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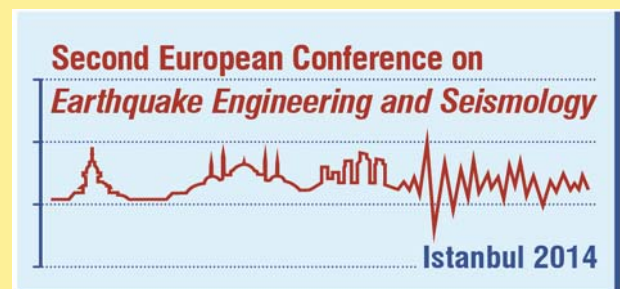
Dear Colleagues,

This first issue of 2011 begins with an introduction from Prof. Mihail Garevski, the new President of EAAE and a summary report of the 14th ECEE. The minutes of EAAE General Assembly, Association Council, and the Executive Committee Meetings are given next in the chronological order followed by the Summary Report of the Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering for 2010.

We had a successful Conference in Ohrid with high participation. The organisation went smoothly by means of interesting sessions, informative invited lectures and the enjoyable social events.

The next conference will be a joint event of 15th European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and the 34th General Assembly of the European Seismological Commission. The conference city was voted first in EAAE Association Council and then in ESC General Assembly and Istanbul, Turkey was selected as the city for the venue of the 2nd ECEES

As Central Office we hope our interaction with all EAAE members will increase in this new four-year period.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

My first address in the capacity of President of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering unfortunately starts with expressing condolences in the name of the EAAE members and on my personal behalf to the Japanese people for the huge loss of human lives, material damage and suffering inflicted by the earthquake of magnitude 9 that took place this year.

I know that the images of this multiple catastrophe caused by an earthquake, tsunami and radioactive radiation from the damaged nuclear power plant will remain long in my memory, overlapping with the images from the earthquakes in Chile, Haiti, New Zealand and L'Aquila which happened recently at very short time intervals. I know that all EAAE members feel the same.

Again, all these events obligate us as earthquake engineers to proceed with our task, namely creating a seismically safe world. Our association shares this obligation with all other similar associations worldwide.

The history of earthquake engineering is as long as the history of European earthquake engineering. EAAE cherishes this tradition. I am therefore taking this opportunity to thank, first of all, Martin Koller, former president of EAAE, for his successful leadership. The same also holds for the former members of the Executive Committee. I would particularly like to point out that the holding of the first joint European conference for earthquake engineers and seismologists was his idea and a very useful one. I am particularly glad that, during my mandate, I will have the opportunity to continue the cooperation with the Secretary General of EAAE – Prof. A. Ansal. All of us know his merits in the realization of the EAAE objectives. The publication of the Bulletin of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering is one of the most important goals realized by EAAE and its editor – Prof. A. Ansal himself is the most meritorious for its high quality and impact factor.

The new members and individual bodies of EAAE and I as new President of EAAE will continue to be committed to realization of the EAAE objectives, namely, promotion of regional cooperation among scientists and engineers in the field of earthquake engineering and supporting research and educational activities. EAAE will further continue with playing an active role in organizing conferences and seminars, enhancing research and educational activities in Europe in the field of earthquake engineering and contributing to mitigation of the effects of earthquakes in Europe.

EAAE will further be active in exchange of information, data and expertise for establishment of data banks, realization of joint projects among members as well as introducing new useful publications.

As new president of EAAE, I will try to increase the individual and corporate membership by animating experts and organizations working in this field. I will endeavour that EAAE contributes to as fast as possible implementation of E8 in those member countries where these codes have still not been fully applied.

Finally, I would like to point out that we, engineers, know how to design seismically resistant structures, but raising the level of seismic resistance of structures also depends on the willingness of our governments. We know that an important increase of safety of structures can be achieved at a negligible cost. This can dramatically reduce the risk of occurrence of damages that can reach up to several hundred billion euros in the case of catastrophic earthquakes. Reducing damages to structures to minimum is therefore our obligation as members of EAAE.

PROF. DR. MIHAIL GAREVSKI, May 2011

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE 14TH ECEE

In the period August 30th – September 3rd, 2010, the 14 European Conference on Earthquake Engineering was held in Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia. The Conference was organized by the Macedonian Association for Earthquake Engineering (MAEE) and under the auspicious of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering. More than 750 scientists from 74 countries attended the Conference. It was our pleasure to conclude that many of the participants were young scientists. One of the reasons for the greater number of young participants of 14 ECEE were the grants for full board and registration fee awarded to 30 talented young scientists from all over the world. Fifteen grants were awarded by MAEE, while the other fifteen grants were awarded by the Swiss Society for Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics (SGEB).

