



# **ECCE BRIEF ACTIVITY REPORT**

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# 61<sup>st</sup> ECCE General Meeting in Naples, Italy

## May 29 – 30 2015

- 61<sup>st</sup> ECCE General Meeting in Naples, Italy hosted by the National Council of Engineers of Italy – Consiglio Nazionale degli Ingegneri (CNI) was organized with great success. The International Conference “Artistic and Monumental Heritage – Restoration, Safeguard and Enhancement” was held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015, organized by CNI and ECCE, as part of the 61<sup>st</sup> ECCE GM.







# **AFTER NAPLES**

# ECCE President meeting with the Austrian Society of Engineers and Architects (ÖIAV) and the Austrian Federal Chamber of Architects and Chartered Engineering Consultants (bAIK) <sup>(1)</sup>



- On 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 ECCE President Wlodzimierz Szymczak had a meeting with the ÖIAV leadership. He met with Prof. Heinz Brandl, ÖIAV President, and Mr. Peter Reichel, ÖIAV Secretary General.
- ECCE President informed the Austrian partners about the agenda and results of the 61st ECCE General Meeting and presented tasks, goals and current works of our organization.
- ÖIAV leadership talked about current situation in Austrian civil engineers community and organizations.
- Finally, both sides came to the common conclusion that it is worth cooperating closer and Austrian Civil Engineers are strong enough and interested in playing the proper role in ECCE, including their membership in it.

# ECCE President meeting with the Austrian Society of Engineers and Architects (ÖIAV) and the Austrian Federal Chamber of Architects and Chartered Engineering Consultants (bAIK) (2)



- President Szymczak gave an interview for a local internet TV station. The main topic of that interview was the message to young engineers concerning the challenges faced by civil engineering profession and also chances and opportunities which engineering education gives.
- Sightseeing of the newly renovated ÖIAV Headquarter took place. This historic building called “The House of Engineers” is located in the strict center of Vienna. Particularly impressive is the main hall restored with great attention to historical details.

# **ECCE President meeting with the Austrian Society of Engineers and Architects (ÖIAV) and the Austrian Federal Chamber of Architects and Chartered Engineering Consultants (bAIK) (3)**

- On 17<sup>th</sup> June, President Włodzimierz Szymczak met with Mr. Klaus Thurriedl who, in addition to his function in ECEC, is also a member of leadership of the Austrian Federal Chamber of Architects and Chartered Engineering Consultants.
- The main topic of the meeting was the possibility of developing and deepening cooperation between ECCE and community of the Austrian civil engineers linked with both the Chamber and the Society.
- The cooperation on the topic of Common Training Framework for European Chartered Engineers, which is foreseen in Article 49 of the new Professional Qualifications Directive was agreed and also other possibilities of cooperation have been discussed during the meeting of the ECCE President and ECEC Secretary General Mr. Klaus Thurriedl.

# Attendance of ECCE to TTIP's 10<sup>th</sup> Negotiations Round

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- Such stakeholders' event was held in Brussels on the July 15<sup>th</sup> and was part of the previous events to the 10<sup>th</sup> Negotiations Round held from July 13 to 17.
- The European Commission approved the attendance of the European Council of Civil Engineers and invited us to make a five minute presentation within the subgroup of public procurement for us to present the potential benefits of TTIP and identify our major concerns and how could they be addressed to TTIP's implementation.
- ECCE was represented in this important event by ECCE Executive Board Member, **Jose Francisco Saez Rubio**.

# Attendance of ECCE to TTIP's 10<sup>th</sup> Negotiations Round

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- After the presentation, we were contacted by representatives from both EU and US negotiation teams and were requested collaboration from ECCE to enhance TTIP's outcome for the civil engineering sector and we were requested a primer proposal in writing.
- During our contacts, we ratified the ECCE's interest in the existence of an effective professional mobility framework due to the lack of civil engineering professionals both in Europe and the US and ECCE expressed its commitment open to collaborate in this or any other matters.
- Since then, Jose Francisco Saez Rubio follows up closely all the developments related to this matter.

