",
Co-Coordinator: Paolo Negro, Italy and Nuray Aydınoğlu, Turkey
 - TG2 on "Strong Motion Records for Engineering Applications"
Coordinator: Prof. N.N. Ambraseys, UK
 - TG3 on "Structural Vulnerability and Earthquake Scenario"
Coordinator: Prof. Mauro Dolce, Italy
 - TG4 on "Effects of Earthquake Vertical Component"
Coordinator: Prof. Panayotis Carydis, Greece
 - TG5 on "Seismic Isolation of Structures",
Coordinator: Prof. Alessandro Martelli, Italy
 - TG6 on "Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering",
Coordinator: Prof. Kyriasiz Pitilakis (Greece)
 - TG7 on "Development of Shaking Table and Reaction Wall Testing Techniques",
Coordinator: Prof. Roy T. Severn, UK
 - TG8 on "Seismic Behaviour of Irregular and Complex Structures",
Coordinator: Prof. Victor Rutenberg, Israel
 - TG10 on "Seismic Aspects of Historical Monument Preservations",
Coordinator: Prof. Costas Symakezis, Greece
- **Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering (BEE):** Publication of 4 issues per year will continue and there are preliminary plans to increase to 6 issues per year in 2008. All the electronic subscriptions will be handled by the Central Office web server as of 2007.
- **Book Series on Geotechnical, Geological and Earthquake Engineering:** Plans are already made to publish two new books in the series.

- **Marie Currie Training Course Proposal to FP7:** The Secretary General with the collaboration of EAEE Task Group Coordinators and Executive Committee members will prepare a new Project Proposal to Marie Currie program (European Training Courses on Earthquake Engineering, ETCEE) for conducting training courses on earthquake engineering topics.
- **Newsletter:** The Central Office will continue preparing two issues of the partly electronic partly printed EAEE Newsletter per year.
- **Internet – Web:** The Internet-EAEE web Pages that will be updated regularly and they will be transferred to a new server at the Central Office in Kandilli in 2007.

Item 5a: The Secretary General briefly presented the income and expenditures for the 2003-2006 period in terms of balances for the four years as given in Table 1.

Table 1. Balance Totals for the years of 2002-2006

BALANCE FROM 2003		€ 2,159.04
BALANCE FROM 2004		€ 863.85
BALANCE FROM 2005		- € 541.18
BALANCE FROM 2006		€ 2,744.19
TOTAL		€ 5,225.90
SPRINGER	DEBT	€ 2,540.00

The non-uniformity in Table 1 was due to the delays encountered in the payments of the National Organisations to EAEE as well as the payments of EAEE to Springer due to late arrival of Springer invoices. Efforts are being made to minimise these delays in the future years.

Item 5b: Proposed Draft Budget was summarised as given in Table 2.

Table 2. Budget Proposal for the years of 2006-2010

YEARLY	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Membership fees from National Members	€ 3,776	
Corporate members	€ 600	
Individual Members – Paper Copy	€ 2,400	
Individual Members – Electronic	€ 2,400	
Secretary of the Central Office		€ 3,000
Support to Ex.Com Members for the workshop in Brussels		€ 2,000
Office expenses		€ 500
Springer-Electronic		€ 750
Springer-Hard Copy		€ 2,000
SUM	€ 9,176	€ 8,250
DIFFERENCE		€ 926

Item 5c: Philippe Bisch and Emilia Juhasova were asked previously by the Executive Committee for unofficially auditing EAEE Budget. Philippe Bisch presented their audit

report and proposed that the budget be approved. He also proposed some suggestions for the improvement of the budget management.

Item 6: The election of the new EAEE Executive Com was conducted. In accordance with the EAEE tradition, Martin Koller, from the country organizing the conference was nominated for the presidency, Robin Spence, the acting president, was nominated for the first vice-presidency and Mihail Garevski, delegate of the country selected for hosting the next conference, was nominated for the second vice-presidency of EAEE. Robin Spence proposed Atilla Ansal as the Secretary General for one more term. An open balloting was conducted by raising hands for each post after each nomination. All the nominees were elected to the proposed posts for 2006-2010 by the unanimous vote of Delegates and Members present.

For the election of the additional five active and three reserve Executive Committee members; Andreas Kappos from Greece, Emilia Juhasova from Slovakia, Rainer Flesch from Austria, Mauro Dolce from Italy, Mohamed Belazougui from Algeria, Jakob Eisenberg from Russia, Carlos Oliveira from Portugal, Ahmad Naderzadeh from Iran, and Panayotis Carydis from Greece were nominated for the Executive Committee memberships. A secret balloting was conducted for the active five positions. Rainer Flesch received (33), Mauro Dolce received (32), Andreas Kappos received (23), Carlos Oliveira received (22), and Panayotis Carydis received (20) votes and except Panayotis Carydis other four candidates were elected as the new Executive Committee members. Since in Executive Committee two members from the same country would not be acceptable, Emilia Juhasova who received (19) votes was elected instead of Panayotis Carydis, as the fifth member. Panayotis Carydis with (20), Jakob Eisenberg with (18) and Mohamed Belazougui with (17) votes were elected as the three reserve Executive Committee members according to the EAEE Statutes.

Item 7: For the election of the two active and one reserve Audit Committee members; Philippe Bisch from France, Panayotis Carydis from Greece and Emil Sever Georgescu from Romania were nominated. A secret balloting was conducted and Philippe Bisch received (38) and Panayotis Carydis received (27) votes and were elected as the Audit Committee members. Emil Sever Georgescu with (14) votes was elected as the reserve Audit Committee Member. Since Panayotis Carydis was elected as Audit Committee Member, his reserve Executive Committee Membership was cancelled and Ahmad Naderzadeh with (11) votes was elected as the third reserve Executive Committee Member.

Item 8: All Delegates expressed their appreciation to the members of the past Executive Com and to Martin Koller for his devoted efforts for the efficient organisation of the 1stECEES (13thECEE). They congratulated the members of the new Executive Committee and wished them success in their future activities.

The General Assembly ended with the decision to have the next General Assembly in Skopje in 2010 during the 14thECEE.

Atilla Ansal
Secretary General