The conference involved six topics in the field of earthquake engineering and seismology. Forty percent of the accepted papers were presented at the poster sessions. The remaining papers were presented through oral sessions. Parallel sessions took place in 9 halls. Nine key lecturers from Europe and the World were invited. These were eminent experts in individual fields of earthquake engineering. Experts who had just returned from their mission in Chile after the catastrophic earthquake with a magnitude of 8.8 degrees were also present. The Conference was a good opportunity for their sharing the experience from this earthquake with the other participants of 14ECEE. A special plenary session on the Chile earthquake was therefore held during the Conference.

A disc containing all the papers presented at the Conference was distributed among all the participants. A disc with photos showing damages to structures after the Skopje 1963 earthquake taken by Prof. Ambraseys were donated to the participants by the author and IZIIS. The Book of Abstracts was also distributed among the participants. All the participants received the book "Earthquake Engineering in Europe", which was published by Springer. Twenty two chapters (450 pages) of this book written by the key and theme lecturers are dedicated to the latest investigations related to earthquake ground motion and earthquake engineering.

Since one of the important aspects of each conference is mutual introducing of scientists and association, the Local Organizing Committee organized a rich social programme during the Conference. In addition to the ice breaking party, the gala dinner and the Macedonian wine evening accompanied by live music performed by known Macedonian singers, Macedonian music and folklore, there was also a concert in the Antique Theatre in Ohrid.

Finally, I am taking this opportunity to thank all the participants who have contributed to the success of this Conference. For us it was worth all our efforts, if we were able to be good hosts and good organizers as suggested by most of the participants.

Until meeting again in Istanbul in 2014, I am sending my best regards to all the participants of the Conference.

MIHAIL GAREVSKI,
CHAIRMAN OF 14ECEE

MINUTES OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING MEETINGS IN 14TH ECEE

Agenda

1. Sunday 29.8.2010 14:30 Last Executive Committee Meeting for the 2006-2010 term
2. Tuesday 31.8.2010 20:00 Meeting of EAEE Association Council
3. Thursday 2.9.2010 19:30 EAEE General Assembly
4. Friday 3.9.2010 at 12:30 First Executive Committee Meeting for the 2010-2014 term

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.

Item 1 Approval of the Agenda: 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 Introduction by the President: The President welcomed the members to the Sixth Executive Committee Meeting and thanked all the members for their efforts.

Item 3 Vice President's Report about 14th ECEE: 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 EAAE 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 Report on Central Office Activities for 2006-2010: 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:

- EAAE 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. EAAE became one of the 23 participants under the umbrella of Boğaziçi University, Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute. The main activity of the EAAE 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 EAAE Statutes were drafted and for the approval of the changes in the EAAE Statutes, Postal Balloting was conducted which was concluded in favour of the approval.
- Guidelines for EAAE General Assemblies were drafted.
- The Rules of EAAE 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 İşik 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 EAAE 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 Katalagarianakis 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 EAAE participants relatively short presentations on; (1) History and activities of EAAE (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.

- EAAE 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.
- EAAE 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 EAAE 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 EAAE Newsletter Vol. 26, No.1 (2008) and was also uploaded to EAAE web pages. The EAAE Executive Committee conducted a postal balloting among its members and it was decided unanimously to invite Prof. Jakob Eisenberg (Delegate of Russia) to the EAAE Executive Committee as the first Reserve Member. Prof. Eisenberg kindly accepted the invitation and he has been serving as a member of the EAAE 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 EAAE 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 EAAE National Associations and by distribution of EAAE 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 Approval of the Financial Report for 2006-2010:

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.

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.

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

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 Applications to organize the 2nd ECEES in 2014:

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,

Atila 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 European Regional Seminars on Earthquake Engineering:

Secretary General reported about the regional seminar held in June 16-18, 2010 at Işık University Şile Campus in İstanbul, 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 Task Groups, Joint Task Groups with ESC: 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 Agenda of the Association Council Meeting: 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 Approval of the Participants and the Agenda of the General Assembly: 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 General Assembly Guidelines (Individual Members & Voting Scheme): 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 Proposals for the New Executive Committee: 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 Miscellaneous: Ex.Com

- 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.

MINUTES OF THE SECOND ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING

NUMBER: 2

DATE: AUGUST 31, 2010

PLACE: OHRID, MACEDONIA

Attendance:

Martin Koller, President

Robin Spence, Vice President, The Society for Earthquake Engineering and Civil Engineering Dynamics

Jacop M. Eisenberg, Ex. Com. Member

Mohamed Farsi, Algerian Association for Earthquake Engineering

Rainer Flesch, Treasurer, Austrian Association for Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics

