

MINUTES OF THE 46th AEEBC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HELD ON FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2014

IN THE NOVOTEL, PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

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Present	Kevin Sheridan (President) (KS); Gert Johansen (Vice President) (GJ); Professor Trevor Mole (Honorary Secretary); Robert Patterson (Ireland); John Yadoo (JY); Simon Lawes (SL); Tara Page (TP); Eric De Keghel (EK); Stan Barker (SB); Ari Autio (AA); Ahti Juntilla (AJ); Mark Kennett (MK); Graham Hough (GH); Jette Djaelund (JD); Dorte Merete Jakobsen (Denmark), Saleem Akram (UK); Toni Floriach (Spain); Jan Ottink (JO); Lawrence Wainwright (Germany); Martin Homann (Germany)	Action
In attendance	Martin Russell-Croucher (MRC); David Gibson (Society for Professional Engineers); Jan Fibker (Czech Republic)	
Apologies	Juan Bosco Molina Navarro (Spain); Pawel Novak (Poland); Piotr Novak (UK); Maurizio Savoncelli (Italy); Giuliano Villi (Italy); Andrzej Minasowicz (Poland); Bruno Sánchez Saiz-Ezquerria (Spain); Lars Haedeker (Sweden); Carlos Aymat (Spain); Farzhad Khosrowshahi (FK); Maria Scorza (Italy);	
1.0	Minutes of the previous meeting in Rome, Italy	
	The minutes were agreed unanimously. GJ gave a summary of the Rome meeting ADC	
	There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda	
2.0	Business Plan	
2.1	European Liaison	
2.1.1	<u>ECCREDI</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report Previously updated by FK at Rome GA meeting 	
2.2	Affiliates TP reported that work was continuing on the academic community. The venue and university	

	<p>input for the proposed conference was still to be agreed though Turin was suggested because of the university contacts.</p> <p>A payment and application [process] also needed to be completed.</p> <p>There was a need to target heads of schools at identified universities and it was proposed that the Danish universities, VIA, KIA and North Denmark, Warsaw Technical University, Muenster in Germany and in the UK, Wolverhampton, Sheffield Hallam, Salford, Coventry and Leeds Beckett should be targeted.</p> <p>TM suggested a course leader's event to discuss the European dimension for undergraduates to show the benefits to the university and suggested course leaders be invited to the next General Assembly.</p> <p>GJ suggested that AEEBC should encourage cross border student interaction which could get the universities and other high level institutes involved.</p> <p>RP suggested another mailshot.</p> <p>TP said that she would send the list around for a final cross check before sending the requests out.</p> <p>JY asked about timescales. TP said that the draft programme would be developed by December 2014 and a keynote speaker identified by end of January/Early February 2015 with a suggested conference for April 2016.</p> <p>TM suggested an academic open seminar for the next GA.</p> <p>GJ said that a specific topic should be agreed with the universities. TM said that this should be low key with just the universities affiliated to AEEBC. GJ suggested that the seminar should be two way, what AEEBC needs from universities and vice versa.</p> <p>Action: University seminar to be held at the Barcelona GA Autumn 2015.</p> <p>Action: Student community to be established</p>	<p>TP</p> <p>TP/Sec</p> <p>TP/TM</p>
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	<p>RP referred to the Interview, circulated earlier to GA members given by KS to the Spanish CGATE magazine CERCHA and suggested that it was quite comprehensive and covered the EurBE issues very well. He proposed that a hyperlink or summary be included on the AEEBC website. It was agreed that access to the website to place items of interest to members would be reviewed and discussed at the next officers meeting with agreed members who can input articles.</p>	RP KS TM
2.3	<p>Promotion</p> <p>RP reported that he had received the LdV/CLOEMC booklets.</p> <p>MK said that he was leading on the Facebook and LinkedIn.</p> <p>Action: TM and MK to liaise on the social media sites.</p> <p>JY suggested that a new GA delegate should be used to promote and discuss the benefits of EurBE.</p> <p>Action: LW to look at producing a Wikipedia page.</p>	TM/MK LW
2.4	<p>AEEBC Development Committee (formerly PDC)</p> <p>2.4 EurBE</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'Building Engineering' was proposed as a revised descriptor. After discussion it was decided that there would be no change of title. 2. It was agreed that the EurBE application process should be streamlined for members of a Principal Member Organisation with a NMC in place. The applicant must be a full member of Principal Member organisation who meets the EurBE competency requirements and is required to provide a full CV demonstrating a minimum of 2 years appropriate post qualification experience. The applicant MUST satisfy the assessment criteria of both the NMC and EMC. 3. In cases where an applicant is from a country where there is a Principal Member organisations but without a NMC (scenario 1) or from a country without a Principal Member (scenario 2) then a route will be 	

