

MINUTES OF THE 48th AEEBC GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HELD ON FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 09.30 HOURS
AT THE SAS RADISSON RIDZENE, RIGA, LATVIA
AEEBC(15)40

Present	<p>Gert Johansen (President) (GJ) Denmark; Kevin Sheridan (Secretary General) (KS) Ireland; Stan Barker-McGuire (Honorary Treasurer) (SBM) UK Saleem Akram UK; John Yadoo (JY) UK; Simon Lawes (SL) UK; Tara Page (TP) UK; Eric De Keghel (EK) Belgium; Stan Barker (SB) UK; Ari Autio (AA) Finland; Ahti Juntilla (AJ) Finland; Mark Kennett (MK) UK; Lawrence Wainwright (LW) Germany; Jette Leth Djelund (JLD) Denmark; Dorte Merete Jakobsen (DMJ) Denmark; Farzad Khosrowshahi (FK) UK; Toni Floriach (TF) Spain; Maria Scorza (MS) Italy; Carlos Aymat (CA) Spain; Juan Lopez Asean Martinez (JM) Spain; Alan Cripps (AC) UK; Martin Homann (MH); Andrzej Minasowicz (AM) Poland Graham Hough (GH) UK; David Gibson (DG) UK.</p>	Action
In attendance	<p>Martin Russell-Croucher (MRC)</p>	
Academic attendees	<p>Martin Lenting (ML) Germany; Carl Redmond (CR) DK; Norman Wienand (NW) UK; Mariola Ksiazet (MK) PL; Pawel Nowak (PN) PL; Spieguoll Pazniuske (SP) PL; Vijoleta Sulciene (VS) PL; Robin Stubbs (RS) IE; Gordon Chisholm (GC) IE; Jerzy Roslon (JR) PL; Ana Gonzalez (AG) Spain.</p>	
Apologies	<p>Robert Patterson (Vice President) (RP) Ireland; Dorte Merete Jakobsen (DMJ) DK; Jan Ottink (JO) Netherlands;</p>	

	<p>Pawel Novak (PaN) Poland; Juan Bosco Molina Navarro (JN) Spain; Bruno Sánchez Saiz-Ezquerria (BS) Spain; Lars Haedeker (LH) Sweden; Professor Trevor Mole (TM) UK.</p>	
1.0	Introduction by President	
	<p>GJ welcomed the delegates to the 48th General Assembly and remarked that it was only one year until the 50th Assembly and 25 years of AEEBC.</p> <p>It has been a busy year following the Vienna GA with a goodbye to Trevor Mole due to unforeseen circumstances which GJ deeply regretted.</p> <p>All the AEEBC business was now being centralised with the amalgamation of AEEBC and AEEBC Ltd and a new website was being developed under the project management of SB.</p> <p>The website would show that AEEBC was a vivid organisation with a home page featuring all the marvellous work that AEEBC was producing for the benefit of the building expert profession in Europe.</p> <p>A new framework was being introduced to bring in members to run working groups to develop projects in between General Assemblies, with the intention of creating a more efficient and active community, starting with co-operation with the academic affiliates.</p> <p>An academic symposium would be held in Spain at the Granada GA.</p> <p>GJ went on to say that he felt that more should be done with the EurBE card as it had not been promoted sufficiently by the national associations and it should be the professional card and common platform for the profession.</p> <p>GJ also considered that AEEBC should publish more papers, such as student dissertations, to demonstrate AEEBC activity.</p> <p>Finally, GJ welcomed SB to the officers group as Honorary Treasurer.</p>	
2.0	Minutes of the previous meeting in Vienna, Austria	
	The minutes were agreed with the following amendments:	

	Addition to apologies of SA	
3.0	Matters arising	
	<p>DG asked if TM had been thanked for his contribution to AEEBC.</p> <p>Both KS and GJ said that he had been thanked personally and it had also been agreed to make TM an Honorary Member with an offer for this to be presented at a future GA.</p> <p>KS to write to CABA thanking them for their offer to act as administrator.</p> <p>Action: KS to write to CABA</p>	KS
4.0	Business Plan	
4.1	<p>European Liaison</p> <p>Nothing to report at this meeting</p>	
4.2	<p>ECCREDI</p> <p>See ADC meeting minutes</p>	
4.3	<p>Affiliates</p> <p>See Academic Affiliate report 3.9</p>	
4.4	<p>Promotion</p> <p>No discussion at this GA</p>	
4.5	<p>AEEBC Development Committee (ADC)</p> <p><i>EurBE</i></p> <p>SA said that EurBE had been launched in 3010 and he felt it was now time to set a five year plan for the promotion of EurBE and making it more influential within the EU and the Commission.</p> <p>KS agreed and said that the limiting factors were the website and the cost base. The EU envisaged the card as a bi-lateral card agreed between countries, whereas the EurBE was more of a bottom up approach.</p> <p>The new structures would assist in allowing members to become more involved and a more transparent and approach would assist this.</p>	