Mihaela Zamolo, Croatian Society for Earthquake Engineering

Pierre Labbe, French Association for Earthquake Engineering

Andreas J Kappos, Ex. Com. Member, Hellenic Society for Earthquake Engineering

Robert Levy, Israeli Association for Earthquake Engineering

Zoran Milutinovic, Macedonian Society of Earthquake Engineering

Mihail Garevski, Vice President

Atilla Ansal, Secretary General

Dario Slejko, ESC Representative

Mikayel Melkumyan, Armenian Association for Earthquake Engineering

Kiril Hadjiyski, Bulgarian National Committee for Earthquake Engineering

Jiri Náprstek, Czech Society for Mechanics

Irakli Giorgadze, Georgian National Committee of Earthquake Engineering & Engineering Seismology

Ahmad Naderzadeh, Iranian Society for Earthquake Engineering

Mauro Dolce, Ex. Com. Member, Italian National Association for Earthquake Engineering

Bozidar Pavicevic, Montenegrin Association for Earthquake Engineering

Zbigniew Zembaty, Polish National Committee on Earthquake and Paraseismic Engineering
Emil-Sever Georgescu, Romanian Association for Earthquake Engineering
Radomir Folc, Serbian Association for Earthquake Engineering
Rafael Blazquez, Spanish Association for Earthquake Engineering
Mustafa Erdik, Turkish National Committee on Earthquake Engineering

Carlos Sousa Oliveira, Ex. Com. Member, Portuguese Society for Earthquake Engineering
Vladimir I. Smirnov, Russian National Committee for Earthquake Engineering
Peter Fajfar, Ex. Com. Member, Slovenian Association for Earthquake Engineering
Thomas Wenk, Swiss Society for Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics
Yuriy Nemchynov, Association for Ukrainian Earthquake Engineering

Absentee:

Themios Demetriou, Cyprus Civil Engineers and Architects Association
Carsten Könke, German Society for Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics
Ragnar Sigbjornsson, Icelandic National Society of Earthquake Engineering
Farrokh Nadim, Norwegian Society for Earthquake Engineering

Mohamed Sobaih, Egyptian Society for Earthquake Engineering
Laszlo P. Kollár, Hungarian National Committee for Earthquake Engineering
Marat Ashimbayev, Kazakhstan Public Regional Foundation for Development of Earthquake Engineering
Milan Sokol, Slovak Association for Earthquake Engineering

Prologue: The second meeting of the Association Council of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering was held in the Millenium Hotel in Ohrid, Macedonia on Tuesday evening, August 31, 2010 between 20:00 and 22:30 hours on the occasion of the 14th European Conference on Earthquake Engineering. The Meeting was chaired by the President, Martin Koller.

Item 1 Opening by the President and Approval of the Agenda: President Martin Koller welcomed all the Delegates and summarised very briefly the purpose of the Meeting. The main purpose of the meeting of the EAEE Association Council that is composed of the Delegates of all National Members and the Executive Committee Members is to elect the city and the National Member to organise the next European Conference on Earthquake Engineering among the candidates proposed by the Executive Committee.

President explained briefly the election procedure since it was the first election of a joint conference city. The next conference will be a joint event of 15th European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and the 34th General Assembly of the European Seismological Commission. Therefore, the voting will be composed of two steps: The conference city will be voted first in EAEE Association Council and then in ESC General Assembly. The next conference city will be elected based on the total number of votes of two Associations.

Association Council Members discussed first the voting condition of the Executive Committee Members who are also the Delegates of National Members. It was approved by the majority that when a delegate is also an Ex. Com. Member the delegate will have two votes. Consequently, in EAEE Association Council, the number of votes will be 44 (33 Delegates and 11 Ex. Com. Members) at maximum depending on the participation. The number of votes in the ESC General Assembly will be 56 (42 Titular Members, however only the Members who have paid IUGG fee will have the voting right and 14 Ex. Com. Members) at maximum.

With the proposal by Andreas Kappos, each Delegate introduced himself to the Council taking advantage of being together for this occasion.

The Proposed Agenda of the Meeting was approved.

Item 2 Presentations by Delegates proposing to organize the 2nd ECEES in 2014: The Candidate National Organisations to organise the 2nd European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology (2ECEES) were: (1) Turkish Earthquake Foundation - Earthquake Engineering Committee and Prime Ministry, Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency proposing Istanbul and (2) Austrian Association for Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics and Austrian Geophysical Society proposing Vienna as the venue to organise the joint conference in 2014. The Representatives of the candidate cities made presentations in alphabetical order starting with Istanbul, Turkey.

The Association Council Members asked questions to the representatives of the candidate cities related to the conference venues, registration fees, reduced accommodation rates, publishing proceedings in citation index, etc.

The President, Martin Koller reminded that ESC has a training course for young seismologists before the General Assembly, and for a joint conference the candidates should consider a joint training course for young researchers on earthquake engineering and seismology. Both representatives of the candidate cities assured the Council that such an organisation will be organised for training during 2nd ECEES.