# Meeting with ICE Director General and Secretary Nick Baveystock



- On 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015 the meeting between the ECCE President Wlodzimierz Szymczak and ICE Director General and Secretary Nick Baveystock took place in London.
- It was a follow-up to direct contacts established in February 2015 between the leaders of the above-mentioned organizations.
- During the meeting, both parties discussed a number of important issues concerning the

ECCE's main present and future tasks, and how to convince ECCE Members to contribute to the current ECCE dealings, the situation on the European construction market, the approach to TTIP negotiations and many other issues .

- Also, the cooperation between European Organizations of Civil Engineers, building cooperation between the ECCE and the EU's authorities was discussed.
- The parties discussed possibilities for a stronger involvement of the ICE in the ECCE's activities.
- It ought to be emphasized that the whole meeting was filled with the spirit of mutual understanding and all major doubts have been cleared out.

# Meeting with the VDE leadership in Berlin

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- On 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015, in Berlin, at the Headquarter of The Federal Chamber of Engineers of Germany (VDE), an important meeting took place. The ECCE President Wlodzimierz Szymczak met the President of VDE Ing. Hans-Ulrich Kammeyer.
- In the meeting took part Prof. Zygmunt Meyer on behalf of ECCE and Director Thomas Noebel on behalf of FCEG.
- The main topic of discussion was how to

attract the representative of German civil engineers to join the ECCE as a Full Member, and who should it be.

- President Szymczak started with a short presentation of the ECCE for our German Partners. He emphasized his efforts directed on attracting new members to ECCE and developing activity of existing ones. The aim of that action - as he claimed - should be establishing ECCE as a strong platform gathering all European Civil Engineers. This platform should be respectable and valuable partner for European Union Authorities.

## Meeting with the VDE leadership in Berlin

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- President Kammeyer shared the above mentioned approach of ECCE and explained specific law conditions which apply for engineering organizations in Germany.
- Both parties have agreed that the best candidate for the German Full Member in ECCE would be one of the strongest regional chambers of civil engineers.
- President Kammeyer offered VDE to make a research and start initial talks with the most promising candidates.
- Berlin's meeting was very fruitful and proved the worth of direct contacts between partners.

# IABSE Conference 2015 in Geneva



- On 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015, ECCE Immediate Past President Fernando Branco participated in the International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering (IABSE) Conference 2015 that took place in Geneva, Switzerland.
- During the elections that were held Fernando Branco was elected IABSE President for the period 2016 – 2019.

# 12<sup>th</sup> ECEC General Assembly Meeting (1) in Rome



- The 12<sup>th</sup> European Council of Engineers Chambers General Assembly was held on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015, in Rome, Italy.
- It was a significant meeting, because our friends from ECEC summed up their 3-year term of activity and elected new Executive Board.
- ECCE was represented in that meeting by the President, Włodzimierz Szymczak.

The main topics of the plenary session were as follow:

- ECEC Activities 2013-2015,
- Common Training Frameworks as a chance for European Chartered Engineers,
- ECEC declaration entitled: "Independence of engineering services saves people's money" ,
- Continual Professional Development ( CPD ) for Chartered Engineers: common standards for CPD in ECEC Members States

# 12<sup>th</sup> ECEC General Assembly Meeting (2) in Rome



Taking the opportunity of ECEC GA, President Szymczak had a few important, bilateral meetings there:

- with President Remec - on the necessity and possibilities of close cooperation between Civil Engineering Organizations in Europe taking as an example ECCE and ECEC
- with President Kammeyer - on progress in realization of the agreement from Berlin
- with Klaus Thurriedl – on possible Austrian membership in ECCE,
- with Nikolay Kirjukhin, President of the Union of Scientific and Engineering Associations of Ukraine ( SNIO ) - on situation of Ukrainian Civil Engineers and possibilities of cooperation between them and ECCE,
- with Prof. Adil I. Alhadithi, Secretary General Federation of Arab Engineers and CNI Commissioner Nicola Monda - on the idea of Engineering Association of the Mediterranean Countries
- The newly elected ECEC Executive Board is composed of: President Crtomir Remec, Vice Presidents Zygmunt Meyer, Hansjorg Letzner, Dragoslav Sumarac, Secretary General Klaus Thurriedl and Treasurer Gabor Szollossy

# FEANI Conference and General Assembly in Lisbon

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- FEANI organized on 8<sup>th</sup> October, in Lisbon, an International Conference with the Theme: "Lisbon Strategy – Engineering the Future" associated to its GA. Remembering Lisbon declaration from 2000, the goal, at that time, was to make EU in 2010 "the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world".
- The conference presented various presentations with high tech technologies related to "Opto/Bio/Electronic devices", "Engineering human tissues with marine biomaterials", "The possibilities of the connected world an Innovation Leadership in Europe".
- This format with a conference before the GA was very interesting, with a high attendance, and followed the idea already in application at ECCE General Meetings, since the Lisbon ECCE Meeting.