	<p>made available direct to the European Monitoring Committee (EMC). The requirement in these circumstances would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scenario 1 where a Principal member exists but there is no NMC – the applicant MUST be a full member of the Principal Member Organisation and must provide a full application demonstrating a minimum of two years' experience and submit a FULL application direct to the EMC ○ Scenario 2 where no Principal Member exists in the applicant's country (and therefore no NMC also) then the applicant must make a FULL application in every respect to the EMC. <p>4. It is appreciated that some Principal Members are in the process of establishing NMCs therefore it was agreed that Scenarios 1 & 2 will not be introduced within the next six months allowing further time for Principal Members to establish an NMC in their particular country.</p> <p>Action: Changes to the EurBE rules will be amended immediately to reflect the GA's wishes for a fast track route as described in 2 above. The direct route to the EMC described in 3 will be deferred until the Vienna meeting when the final decision for a direct route to the EMC will be considered.</p> <p>AEEBC/EurBE Presentation</p> <p>KS Presented welcomed Jan Fibker from Prague and gave a short presentation on the status of the EURBE and the developments in the EU on the Professional Card. He advised that the EU had finalised changes in the criteria for a Professional Card and had now decided that it should be an electronic card and not a plastic card as previously proposed by FEANI and AEEBC. This is to be administered by the EU designated competent authorities comprising a direct application to the home member state competent authority and verified/validated by the host member states. This is to be on a case by case basis and is intended to limit the need for compensating measures such as prior controlled time periods of monitored training/experience or aptitude tests. The</p>	<p>KS/SG/Sec</p>
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	<p>requirements for temporary mobility for migrant workers would be similar but more influence would be down to the home member competent authority. He also advised that FEANI are in the process of migrating their professional card (Eurlng) to a less proprietary one and would be open to graduates and non members. Both would coexist in the short term with both streams of ENGCARD and Eurlng coexisting in the states who wish to adopt either of these. He also advised that would be up to each GA member to encourage a higher uptake of the card in all member countries and further afield as it would otherwise be difficult to make any case in the future for recognition of AEEBC professions and FEANI had critical mass in contrast. He contrasted the perception of the European Associations cards as either a limited commodity or Industry recognised standard. While it was recognised that the cards were currently heavily subsidised by either the European Association individual member organisations in many instances in the case of FEANI, or collectively by AEEBC, it was important that the fee charged to members does not become a disincentive and kill off any chance of getting further critical mass. The FEANI overall charges to individuals were less than that currently charged by AEEBC. He acknowledged the contribution of PT in limiting the cost base at present.</p> <p>He advised that CGATE has now identified its NMC members and is in the process of setting up an NMC in the coming months</p> <p>Jan Fibker gave a presentation on the Czech professional associations and construction industry climate and stated that he would welcome further association an cooperation with AEEBC in the future.</p>	
2.5	<p>Leonardo de Vinci CLOEMC III</p> <p>MRC reported that the CLOEMC III had been finalised and just the final payment was awaited. The result of the next project bid to the EU under the Horizon 2020 programme would be known later this year, hopefully to start in 2015.</p>	
2.6	<p>Principal Membership</p> <p>Turkey SA said that he was not getting a response from the Turkish association</p> <p>France EDK said that FW had contacted but advised him that they had left AEEBC. RW would look at</p>	

	<p>whether there were other associations in France that could be interested in AEEBC membership.</p> <p>JY said that it was important to have a French association in membership of AEEBC and suggested Olivier Boudin, President of CFEC as a contact.</p> <p>Action: JY to contact Msr Boudin</p> <p>Israel</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Norway</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Austria</p> <p>SA suggested Willy Reismann of ICMA in Austria</p> <p>Action: SA to contact Herr Reismann</p>	<p>RW</p> <p>JY</p> <p>SA</p>
2.7	<p>Working Groups</p> <p>Interests Matrix</p> <p>LW said that he would be revisiting some of the interest areas and would be working with EDK on the interests matrix</p> <p>Action: LW and EDK to complete interests matrix</p> <p>EPC</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that delegates would send in the qualifications required to produce energy performance certificates for their country by end of 2nd week January 2015 (16th January 2015)</p>	<p>LW/ EDK</p> <p>All</p>
2.8	<p>Website</p> <p>TM reported that further website development would be undertaken following the current meeting</p> <p>Action: TM to facilitate website development</p> <p>Action: TM to re-issue guidance on updating the web site.</p>	<p>TM</p> <p>TM</p>
2.9	<p>AEEBC Ltd</p> <p>TM reported that AEEBC Ltd facilitates payment for AEEBC and currently makes a loss.</p>	

3.0	<p>Next Meetings The next officers meeting will take place in Barcelona to coincide with the BIM Conference in conjunction from 12th to 13th February and all GA members are encouraged to avail of the special AEEBC rate for the conference</p> <p>Vienna 23–25 April 2015</p> <p>Barcelona (with academic conference) 5 – 7 November 2015</p> <p>Turkey – Spring 2016 to be arranged</p>	
4.0	<p>Any other business</p> <p>TM advised that as both the President and Secretary General would be standing down at the next GA as they would be at the end of their second three year term. Members were requested to send proposals for consideration for election to both of these posts prior to the next GA meeting in Vienna to TM & KS JO reported that Arcadis may take the place of NVBK for the Netherlands</p> <p>DG said that he would send information about SBE to delegates</p>	<p>Sec</p> <p>All</p> <p>TM, KS</p> <p>DG</p>
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