Item 3 Secret balloting to select the location of the 2nd ECEES in 2014: A secret balloting was conducted to determine the venue of the 2nd ECEES. Istanbul, Turkey was selected as the city for the next European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology by the majority vote of 24 to 11 (One vote was blank). Prof. Ansal, the Secretary General of the Turkish Earthquake Foundation - Earthquake Engineering Committee expressed his thanks to all Delegates for selecting Istanbul as the city for the 2nd European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology. Selection of the next conference city will be finalized after the voting in ESC Council Meeting.

Item 4 Recommendations for the EAEE General Assembly: Secretary General explained briefly the procedures and voting scheme for the General Assembly according to the recently adopted Statutes and the EAEE traditions. He summarised the Ex.Com recommendations to propose a draft list of candidates for both Executive and Audit Committees.

Item 5 Council Candidates for the Executive and Audit Committee for 2010-2014: The Association Council agreed to propose (Mohamed Belazougui, Jacob Eisenberg, Rainer Flesch, Kiril Hadjiyski, Andreas Kappos, Zygmunt Lubkowski, Ahmed Naderzadeh, Carlos Sousa Oliveira, Alain Pecker, Mihaela Zamolo, Mauro Dolce) as possible candidates for the Executive and (Emil Sever Georgescu, Rudolf Heuer, Robert Levy) for the Audit Committees.

Epilogue: The selection of the next conference city was left to be finalized after the ESC voting to be held in the following week in Montpellier, France. The second meeting of the Association Council of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering held in Ohrid ended with a joyful dinner hosted by Mihail Garevski, the Chairmen of the 14th ECEE.

MINUTES OF THE EAEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NUMBER: 14

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

PLACE: OHRID, MACEDONIA

ATTENDANCE:

Delegates of National Members:

Mohamed Farsi, Algerian Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering
Mikayel Melkumyan, Armenian Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering
Rainer Flesch, Austrian Assoc. for EQ Engng. and Structural Dynamics
Kiril Hadjiyski, Bulgarian National Committee for Earthquake Engineering
Vladimir Sigmund, Croatian Society for Earthquake Engineering
Pierre Labbe, French Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering
Irakli Giorgadze, Georgian National Com of EQ Engng. & Engng. Seis.
Andreas J Kappos, Hellenic Society for Earthquake Engineering
Ahmad Naderzadeh, Iranian Society for Earthquake Engineering
Robert Levy, Israeli Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering
Mauro Dolce, Italian National Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering
Zoran Milutinovic, Macedonian Society of Earthquake Engineering
Jadranka Mihaljevic, Montenegrin Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering
Carlos Sousa Oliveira, Portuguese Society for Earthquake Engineering
Emil-Sever Georgescu, Romanian Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering
Vladimir Smirnov, Russian National Com for Earthquake Engineering
Radomir Folic, Serbian Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering
Peter Fajfar, Slovenian Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering
Rafael Blazquez, Spanish Assoc. for Earthquake Engineering
Thomas Wenk, Swiss Society for EQ Engng. and Structural Dynamics
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Delegate of Corporate Members:

Rainer Flesch, Austrian Institute of Technology

Prologue: The Fourteenth General Assembly of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering was held in Goritsa Hotel in Ohrid, Macedonia on Thursday evening, September 2, 2010 on the occasion of the 14th European Conference on Earthquake Engineering.

Item 1 Opening: The General Assembly started with the welcoming remarks of President Martin Koller at 19:30 pm once the attendance was sufficient in accordance with the list of participating Delegates and Individual members.

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

Item 3 Approval of the Agenda: The Draft Agenda was approved.

Item 4 Activity Reports

Item 4a: The President, Martin Koller thanked all the Delegates and Individual Members for their participation to the General Assembly, and to the Executive Committee Members, especially to Secretary General for their support in his four-year period of presidency. The President briefly explained the work of the Executive Committee on behalf of the European Association of Earthquake Engineering in this period. Specifically, he informed the General Assembly that during this period a decision was reached at the joint Executive Committee meeting with the European Seismological Commission about the establishment of common work areas and occasions. He asked support of all National and Individual Members for the maintenance of this established cooperation between engineers and seismologists and for finding concrete actions to work together in the forthcoming years.

Item 4b: The Vice President, Mihail Garevski, as the Chairman of the organising committee of 14th ECEE gave a brief report concerning the activities and organisational issues related to the Conference. Vice President

summarised the number of participants, the numbers of oral and poster presentations, activities related to construction of big tents to be used as the main conference hall, conference proceedings, social activities, and transfer of the participants to the conference city, Ohrid from different airports. He pointed out the importance of having more oral presentations, and reasons for the nine parallel sessions. He mentioned that in general participation was good in most of the sessions but there were also some absentees in some sessions. General Assembly participants applauded Mihail Garevski on behalf of all Organizing Committee for their successful organization.