## FEANI Conference and General Assembly in Lisbon

On 9<sup>th</sup> October FEANI organized its GA, with the presidency of Prof. José Vieira from Ordem dos Engenheiros. After a remembering of members that recently passed away, including our great friend Vassilis Ecounomopulos, the agenda presented the following high lights:

- Activities of lobbying for the Mobility/professional recognition directive;
- Activities related to EUR-ACE and University Index;
- Activities of the European Monitoring Committee (EMC);
- Activities of the Common Training Framework (CTF), aiming to establish a training platform for engineers;
- Situation of the title of EurIng (already 30.000 titles);
- Situation of the Eng Card (152 cards in 2015 from 7 countries);
  
- ECCE was represented at the Conference and at the General Assembly by **Prof. Fernando Branco**, ECCE Immediate Past President. The president of ECEC and of BEST were also present.

# American Society of Civil Engineers Convention New York, USA

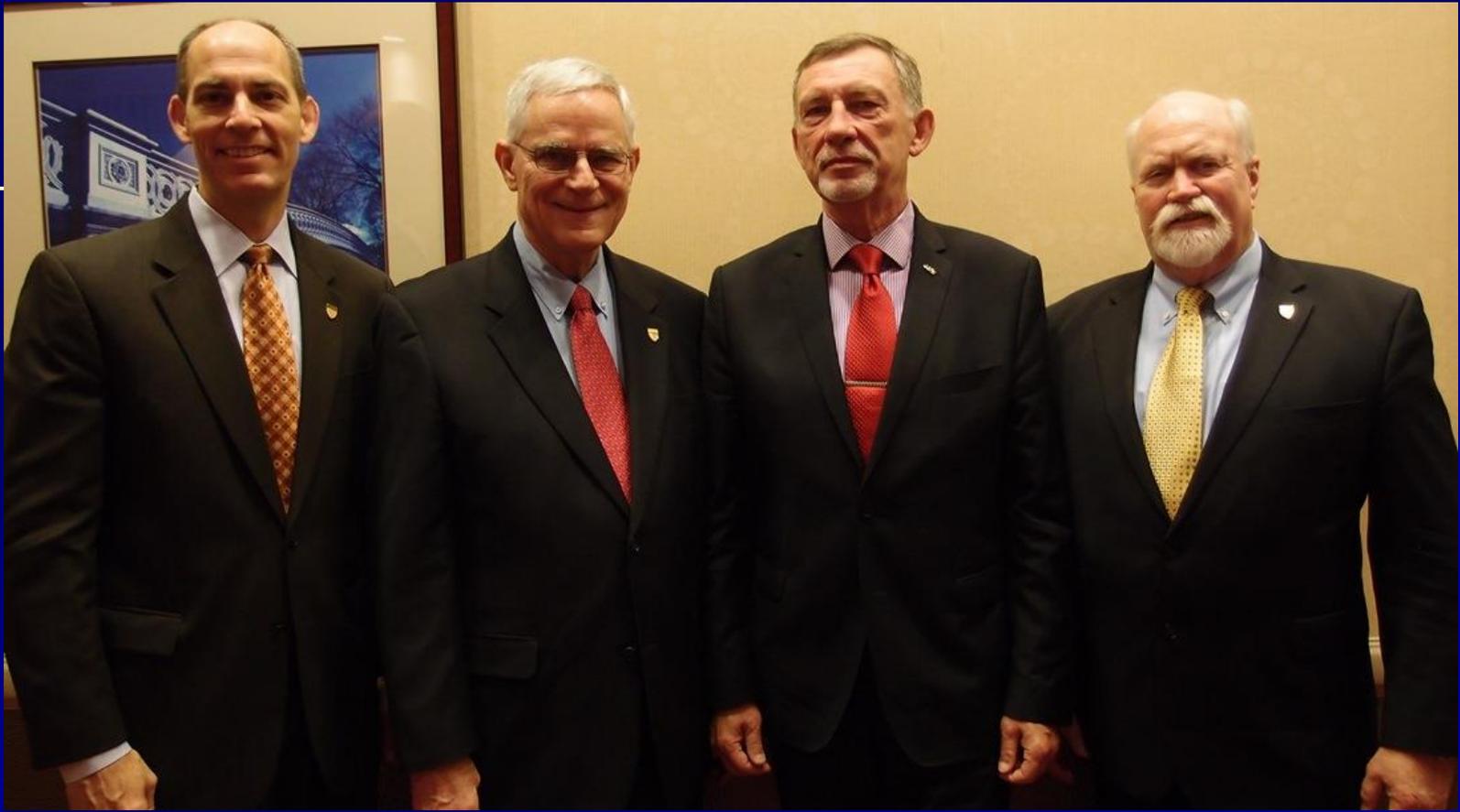
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- On 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015, ECCE President Wlodzimierz Szymczak participated in the American Society of Civil Engineers 2015 Convention that took place in New York, USA.
- ASCE is really big enterprise now, founded in 1852, and counting today over 150 000 members in 177 countries.
- ASCE 2015 Convention was also a big venture, attended by civil engineers from 35 countries.
- Convention Agenda consisted of more than 70 lectures, concurrent sessions, closed meetings, official celebrations, plenary sessions, technical tours and cultural events (for more detailed information please see the website: [www.asce.org](http://www.asce.org) or [www.asceconvention.org](http://www.asceconvention.org)).

