



MINUTES OF THE 42nd AEEBC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HELD ON THURSDAY 8 & FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2012 AT 14.00 HOURS

IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, MANCHESTER TOWN HALL
& RADISSON BLU EDWARDIAN, MANCHESTER, UK

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Present	Kevin Sheridan (President) (KS); Gert Johansen (Vice President) (GJ); Professor Trevor Mole (Honorary Secretary) (TM); John Yadoo (JY); Simon Lawes (SL); Tara Page (TP); Eric de Keghel (EK); Lawrence Wainwright (LW); Stan Barker (SB); Jan Ottink (JO); Professor Martin Homann (MH); Ari Autio (AA); Ahti Juntilla (AJ); Robert Patterson (RP); Mark Kennett (MK); Pawel Novak (PN); Piotr Novak (PN); Andrzej Minasowicz (AM); Graham Hough (GH); Christian Vrist (CV); Bo Thomsen (BT); Toni Floriach (TF); Carlos Aymat (CA); Juan Bosco Molina Navarro (JN); Malcolm Thomas (MT); David Stockdale EurBE (DS)	Action
In attendance	Martin Russell-Croucher (MRC);	
	In Memoriam Jacob Ravn Thomsen	
	<p>KS said that as he had announced at the PDC meeting earlier, it was appropriate to start the General Assembly with a tribute to Jacob, who was a friend and colleague to all delegates.</p> <p>The assembled delegates held a one minute silence in memory of Jacob.</p> <p>GJ presented the thanks from Jacob's widow and children. Jacob was very dedicated to Europe and a great man and friend and a close ally of GJ. As a personal friend irreplaceable but life has to go in his spirit and dedication to AEEBC during last few days of his life. He was even working on the day before he died.</p> <p>GJ thanked everybody for their kindness and thoughts.</p> <p>KS said that he endorsed everything that GJ had said having spoken to Jacob's wife. He also thanked TM for the tribute to Jacob on the AEEBC web site.</p>	

1.0	Apologies received	
	Maria Scorza; Maurizio Savoncelli Giuliano Villi (Italy); Urban Tjernstrom; Magnus Janson (Sweden); Saleem Akram (UK); Zolt Toth (Belgium)	
2.0	AEEBC President's welcome	
	KS welcomed the delegates to the General Assembly in Manchester	
3.0	Minutes of the previous meeting in Stockholm	
	The minutes were agreed.	
3.1	Matters arising	
	There were no matters arising	
4.0	Election of Vice President	
	GJ was unanimously elected to Vice President AEEBC	
5.0	Business Plan	
5.1	Introduction	
	KS introduced the business plan	
5.2	European Liaison	
5.2.1	<u>CEBC</u> TM reported that no further progress had been made with the CEBC however Alan Cripps, a RICS staff member would be the RICS representative on CEBC so could bring any items of interest to the attention of AEEBC.	
5.2.2	<u>Eccredi</u> TM said that the AEEBC is full member of Eccredi and it is important that it is active and if there were any items on which AEEBC could assist Eccredi; AEEBC was very keen to contribute. SL suggested that whoever attends Eccredi could push EurBE as a potential Eccredi project. TM asked the academic committee whether the academic community could be involved, as Eccredi	

	<p>was a research based organisation?</p> <p>BT said there was a natural link and TP agreed to investigate</p> <p>Action: TP to investigate the possibility AEEBC academic community contribution to Eccredi.</p>	TP
5.2.3	<p><u>CEEC</u></p> <p>MRC reported on recent CEEC meeting in Paris and their current projects which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Economist competencies • A common methodology to allow a comparison of costs of construction projects across Europe • Based on this the comparative costs of three building projects were being compiled <p>GJ said that it was good to hear that another EU body following the same policy re European Common Platform.</p> <p>JY said that was a consultation on the future of Eccredi and there were a number of options to be considered.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business as usual 2. More formal role with SME. 3. More research basis in Sustainability <p>JY said that much will depend on the availability of EU funding for options 2 and 3 therefore he suggested to the GA that AEEBC recommend option 1.</p> <p>Agreed option 1 and invite Fas to attend the next meeting in Barcelona GA.</p>	
5.3	<p>Affiliate Membership</p> <p>GH agreed to join the affiliate membership promotion group replacing TM.</p> <p>TP asked all delegates to send her the list of the Universities</p> <p>Action: Send list of partner universities to TP</p> <p>BT said that there were plans for some e-seminars using the E-conference system which was almost in place. Plans were to start in Spring 2013.</p> <p>A group is to be established to suggest topics which</p>	All

	<p>can be suggested for remote presentations using academics who would present remotely from wherever they were based</p> <p>Once the list of universities was completed cluster groups of academics would be established and hopefully this would make EU funding easier if grouped together.</p> <p>BT said that they had submitted to CIAT for accreditation of University.</p> <p>TM asked what were the proposals to get more universities as AEEBC affiliates?</p> <p>TP said that CIAT had a head of courses/CHOBE - meeting shortly and will promote AEEBC membership.</p> <p>TP reminded officers that if there were large number of applications then the next GA would need to accommodate their expectations.</p>	
5.4	<p>Promotion</p> <p>Following discussion SL agreed to be Promotion Co-ordinator.</p> <p>TM said that promotion needs to be defined. Probably the most important is to promote the AEEBC to the European Commission as this is a priority sector.</p> <p>TP asked whether AEEBC was making a further response to the proposals for the changes to the Professional Qualifications Directive.</p> <p>KS said that AEEBC will liaise with ZT at RICS and send a further response.</p>	
5.5	<p>Professional Development Committee</p> <p>KS reported that the EurBE papers had been reviewed and amended. Any further comments on the papers to KS & TM.</p> <p>Action: Comments on PDC papers to TM and KS</p>	All
5.6	<p>CLOEMC III</p> <p>PN said that all the Polish language books produced under the previous CLOEMC contracts were now on sale in Poland and he was in discussion with TM about providing pdfs of the books for the AEEBC website for members only.</p>	