Item 4c: The Secretary General presented the Central Office Report for 2006 – 2010 term concerning the activities related to Executive Committee Meetings, Member Associations, Individual Members, Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering, EAEE web pages, Springer Book Series, EAEE Newsletter and pointed out the main events as:

- The Central Office was informed on June 20, 2007 that EAEE is officially registered as an international NGO by the official approval of the Turkish Cabinet of Ministers in their meeting held on April 17, 2007.
- An official bank account was established under the name of European Association for Earthquake Engineering at Garanti Bank at the Boğaziçi University Branch, followed by the installation of the credit card charging equipment in the Central Office.
- EAEE is one of the participants under the Boğaziçi University in the FP7 project "Seismic Engineering Research Infrastructures for European Synergy" (SERIES), the Coordinator is Prof. M. Fardis. 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 official meeting on “The Reduction of Earthquake Risks in Europe” with the EU Directorates took place on 13 March 2008. The participants from EAEE were Atilla Ansal, Carlos Oliveira, Mauro Dolce, André Plumier, and Mário Lopez. From the EU Commission the participants were Michel Chapuis DG RTD, Georgios Katalagarianakis 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.

Mário Lopes summarised the recent developments in EU related activities. He gave a brief history stating that the first initiatives started in 2005 during “EAEE - EU Workshop on Earthquake Risk Reduction in Europe” held in Lisbon and chaired by Robin Spence. “Executive Summary on Earthquake Risk Reduction Programme” proposed by EAEE summarising the conclusions and recommendations of the Lisbon Workshop was the first document on this topic. Then, a meeting of EAEE Contact Committee with the European Parliamentarians was organised in 2007 in Brussels to present the EAEE proposals on Earthquake Risk Reduction in Europe. And in 2008, the meeting on “The Reduction of Earthquake Risks in Europe” was held on 13 March 2008 in Brussels. There are some positive outcomes such as the recent EU FP7 projects: SERIES, SYNERGY and NERA that most likely were the results of these initiations. Mário Lopes noted that connection with the MPs would be very crucial but without the support of national governments it would be very hard for EAEE to convince Brussels on mitigation actions. He suggested that EAEE National delegates of EU member states should lobby at national level to get in contact with their MPs to carry the EAEE proposals to the European Commission.

- The modifications in the EAEE Statutes were finalized by the Ex.Com and Central Office conducted Postal Balloting for the approval of the changes in the EAEE Statutes. Balloting results were as follows:

Out of 51 voting Individual Members 37 approved, 2 abstained, and 12 not voted. Accordingly, $37/51 = 0.72 >$ the required ratio was 0.67.

Out of 33 National Delegates 25 approved, 3 not approved, 2 abstained, and 3 not voted. Accordingly $25/33 = 0.76 >$ the required ratio was 0.67.

It was noted that since the modifications of the EAEE Statutes were approved, the voting in the General Assembly will be conducted according to the revised EAEE Statutes. Secretary General outlined the major changes in the new Statutes concerning the voting rights of the National, Individual, and Corporate Members and explained the voting scheme that will be applied during the General Assembly.

On behalf of Executive Committee and as the Ex Com Member who had first voiced the concern regarding the equal voting rights given to the individual and national members, Andreas Kappos pointed out the reasons why a rationalization was required of the decision-making and voting process within the EAEE.

- The 21st European Regional Earthquake Engineering Seminar on Seismic Assessment and Retrofit of Bridges was organised in June 2010 in Istanbul.
- The Prof. Nicholas Ambraseys Distinguished Lecture Award was established and the Guidelines for the award were approved by the Ex.Com.

- The Guidelines for EAEE General Assemblies and modification of the Rules for EAEE Task Groups were approved by the Ex.Com.
- The Minutes of the EAEE General Assembly and Association Council held respectively on Sep. 5 and 7, 2006 in Geneva, Switzerland during 1st ECEES were prepared and distributed to all members..
- Organisation and dissemination of the Minutes of the six Executive Committee Meetings held during 2006 – 2010 including the Joint ESC-EAEE meeting on Sep. 7, 2008 in Crete, Greece.

Secretary General summarised briefly the outcomes of the ESC and EAEE joint Executive Committee Meeting.

- Drafting, printing, and dissemination of the EAEE Newsletters for 2007: No.25/1, 25/2, 2008: 26/1, 27/1, 2009: 28/1, 28/2, 2010: 29/1

Item 4d: The Secretary General presented the Proposed Activity Plan for the 2010-2014 term with respect to different items as:

- Regional seminars for young engineers and scientists every year,
- Preparation and submission of a Marie-Curie training course project with ESC to EU,
- Meeting with EU officials to discuss about earthquake mitigation actions,
- Executive Committee Meeting every year with the reserve Executive Committee and Audit Committee Members,
- Improvement of Task Group activities,
- Publication of new Volumes in Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering and new books in Book Series on Geological, Geotechnical, and Earthquake Engineering

Presented activity reports for 2006-2010 term and the proposed activity plan for 2010-2014 was approved by the unanimous vote of the Delegates and Members present in the General Assembly.