# American Society of Civil Engineers Convention New York, USA

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- During the Convention President Szymczak held an official meeting with the President of ASCE Mark W. Woodson. The meeting was also attended by the outgoing ASCE President Robert D. Stevens and ASCE Executive Director Thomas W. Smith III. The topic was how to make cooperation between the two organizations alive and more dynamic.
- ECCE President held also other two important meetings there. The first one was with delegation of Finnish Association of Civil Engineers RIL and the second one with the President of Engineers Ireland.
- President Szymczak left New York impressed by the grand scale of the Convention and professionalism of its preparation and carrying out.



From left to right: Thomas Smith, Robert Stevens, Włodzimierz Szymczak, Mark Woodson



From left to right: President Engineers Ireland William Grimson, Włodzimierz Szymczak, Robert Stevens



From left to right: Helena Soimakallio, Teemu Vehmaskoski, Włodzimierz Szymczak, Risto Vahanen, RIL Past President

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## Meeting at Lassonde School of Engineering, York University, Toronto Canada



- ECCE President using the opportunity of his presence at the ASCE Convention in New York, he visited Lassonde School of Engineering of the York University, in Toronto, Canada where he had a meeting with Prof. Janusz Kozinski Founding Dean of this school.
- The Lassonde School of Engineering is a professional engineering school of York University located in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The school's stated goal is to create so-called "**renaissance engineers**" entrepreneurial engineers with a social conscience and a sense of global citizenship. Lassonde also incorporates crossover programming with York University's Schulich School of Business and Osgoode Hall Law School to study law, business and entrepreneurship alongside the engineering program.

## **Meeting at Lassonde School of Engineering, York University, Toronto Canada**

- The Lassonde School of Engineering was established in November 2011 with funding from founding donor Pierre Lassonde, the Government of Ontario and York University. Former students in Engineering, Computer Science and Earth & Atmospheric Science programs from the Faculty of Science and Engineering formally joined the Lassonde School of Engineering on May 1, 2013. The School will start operating fully in March 2016.
- ECCE President discussed with Prof. Kozinski regarding the specific and unique approach of education of the young engineers that this School provides and they established cooperation.