	<p>SB said that a working group had been discussed to develop a rolling three year plan for EurBE but this had not been actioned as yet,</p> <p>KS said that there should be an expanded EUrBE group and this should form an agenda item at the next GA.</p> <p>SA suggested that there should be a discussion which would enable delegates to report back to their member associations.</p> <p>SA said that work had been carried out by the ECBP prior to the merger with AEEBC and he felt that it was time for a further discussion of the term 'expert'.</p> <p>He also felt that the EurBE should be made easier to achieve and that there was not a need for a NMC, just an EMC, who would receive the applications just as a CV.</p> <p>EDK said that an example application form should be developed to assist applicants</p> <p>Action: Example application form to be developed</p> <p>KS said that care should be taken not to dilute the value of the card. Whilst more EurBE members was important, it was not as important as retaining the value of the scheme. Because surveyors/experts were not in the first directive, like architects, they had to be considered on a case by case basis.</p> <p>SA suggested that EurBE should be open to both chartered and non-chartered members of associations.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that there were three objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Internally, to ensure that EurBE was accepted by all PMA 2. To get EurBE accepted nationally 3. To get EurBE accepted by the EU <p>The proposal to change the EurBE from Expert to another title was voted on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 votes to retain expert • 1 to change 	<p>Officers</p>
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	<p>Expert to be retained as EurBE title.</p> <p>It was agreed that all PMA delegates would obtain a position statement from their association regarding what they expected from EurBE so that a strategy could be developed at the GA.</p> <p>Action: All PMA delegates to discuss with the PMA their position on EurBE.</p> <p>SA also suggested that EurBE should be a separate agenda item outside of the business plan.</p> <p>Action: Make EurBE separate item on next GA agenda</p>	<p>PMA Delegates</p> <p>MRC</p>
4.6	<p>Leonardo de Vinci CLOEMC IV</p> <p>PN said that following the successful application, CLOEMC IV started on 1 November 2015, with a two year programme.</p> <p>As part of CLOEMC he asked delegates to complete a short questionnaire on the proposed construction manager manuals.</p>	
4.7	<p>Principal Membership</p> <p>JY said that he had tried to get an Austrian Engineering Company to the Vienna meeting without success.</p> <p>PN said that the Lithuanian Association of Building Managers was about to be registered and would be officially established in 2016.</p> <p>MRC said that he would contact the Latvian Building Bureau to see if they could join the RIGA GA</p> <p>MRC said that SBR Sweden was being re-organised and had been unable to join the GA.</p> <p>Action: MRC to contact Latvian Building Bureau</p> <p>GJ said that KF would try and persuade NITO from Norway to join as the Danish association they are affiliated to has no objections.</p> <p>GJ said that Iceland was keen to be part of Europe and was now growing again but were not so interested in joining AEEBC. Icelandic members can join KF as they had all received a KF approved education.</p>	<p>MRC</p>

	<p>EDK said that FW would contact three French architect associations to see if they would join.</p> <p>EDK also said that JO would make contacts in Netherlands.</p>	
4.8	<p>Academic Seminar</p> <p>FK reported that the academic group was like minded and had big potential.</p> <p>The group had discussed two areas:</p> <p>What AEEBC could do for their organisation? Which was working with industry and with different countries?</p> <p>They felt that the academic community could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate on research • Share resources • Assist with curriculum development • Access EU research programmes • Have access to a pool of experts across Europe • Facilitate student exchanges • Provide shadow student placement opportunities • Provide wider student employability <p>AEEBC would gain from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Channelled research • Channelling of students <p>It was felt for the academic symposium there should be one fee plus the cost of events</p>	
4.9	<p>Web Site</p> <p>SB presented the new website to members.</p> <p>It was agreed that in order to keep the website fresh, all members would ask for MRC to be put on their associations' press release distribution list.</p> <p>Action. Put MRC on PMA press release distribution list</p>	PMA delegates
5.0	<p>Presentation on Health And Safety</p>	
	<p>AM made a presentation on the WUT project on</p>	

	health and safety procedures for curtain walls with augmented reality technology ARCW.	
6.0	Next Meetings Granada, Spain 21 - 23 April 2016 Cyprus – Venue to be confirmed 17 – 19 November 2016 Barcelona (with conference) 21 - 23 April 2016	
7.0	Any other business There was no other business	
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