Item 5 Budget Reports:

Item 5a: The Secretary General briefly presented the income and expenditures for the 2006-2010 period in terms of balances for the four years as given in Table 1.

Table 1. Balance Totals for the years of 2006-2010

BALANCE FROM 2007	€ 1,681.25
BALANCE FROM 2008	€ 2,227.42
BALANCE FROM 2009	€4,245.67
BALANCE FROM 2010	€ 8,949.48
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SPRINGER DEBT	€ 1,521.00

Item 5b: Emil Sever Georgescu was asked previously by the Secretary General for auditing EAEE Budget. He presented the audit report and noted the following:

- Starting from 2007, annual financial reports of EAEE have been audited for each year.
- There are no assets of the Association or an employee at the moment. (Conditions for future employment should be clarified.)
- All documents (invoices & incomes) are kept available.
- All bank statements are kept available.
- Status of payment of membership fees (national, corporate and individual members separately) are listed.
- Membership fees are not always allocated to the year of membership. However, there is a progress in recent years.
- A follow-up of the budget has been organised on a periodic basis.

Item 5c: Proposed Draft Budget for 2010-2014 period was summarised as given in Table 2.

Table 2. Budget Proposal for the years of 2010-2014

YEARLY	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Balance from 2006-2010 term	€ 7,500	
Membership fees from National Members	€ 4,000	
Corporate members	€ 1,000	
Individual Members – Paper Copy	€ 2,500	
Individual Members – Electronic	€ 2,500	
14 ECEE	€ 2,000	
Support to Ex.Com Members for the workshop in Brussels		€ 2,000
Support to Ex.Com Members for the workshop in Brussels		€ 750
Office expenses		€ 750
Springer-Electronic		€ 2,500
Springer-Hard Copy		€ 2,000
SUM	€ 19,500	€ 6,000
DIFFERENCE	€ 13,500	

Presented financial reports for 2006-2010 period and proposed draft budget for 2010-2014 was approved by the unanimous vote of Delegates and Members present in the General Assembly.

Item 6 Election of the Executive Committee: Secretary General announced retiring Executive Committee Members and explained how the list of nominees was prepared. The election of the new EAEE Executive Committee was conducted. In accordance with the EAEE tradition, Mihail Garevski, from the country organizing the conference was nominated for the presidency, Martin Koller, the acting president, was nominated for the first vice-presidency of EAEE. Martin Koller proposed Atilla Ansal as the Secretary General for one more term. Although Atilla Ansal as the delegate of the country selected for hosting the next conference is traditionally nominated for the second vice-presidency, since he was nominated as the Secretary General he proposed Mauro Dolce as the second vice-presidency. An open balloting was conducted by raising hands for each post after each nomination. All the nominees were elected to the proposed posts for 2010-2014 by the unanimous vote of the Delegates and Members present.

For the election of the additional five active and three reserve Executive Committee members; Andreas Kappos from Greece, Alain Pecker from France, Rainer Flesch from Austria, Carlos Sousa Oliveira from Portugal, Zygmunt Lubkowski from UK, Mohamed Belazougui from Algeria, Mihaela Zamolo from Croatia, Ahmed Naderzadeh from Iran, Kiril Hadjiyski from Bulgaria, Jacob Eisenberg from Russia were nominated for the Executive Committee memberships. After each nominee introduced himself and expressed his motivation for being an Executive Committee member, a secret balloting was conducted for the active five positions. Andreas Kappos received (138), Alain Pecker received (127), Rainer Flesch received (117), Carlos Sousa Oliveira received (104) and Zygmunt Lubkowski received (85) votes and were elected as the new Executive Committee members. Mohamed Belazougui with (59), Mihaela Zamolo with (38) and Ahmed Naderzadeh with (21) votes were elected as the three reserve Executive Committee members according to the EAEE Statutes.

Item 7 Election of the Audit Committee: For the election of the two active and one reserve Audit Committee members; Emil Sever Georgescu from Romania, Rudolf Heuer from Austria and Robert Levy from Israel were nominated. A secret balloting was conducted and Emil Sever Georgescu received (115) and Rudolf Heuer received (92) votes and were elected as the Audit Committee members. Robert Levy with (78) votes was elected as the reserve Audit Committee Member.

Item 8 Election of Honorary Members: Martin Koller proposed Prof. Peter Fajfar and Atilla Ansal proposed Prof. Bozidar Pavicevic for their contributions and devoted efforts in the field of Earthquake Engineering as the new Honorary Members of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering and both were approved as Honorary Members by the unanimous vote of the Delegates and Members present in the General Assembly.

