

MINUTES OF THE 45th AEEBC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HELD ON THURSDAY 22 -23M MAY 2014

IN THE ABITART HOTEL, ROME, ITALY

AEEBC(14)30

Present	Kevin Sheridan (President) (KS); Gert Johansen (Vice President) (GJ); 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); Farzhad Khosrowshahi (FK) Maria Scorza (Italy); Benvenut ????? (Italy) (P/T); Dorte Merete Jakobsen (Denmark), Saleem Akram (UK); Juan Bosco Molina Navarro (Spain); Toni Floriach (Spain)	Action
In attendance	Martin Russell-Croucher (MRC);	
Apologies	Professor Trevor Mole (Honorary Secretary); Robert Patterson (Ireland); Pawel Novak (Poland); Piotr Novak (UK); Jan Ottink (JO); Maurizio Savoncelli (Italy); Giuliano Villi (Italy); Andrzej Minasowicz (Poland); Lawrence Wainwright (Germany); Bruno Sánchez Saiz-Ezquerria (Spain); Lars Haedeker (Sweden); Carlos Aymat (Spain)	
1.0	Minutes of the previous meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania	
	The minutes were agreed unanimously. KS proposed and GJ seconded the minutes	
	There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda	
2.0	Business Plan	
2.1	European Liaison	
2.1.1	<u>ECCREDI</u> FK presented construction sustainability competitiveness attached. Next Eccredi meeting 19 th June 2014 in Brussels. The main topics would be:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart cities initiative • Supporting architectural renovation • New President 	
2.2	<p>Affiliates</p> <p>TP reported that a meeting had been held in February in Manchester in conjunction with the officers meeting and it had been agreed that an academic conference would be held in the Autumn 2015 in Barcelona.</p> <p>TP had approached Peter Brandon without success and suggested Paul King of the UKGBC as an alternative or would welcome other suggestions for a chairman.</p> <p>TP said that a specific website to market for the conference would be ideal.</p> <p>All universities had been sent the flyer and there had been interest from 4 universities and 1 approach. There had been problems with communication regarding the applications.</p> <p>TP said that she had also updated the affiliate membership guide.</p> <p>Action: Conference website to be discussed at the next Officers meeting</p> <p>JD made a presentation on a proposed EurBE Trainee Card (attached) as she said that students and graduates had the most interest in the EurBE card.</p> <p>The presentation proposed that the Trainee Card would increase familiarity with EurBE and therefore popularity, enable co-operation between schools and facilitate easier exchange of students and interns.</p> <p>JY asked what research had been carried out into the market need.</p> <p>JD said that she counselled a lot of students and graduates in Denmark and many wanted to go abroad and this could improve mobility across Europe.</p> <p>KS said that it should be made clear that the EurBE is not an easy access route to full membership.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the name of the card as but it was agreed that Trainee was the best option and this was agreed.</p>	Officers/ TP/ TF

2.3	<p>Promotion</p> <p>JY said that the main need now was to get AEEBC out into the marketplace. SL agreed and said that there should be a marketing plan.</p> <p>JY said that he had spoken to trade journals and in order to get interest AEEBC needed to have a link to an event or some other subject of interest.</p> <p>KS agreed and said that he had an article in the CGATE journal about the recovery of the Irish construction industry.</p> <p>JY said asked delegates to provide articles for promotion of AEEBC.</p> <p>SA suggested that AEEBC information should be put onto Wikipedia.</p> <p>SL asked if it would improve the website to have topical subjects on the front page.</p> <p>TP agreed that the website should show what AEEBC is doing.</p> <p>SA said that CIOB had set up a standalone microsite for construction manager of the year and this had 1000 entries and also a microsite for their scholarship which is open to all. Having microsites increased the level of entries. EurBE is the flagship product for AEEBC and he felt that by making it more openly accessible it would improve the uptake.</p> <p>KS said that when AEEBC reached a critical mass of EurBE, this would be a good story to promote.</p> <p>Action: SA to provide information on the construction manager and scholarship micro-sites.</p> <p>SA said that there were concerns about data protection for third party websites such as aeebc.org. SL suggested getting legal advice on data protection and legal relationships with sub-contractors.</p> <p>Action: TM to look at data protection compliance for the website.</p> <p>FK suggested that AEEBC should have a backup system for the information as these are inexpensive.</p>	<p>SA</p> <p>TM</p>
2.4	<p>AEEBC Development Committee (formerly PDC)</p> <p>KS asked about progress on the EurBE roll out.</p>	

