



ECCE BRIEF ACTIVITY REPORT MARCH 2016 – OCTOBER 2016

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63rd ECCE General Meeting in Madrid, Spain

March 4-5 2016



- The 63rd ECCE General Meeting was held successfully on 4 – 5 March 2016, at the CICCIP premises, in Madrid, Spain hosted by the Colegio de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos. The 63rd ECCE General Meeting was part of the celebration of an International Civil Engineering Congress which hosted the Portuguese and Spanish Speaking Civil Engineering Professional Associations Congress concurrent with its annual General Assembly. The Portuguese and Spanish Speaking Civil Engineering Professional Associations Meeting took place on 29th February and 1st March and the International Conference took place on 2nd and 3rd March.

Madrid Declaration

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- Alfonso Alberto González Fernández, president of WCCE - World Council of Civil Engineers;
- Włodzimierz Szymczak, President of ECCE - European Council of Civil Engineers;
- José Tadeu da Silva, president of UPADI - Pan American Union of Engineers;
- José Manuel Pereira Vieira, president of FEANI - European Federation of National Engineering Associations;
- Carlos Matias Ramos, bastonário ODE Portugal and president of the ICPC-CEPC - Council of Portuguese and Spanish Speaking Civil Engineering Professional Associations.

Madrid Declaration



- The **Madrid Declaration** can be found and downloaded on the ECCE website.
- We invite all the ECCE Members to endorse the Madrid declaration by sending their endorsement letter to the ECCE General Secretary.





AFTER MADRID

Round Table on “Updated Information on Regulations for Architects and Civil Engineers Professional Practice and Education on the International level”



- The Round Table on “Updated Information on Regulations for Architects and Civil Engineers Professional Practice and Education on the International level” was held on 5th April 2016, in Athens, Greece organized by the Technical Chamber of Greece. ECCE President was invited by

the TCG President Mr. Giorgos Stasinou and by the President of the Association of Civil Engineers of Greece Mr. Vasilis Bardakis to take part in this Round Table as one of the panel members. ECCE President had a speech as the representative of the European Civil Engineers on the Overview of the Regulation of the Civil Engineering Profession in Europe.

This event brought the Civil Engineers and the Architects at the same table and it was the start to a very useful and fruitful dialogue between the two professions.

Meeting at the Association of Civil Engineers of Greece



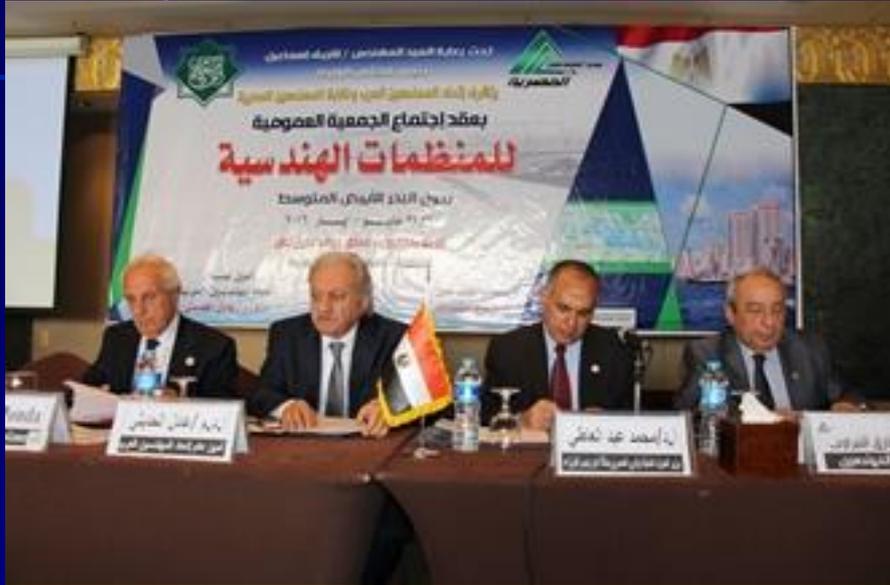
- On the occasion of ECCE President's visit in Athens as panel member at the Round Table on "Updated Information on Regulations for Architects and Civil Engineers Professional Practice and Education on the International level", a meeting at the headquarters of the Association of the Civil Engineers of Greece – ECCE Secretariat office was organized on 4th April 2016. The meeting was attended by the following:
 - Wlodzimierz Szymczak, President of the European Council of Civil Engineers (ECCE)
 - Vasilios Bardakis, President of the Association of Civil Engineers of Greece (ACEG),
 - Demetris Koutsoyiannis, Dean of the School of Civil Engineering in the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)
 - Constantine Memos Director of the American Society of Civil Engineers for Region 10