Item 9 Miscellaneous: All Delegates expressed their appreciation to the members of the past Executive Com and to Mihail Garevski for his devoted efforts for the efficient organisation of the 14thECEE. They congratulated the members of the new Executive Committee and wished them success in their future activities.

Item 10 Closure: The General Assembly ended with the decision to have the next General Assembly in Istanbul or Vienna in 2014 during the 15th ECEE.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

NUMBER: 1

DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 2010

PLACE: OHRID, MACEDONIA

Attendance:

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

Absentee:

Prologue: The first meeting of the new Executive Committee of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering for 2010-2014 Period was held in Ohrid, Macedonia on Friday September 3, 2010 between 12:30 and 13:00 after the Closing Ceremony of the 14th ECEE. The Executive Committee meeting was chaired by the President.

Item 1 Approval of the Agenda: Secretary General reviewed the items of the Agenda, and asked for

suggestions. The proposed Agenda of the Meeting was approved by all the members present.

Item 2 Remarks by the President: The President welcomed the members to the first Executive Committee Meeting for the Period 2010-2014. He expressed his thanks to all Executive Committee Members for his election and for their support to the Conference.

Item 3 Remarks by the Secretary General: Secretary General expressed his congratulations and thanks to the President for the well organised conference. He summarised his views concerning the issues that will be in the agenda of the new Executive Committee during the coming four years: There will be Executive Committee meetings at least once every year. The Central Office will inform Member Organisations to pay their membership dues at the beginning of each year. 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. The Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering and book series are being published at a steady rate however additional support and ideas are needed to publish BEE Special Issues and new books in the series.

The Central Office will continue preparing two issues of the EAEE Newsletter per year. The Internet-EAEE web Pages will be updated when additional information becomes

available. As agreed in the General Assembly, EAEE will support the regional seminars in the forthcoming period, so Secretary General expressed his hopes to have regional seminars or workshops each year and asked the support of the Executive Committee members to convince National Societies for organising regional seminars.

Item 4 Election of Secretary and Treasurer: According to the EAEE Statutes, the election for the post of the Secretary and Treasurer needs to be conducted during the first meeting of the new Executive Committee. Secretary General proposed Andreas Kappos as the Secretary and the past treasurer, Rainer Flesch, as the Treasurer one more time. The nominations of Andreas Kappos and Rainer Flesch as the Secretary and Treasurer respectively were approved unanimously by the members present.

Item 5 Miscellaneous: It was decided to have the second Executive Committee Meeting in Istanbul, Turkey on 29 May 2011 just before 7th Turkish National Conference on Earthquake Engineering.

Epilogue: The first meeting of the Executive Committee of the EAEE held in Ohrid was finalized. The meeting ended with the thanks of the President to all participating members.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 28.6-7.7.2011, XXV IUGG General Assembly 2011, Earth on the Edge: Science for a Sustainable Planet; Melbourne, Australia; <http://www.iugg2011.com>
- 4-6.7.2011 8th International Conference on Structural Dynamics (EURODYN2011); Leuven, Belgium; Web Site: <http://www.eurodyn2011.org>
- 3-5.9.2011 1st International Conference on Urban Construction in the Vicinity of Active Faults, Tabriz-Iran; <http://www.iccvaf.com>
- 7-9.9.2011 8th International Conference on Earthquake Resistant Engineering Structures (ERES 2011); Chianciano Terme, Italy; Website: <http://www.wessex.ac.uk/11-conferences/eres-2011.html>
- 18-23.9.2011 The 2011 World Congress on Advances in Structural Engineering and Mechanics (ASEM11); Seoul, Korea; Web Site: <http://asem11.cti3.com/>
- 3-5.10.2011 4th International Conference on Experimental Vibration Analysis for Civil Engineering Structures (EVACES2011); Varenna, Italy; Website: http://inq.univaq.it/evaces_2011
- 11-12.12.2011 The 5th International Conference on Structural Health Monitoring of Intelligent Infrastructure (SHMII-5 2011); Cancun, Mexico; Website: <http://www.ishmii.org/shmii-5-2011>
- 9-11.1.2012 5th Int. Conf. on Behaviour of Steel Structures in Seismic Areas (STRESSA 2012); Santiago, Chile; Web Site: <http://www.inqcivil.uchile.cl/stressa2012>
- 23-25.1.2012 The International Conference on Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering From Case History to Practice In honour of Prof. Kenji Ishihara ; Luxor - Aswan, Egypt, e-mail: mamsakr@yahoo.com
- 28-30.5.2012 Second International Conference On Performance-Based Design In Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering; Taormina, Italy; Contact: mmaugeri@dica.unict.it
- 19-24.8.2012 General Assembly of European Seismological Commission ESC2012; Moscow, Russia; Contact: Zavyalov Alexey zavyalov@ifz.ru
- 24-28.9.2012 15th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering (15 WCEE); Lisbon-Portugal; Website: <http://www.15wcee.org/>