# ECCE E-Journal

**July 2015**

- An initiative of ECCE, the issuing of periodic e-journal.
- The ECCE e-journal is prepared every three – four months.
- The goal is to bring together periodically the European Civil Engineers and to be aware of their problems and their realizations, organizing a forum of ideas and of news.
- The e-journal may also act as a mean to send ideas for discussion in Brussels.
- Next ECCE e-journal will be in **DECEMBER 2015**

**Get involved with ECCE e-journal !**



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## 61<sup>st</sup> ECCE General Meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> ECCE Anniversary 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015, Naples, Italy



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Group photo of the 61<sup>st</sup> ECCE General Meeting participants

The 61<sup>st</sup> ECCE General Meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> ECCE Anniversary has finished successfully. It was held on 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015, in Naples, Italy hosted by the National Council of Italian Engineers (CNI).

This festive General Meeting was combined with the Conference "Artistic and Monumental Heritage – Restoration, Safeguard and Enhancement" organized by CNI with the collaboration of the [Order of Engineers of Naples](#) and the scientific collaboration of the International Council on Monuments and Sites ([ICOMOS](#)). The Conference took place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

May 2015, at the [Basilica di San Giovanni Maggiore a Pignatelli](#) which is a cultural monument itself. The Conference was opened by Mr. Nicola Mondella CNI Councilor for International Affairs and from Mr. Włodzimierz Szymczak ECCE President. It was a well-attended Conference and many persons from Italian as well as International Engineering Organizations honored us with their presence. In particular among the distinguished guests were the following: Mr. Armando Zambreno CNI President, Mr. Luigi Vinci President of the Order of Engineers of Naples, Mr. Gaetano Manfredi Rector of the University of Naples Federico II, Mr. Marwan Abdelhamid WFEO President, Mrs. Youssef Tahari WFEO Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Sanchez Marco WOCE President, Mr. Jose Manuel Pereira Vieira FEANI President, Mr. Adil Al Hadithi FAE Secretary General, Mrs. Ann Van Eycken CLAU Secretary General, Mr. Giandomenico Messeri ExCo Member of the Nigeria Society of Engineers and Mr. David Caro ESSA President.



Conference "Artistic and Monumental Heritage – Restoration, Safeguard and Enhancement" at Basilica di San Giovanni Maggiore a Pignatelli

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May the 30<sup>th</sup> ECCE Anniversary Celebration took place. The 61<sup>st</sup> ECCE General Meeting was officially opened by the ECCE President Włodzimierz Szymczak. The [History of ECCE since 1985](#) was presented by Mr. Veselina Economopoulou ECCE Former President and then the [ECCE Future Perspectives](#) was presented by Prof. Ferrando Siro-

# ECCE Civil Engineering Card

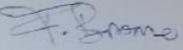
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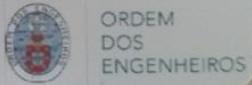
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3. Birth Date 27/01/1953  
4. Nationality Portugal  
5. National ID No 2522984

**Professional Data**

6. Chamber / Organization Ordem dos Engenheiros  
7. National Professional Title Civil Engineer  
8. Membership Number OE13818

  
Signature

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 **European Civil Engineering Card**

**Academic Data**

9. Civ Eng. Degrees  
SCInt  Bsc  Msc  PhD

10. Years for Each Degree  
5                      2                      3

11. Year of Completion  
1976                      1982                      1985

12. Institution of Higher Degree  
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- During the ECCE Naples meeting it was decided that the ECCE Civil Engineering Card Project would be taken forward.
- Working Group: Fernando Branco, Vassilis Economopoulos (dec.), Jose Francisco Saez Rubio
- Information to appear on the card was decided
- Business Plan is being developed
- Final design and technology to be decided

# **Update/Change of the ECCE Articles of Association**

- Working Group has been established consisting of: Fernando Branco (coordinator), Massimo Mariani, Vassilis Economopoulos (dec.) and Gorazd Humar.
- The working group has been cooperating closely in order to prepare a draft proposal for the new ECCE Articles of Association that will be approved by the ECCE General Assembly.

# **STANDING COMMITTEES**



**Standing Committee on  
Knowledge & Technology**  
*Chairman: Ruben Paul Borg*



**Standing Committee on  
Environment & Sustainability**  
*Chairman: Carsten Ahrens*



**Standing Committee on  
Education & Training**  
*Chairman: Iacint Manoliu*



**Task Force  
Civil Engineering Heritage**  
*Chairman: Mr. Gorazd Humar,  
ECCE Immediate Past President*