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- Chris Tokas representative of the Structural Engineers Association of California (SEAOC) and Director for OSHPD, the organization that oversees California Hospital construction and seismic regulations
- Christos Damvergis, President of the Hellenic Society of Hydraulic Engineers (SMYE).
- The main topic of discussion during this meeting was the situation of the Civil Engineering profession in Greece, in Europe and in the USA with emphasis being put on the particular circumstances that we have been facing in Greece and in Europe the past few years of the financial crisis.
- ECCE President introduced briefly the European Council of Civil Engineers to the members of the discussion and described the new goals that have been set and the initiatives that ECCE has started implementing. The concept of the ECCE Individual membership and the ECCE Card was discussed as well as the need for ECCE's presence in Brussels. ECCE President thanked the ACEG President for his invitation and also for hosting the ECCE Secretariat. Overall, it has been a very successful meeting.

2nd Conference of the Engineering Association (1) of the Mediterranean Countries (EAMC) 21st – 22nd May 2016, Cairo, Egypt



- The Arab Federation of Engineers and the Union of Egyptian engineers have hosted the Constituent Assembly of the Engineering Association of the Mediterranean Countries, held on 21 and 22 May in Cairo.
- The association is the network's development born in Lecce on March 8, 2014, at the initiative of the National Council of Engineers (CNI, Italy) under

the auspices of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) and with the cooperation of WFEO (World Federation of Engineering Organizations) and of RMEI (Réseau Méditerranéen des Ecoles d'Ingénieurs).

- They formally joined the national representations of the engineers of countries gathered in the Arab Federation of FAE engineers (Federation of Arab Engineers) and all European countries through the European Associations ECEC (European Council of Engineers Chambers), ECCE (European Council of Civil Engineers) as well as RMEI.

2nd EAMC Conference

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- The Assembly adopted the Articles of Association and elected the executive positions, for the next three years. Among them were elected President Adel al Hadithi (Secretary General of FAE) and the Secretary-General Nicola Monda (Representative of the Foreign CNI).
- Also, several Committees started working which with the joint

participation of Arab and European engineers will delve into vital issues for the Mediterranean area such as energy and renewable energy; Environment; Infrastructure and construction; Professional education and training of engineers.

ECCE President has assigned Aris Chatzidakis as ECCE representative to the EAMC. Aris Chatzidakis attended the 2nd EAMC Conference on behalf of ECCE and he was also elected as Member of the EAMC Executive Board.

The III Ecological Forum

14-16 September, Kolobrzeg, Poland



- ECCE President, Włodzimierz Szymczak was invited to participate in the III Ecological Forum that took place on 14-16 September 2016, in Kolobrzeg, Poland. The event was organized by The Polish Ecological Foundation in cooperation with the Polish Government and local authorities.
- "Polish Ecological Foundation for the third time organized Poland's largest

event in the ecological sector - III Ecological Forum.

- 19 thematic panels were prepared, in which more than 70 speakers from Poland and abroad spoke.
- Forum is an event bringing together over 800 participants from communities related to ecology. A group of experts, including representatives of central and local government, business, academia and the media is a guarantee of substantive discussion and also a platform to exchange views and build constructive proposals aimed at establishing a common position and favorable solutions for sustainable development." - the organizers claimed.

The III Ecological Forum

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- President Szymczak delivered a lecture entitled "Madrid Declaration, civil engineers, solar thermal energy - logical sequence of concepts of major importance for our environment" which was much appreciated by the audience and organizers.
- The President had also meeting with Crtomir Remec - President of ECEC on cooperation in the Common Training Principles Project and representation in Brussels and with Nikolay Kirjukhin, President of the Union of Scientific and Engineering Associations of Ukraine on present situation of Ukrainian civil engineering organizations.