	<p>EDK said that FW was finalising the Belgium NMC. Action: KS and TM to contact FW about establishing Belgium NMC. EDK said that there were a potential 20 EurBE in Belgium.</p> <p>GJ said that his association had been promoting the EurBE in Denmark to their 7100 members but he felt the greatest potential was with students.</p> <p>JD said that there has been interest from members but they had not pursued membership and she was unsure about the reasons.</p> <p>TP said that there was difficulty with dissemination as there was nothing about EurBE on the RICS and CIOB websites for example.</p> <p>GJ said that the EurBE card was accepted by KF. MK said that more local association recognition would assist the evolution of the membership.</p> <p>SA suggested that the benefits of the EurBE should be revisited.</p> <p>SB said that the main benefit was mobility of labour and that is not working so the likelihood of increasing the membership was poor. Some research should be undertaken to ascertain what the market was and were AEEBC hitting it.</p> <p>TF said that all members already have academic qualifications.</p> <p>MK said that it needs to be clear what people are getting out of membership, for example where it puts the EurBE member in relation with other association.</p> <p>SL said that everybody recognised the importance of the card and the competencies it mapped. SL went on to say that CABE had presented the EurBE on their website and also their journals to their 11500 members.</p> <p>JY suggested that the EurBE needed a story of a member who had obtained the designation and used it to get work internationally.</p> <p>JM said that would like to present the EurBE to his university and help. It was agreed he should speak to JD</p> <p>SB said that this should be discussed at more length at the next GA. TP suggested that a taskforce should</p>	<p>KS/ TM</p>
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	<p>be developed to present some more tangible solutions. KS agreed and said that it would also be discussed at the next Officers meeting.</p> <p>JY asked if all EurBE members were invited to the GA? MRC said that all EurBE were included in the circulation list.</p>	
2.5	<p>Leonardo de Vinci CLOEMC III</p> <p>KS reported CLOEMC III had been successfully completed in January 2014 and the pathology book had been the main contribution from AEEBC. MRC confirmed that the final accounts had also been finalised. The bid for the next project had been submitted but the results of the tender would not be known until late 2014, therefore there would be no EU funding this financial year other than the residual funding from CLOEMV III.</p> <p>JY asked whether this would affect the budget for 2014.</p> <p>KS said that he felt that the accounts were sufficiently robust to not cause any problems in this financial year.</p> <p>SL said that the LdV work should be on the website to show the projects that AEEBC was working on. FK said that this was in the leaflet but not generally known.</p>	
2.6	<p>Principal Membership</p> <p>Lithuania</p> <p>KS asked if any further contact had been made by the Lithuanian Association who had attended the GA in Vilnius?</p> <p>MRC said that all the documents regarding the GA were distributed to all delegates and potential delegates including the Lithuanians. TM was to send the AEEBC constitution to the association.</p> <p>GJ said that he believed that the Lithuanians were in the process of forming their association so this may not have been completed as yet.</p> <p>Action: Check that TM has sent Constitution and EurBE requirements to LACM</p>	MRC/TM

	<p>Baltic States</p> <p>JY suggested working with the Polish delegation on looking at membership associations in the Baltic States.</p> <p>Action: Explore AEEBC membership in the Baltic States</p> <p>Turkey</p> <p>JY reported that as the said that there was nothing further to report as contact with a Turkish association was linked to holding a GA in Turkey.</p> <p>Action: SA to follow up contacts in Turkey</p> <p>France</p> <p>EDK said that FW had tried to contact CFEC in France but had no response. FW was proposing to go to Paris to discuss this directly with the CFEC President.</p> <p>Action: EDK to ask FW to investigate CFEC membership of AEEBC</p> <p>GH said that he had discussed AEEBC membership with Turnbull Associates without success.</p> <p>GH would explore contacts with Arcadis regarding AEEBC membership.</p> <p>Action: GH to investigate contacts with Arcadis regarding membership of AEEBC.</p> <p>Israel</p> <p>SA suggested Israel as a possible member as PN had contacts in that country.</p> <p>Action: SA to discuss with PN possibilities in Israel.</p> <p>Norway</p> <p>JD had spoken to NITO but they were already members of FEANI, however GJ and JD would try to meet them to discuss further.</p> <p>Action: GJ and JD to meet with NITO to discuss membership.</p>	<p>JY/PN</p> <p>SA</p> <p>EDK</p> <p>GH</p> <p>SA/ PN</p> <p>GJ/ JD</p>
2.7	Working Groups	

	<p>In LW's absence the item on the competencies matrix and waste was postponed until the Autumn meeting in Prague.</p> <p>Following the ADC discussion it was agreed to take forward a comparison of EPC ratings across Europe.</p> <p>Action: Develop standard property set to enable ratings to be compared.</p> <p>It was agreed that a presentation of BIM should be developed for the Barcelona conference Autumn 2015.</p> <p>Action: FK to develop BIM presentation.</p>	<p>MRC/ GJ/ RP</p> <p>FK</p>
2.8	<p>Website</p> <p>Suggestions for the website were discussed under promotion and ADC</p>	
2.9	<p>AEEBC Ltd</p> <p>Report from TM received and noted</p>	
3.0	<p>Next Meetings</p> <p>Prague 6-7 November 2014</p> <p>Vienna 23–25 April 2015</p> <p>Barcelona (with academic conference) 5 – 7 November 2015</p>	
4.0	<p>Any other business</p> <p>TP said that planning needed to be started for the academic conference in Barcelona (See Next Meetings)</p> <p>SA agreed and suggested that a timeframe for the submission of papers etc. should be circulated.</p> <p>Action: Timeframe to be circulated asap</p> <p>SA reported that CIOB had a new designation approved of Chartered Construction Manager from 15 March 2014.</p> <p>SL reported that the ABE had been renamed the Chartered Association of Building Engineers from 1 January 2014.</p>	<p>TP</p>