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR 2010

Last year after two years of leading impact factors among the five earthquake engineering journals (Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics, Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering, Earthquake Spectra, Soil Dynamics and Earthquake Engineering, Journal of Earthquake Engineering), I wrote "I am completely aware that this may not happen again, but I hope we will be able to increase our impact factor also for 2009". Actually for 2009 we ranked fourth after the Soil Dynamics and Earthquake Engineering with a very minor difference. However, our impact factor has increased from 1.271 to 1.339.

It is sometimes difficult to accept that eight years has passed since the publication of BEE started in 2003. 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.

As of January 2011, there has been some changes in the BEE Editorial Board, we would like to welcome Dr. Dina D'Ayala, Prof. Mihail Garevski, Prof. Andreas Kappos, Prof. Marco Mucciarelli, Prof. Roberto Paolucci, Dr. Dario Slejko, and Prof. Erdal Şafak to BEE Editorial Board and at the same time we would like to express our thanks and gratitude to those who are retiring from the BEE Editorial Board, Prof. Panayotis Carydis, Prof. Jacob Eisenberg, Dr. Alessandro Martelli, Dr. Farrokh Nadim, Prof. Pedro Seco e Pinto, Prof. Avigdor Rutenberg, and Prof. Roy Severn.

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 their continuous support and encouragement.

During these eight years the number of submitted manuscripts have 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. The number of submitted manuscripts with respect to 2009 increased approximately 19% indicating the steadily increasing popularity of 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 to the total of 1600 pages.

The first issue of Volume 9 is already in print. It is a Special Issue on "L'Aquila earthquake: Seismic sequence of 6th April 2009, Abruzzo, Italy" with Guest Editors; Dina D'Ayala and Mauro Dolce and it contains 15 articles including the Guest Editorial.

There were two new special issue proposals during the past year and with the one from the previous year. The total of 3 special issues are in line for publication:

- Old Masonry Under Seismic Loading;
- The L'Aquila earthquake – A view of site effects and structural behaviour from temporary networks;
- The Italian strong motion database ITACA;

I would like to acknowledge and express my gratitude for all the support given by the Editorial Board Members as reviewers and as authors. I would also like to acknowledge the referees listed below in the alphabetical order in taking part in the review process during these four years.

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In 2012, 15WCEE is hosted by the Portuguese Association for Earthquake Engineering, **SPES**, and will take place in Lisbon.



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Upcoming news

Future newsletter articles will address the following topics:

- Lisbon – the host city
- Organizing committees
- Pioneering initiatives
- 3D shaking table Olympics
- Scientific programme, etc.

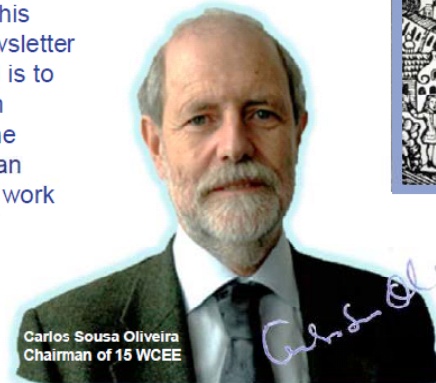
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The Portuguese earthquake engineering community is very pleased to welcome you to Lisbon for the 15 WCEE.

Among several initiatives planned for this Conference, aiming at increasing the awareness on seismic engineering issues and raising the discussion on this subject, the 15 WCEE newsletter was created. Its main goal is to facilitate the dissemination of information regarding the World Conference, being an informal report of ongoing work and granting an outlook of new developments, events and opportunities that 15 WCEE will provide.



Carlos Sousa Oliveira
Chairman of 15 WCEE

Furthermore, short news, pictures and Web links related to earthquake engineering issues are welcomed.

During 2011 the newsletter will prospectively be issued 4 times, and on a more frequent basis as the big moment arrives!



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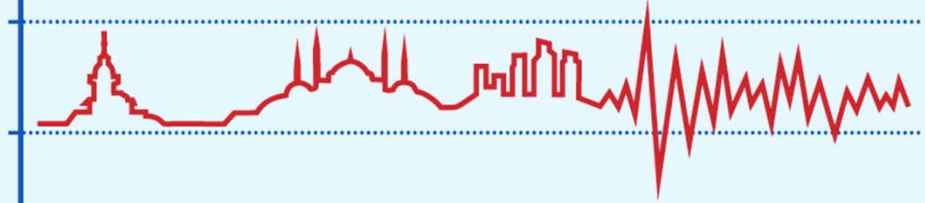
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