	<p>PN presented a report on the current CLOEMC III project and introduced Malcolm Thomas, the lead author for the pathology book. The book may have a different title, for example forensic engineering because the term pathology was perceived as medical related in some member states, such as Poland.</p> <p>MT presented his proposed chapter headings and related information.</p> <p>MK suggested that the title of the book could be snappier. But TM felt that Building Pathology was a key future area for Building Experts. It was agreed to stick to original title Managing Building Pathology and Maintenance with local variations.</p> <p>LW suggested that delegates could assist MT based on the work of the AEEBC pathology working group, for example comparators across the member states.</p> <p>Action: PN to send link and pdfs of the existing manuals in all available languages to TM so they can be added to the portal section of the website</p>	<p>PN</p>
<p>5.6.1</p>	<p>Leonardo de Vinci IV</p> <p>PN said that the Warsaw Technical University had been working on an augmented reality project called SHANIME with BMW for better maintenance of equipment. They had produced an interactive programme aimed at training operatives in preventing accidents in construction</p>	
<p>5.7</p>	<p>Principal Membership</p> <p><u>Lithuania</u></p> <p>PN reported that Poland was in contact with Lithuania.</p> <p><u>Switzerland</u></p> <p>JY said he had been in contact with a Swiss contact and they felt that there is of no benefit of joining AEEBC present.</p> <p><u>France</u></p> <p>JY said that he would continue to look for other associations.</p> <p><u>Turkey</u></p> <p>KS said that Turkey was proposed as the Autumn meeting in 2013 and therefore he would talk to</p>	

	Saleem Akram about the CIOB contacts	
5.8	<p>Working Groups</p> <p>LW said that he was conscious that working group had never manage to get a 100% return on the various pathology subjects, therefore his aim was to obtain the missing information so that the results can be put on website.</p> <p>Cover off in Spain:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Airtightness 2. Noise 3. Thermal insulation <p>TM said that it would be good to get a presentation available on website such as the Michel Soulard on decennial insurance. LW said that there needed to be a disclaimer added to the website.</p> <p>SL asked that the delegates be given plenty of notice of the questions around energy efficiency as the building regulations in the UK were changing, with the 2016 edition in draft already, so it could take some time to compile the information for the next meeting in Spain.</p> <p>Action: LW to send out pathology questionnaire</p> <p>MK said that UK was rationalising the building regulations in 2013 including the health and safety regulations.</p>	
5.9	<p>Website</p> <p>TM said that website working very well will take on board suggestions from the GA.</p> <p>JY asked whether there was a register of hits on website. TM said this was currently was not enabled but could be added.</p> <p>Action: Investigate website hit counter</p> <p>BT asked if a link could be put on the front page for affiliates. TM said this could be done.</p> <p>Action: Affiliate link to be added to front page</p> <p>RP said that not many using members portal and he would encourage members to use it as there is a lot of information available.</p>	<p>TM</p> <p>TM</p>

	<p>TM suggested that a members guide to use.</p> <p>Action: RP to produce a users guide to the members portal</p> <p>RP said that there should be a session on membership portal at the next meeting.</p> <p>PN said that there were some compatibility issues with uploading the latest office documents suffixes.</p> <p>TM said that he would check for upgrade</p> <p>Action: Check for an upgrade on members' portal software to improve compatibility.</p>	<p>RP</p> <p>TM</p>
5.10	<p>AEEBC Ltd</p> <p>TM said that delegates would be aware that AEEBC Ltd had been set up and everything working fine.</p> <p>SL asked whether any further PMAs had signed the shareholders agreement apart from KF and CIOB. The share cost per PMA was £1 per share.</p> <p>KS encouraged all PMA to become shareholders.</p> <p>RP suggested that TM re-circulates the covering letter.</p> <p>Action: Covering letter to be sent to PMA giving details of information required.</p>	<p>TM</p>
5.11	<p>Next Meetings</p> <p>TF said that it was suggested next meeting in Spain was held in Santander to coincide with the CGATE construction prizes sometime between 1 – 15 April 2013.</p> <p>KS said that the proposed Istanbul meeting dates were 7-9th November 2013.</p> <p>PN suggested that AEEBC consider holding the GA in Spring 2014 in Lithuania.</p>	
6.0	<p>Any other business</p> <p>TP asked who now looked after Linked In group. MK agreed to take over.</p> <p>Action: MK to take over the AEEBC LinkedIn group</p> <p>EK said that his association had said that the hotel for the Stockholm GA was very expensive and could</p>	<p>MK</p>

	<p>AEEBC consider looking for lower priced hotels.</p> <p>BT asked about the availability of the LdV books on the website. Could affiliate members such as Universities have access to the PDFs.</p> <p>TM said that access was available to affiliates, so universities, if they became affiliates would have access subject to usual copyright regulations.</p>	
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