Common Training Principles for Engineers (1)

Workshop on 30 June 2016, in Vienna (ECEC)



- The European Commission (Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs) has contracted the European Council of Engineers Chambers (ECEC) to analyse the possibilities for establishing Common Training Principles for Engineers. The project has started beginning of April 2016. Project is covering five focus regulated

professions of Civil and Environmental Engineers, Electro-technology Engineers, Mechanical and Industrial Engineers, Mining Engineers and Geodetic Surveyors. The objective of the project is to develop proposals on an information collection done in Member States as well as after broad consultation among relevant stakeholders. The concept of "Common Training Principles" is highly important for the "engineering world" in Europe. It offers the possibility to gain automatic professional recognition in Europe and thus enhance the mobility in Europe and also build a negotiation base for international mutual recognition agreements.

Common Training Principles for Engineers (2)

Workshop on 30 June 2016, in Vienna (ECEC)

- Project team prepared and distributed questionnaire on the opinion of national organizations regard to Common Training Principles for Engineers.
- Project team conducted a survey about the national regulatory frameworks of five focus professions (civil and environmental engineers, mechanical and industrial engineers, electro technology engineers, mining engineers and geodetic surveyors) and held a workshop in Vienna on June 30, 2016.
- This workshop was the start of a broad stakeholder discussion on the best approach to an agreement on common training principles for engineers.
- Some 60 competent authorities, national coordinators, engineering organizations the participated in the workshop. ECCE was represented by Vincentas Stragys (Lithuania). ECCE delegates that also participated in the meeting as representatives of their national organizations were Jose Francisco Saez Rubio (Spain), Dimitar Natchev (Bulgaria), Alois Materna (Czech Republic) and Gabor Szollossy (Hungary).
- The European Commission was represented by Sophie Weisswange, Policy officer responsible for Quality Assurance in Vocational Education and Training at the European Commission's DG Education and Culture.

Follow-up Task group on the ECEC CTP Project

Task group members:

The group will be open to ECCE members' appointees after dissemination of the scope of the task group among ECCE member organizations. The proposal for the core task group members is as follows:

- Jose Francisco Saez Rubio, Spain
- Vincentas Stragys, Lithuania
- Dimitar Natchev, Bulgaria
- Fernando Branco, Portugal
- Aris Chatzidakis, Greece

ECEC's project on Common Principles of Education was assigned by the European Commission to provide a comprehensive study on professional models on engineering and the feasibility of implementing a common training framework which would enhance professional mobility. Such project comprises two major goals:

- A truthful assessment of professional mobility procedures in every EU country.
- A proposal for a common training framework approach to professional mobility in the civil engineering sector.

Follow-up Task group on the ECEC CTP Project

On such grounds, the goals of the group aligned with each project goals would be the following:

1. A truthful assessment of professional mobility procedures in every EU country.
 - Collaborate with ECEC in the completion of information from countries which have not yet incorporated their data to the study.
 - Identify any mismatches in the provided information by ECEC.
 - Disseminate such information among our member organizations for contribution.

2. A proposal for a common training framework approach to professional mobility in the civil engineering sector.
 - Coordinate and discuss the presentation of ECCE branded proposals regarding the common training framework proposal. Any proposals not agreed may be presented by the national organizations by themselves.
 - Ensure that the proposal is not contrary to the role of professional organizations in its definition and implementation.
 - Assess the potential weaknesses of the ECEC proposal, disseminate such information among our members and communicate such concerns to the project.

World Prize in Innovation on Bridge Engineering WIBE Prize



- The European Council of Civil Engineers had the honour to be invited as a member of the Final Jury for the World Prize in Innovation on Bridge Engineering WIBE 2017.
- **Subject:** Paper in the field of Bridge Engineering.
- **Winner:** author(s) of a “Paper” that demonstrates the greatest potential of innovation and contributes to the development of Bridge Engineering worldwide
- Jury: A qualified Jury essentially nominated by the most recognized international associations (13 members)

THE PRIZE: 50.000 USD\$

- **Promoting Entities:** Faculty of Engineering of the University of Porto (FEUP) & Bridge Engineering Solutions company – BERD.
- **Key Dates:**

Now: Pre-Registration Opened & Official Regulation Online

1 October to 31 December 2016: Submission of Abstracts and other documents as per the Regulation.

Agreement of Cooperation with the Council of Engineering and Technology (CET) India

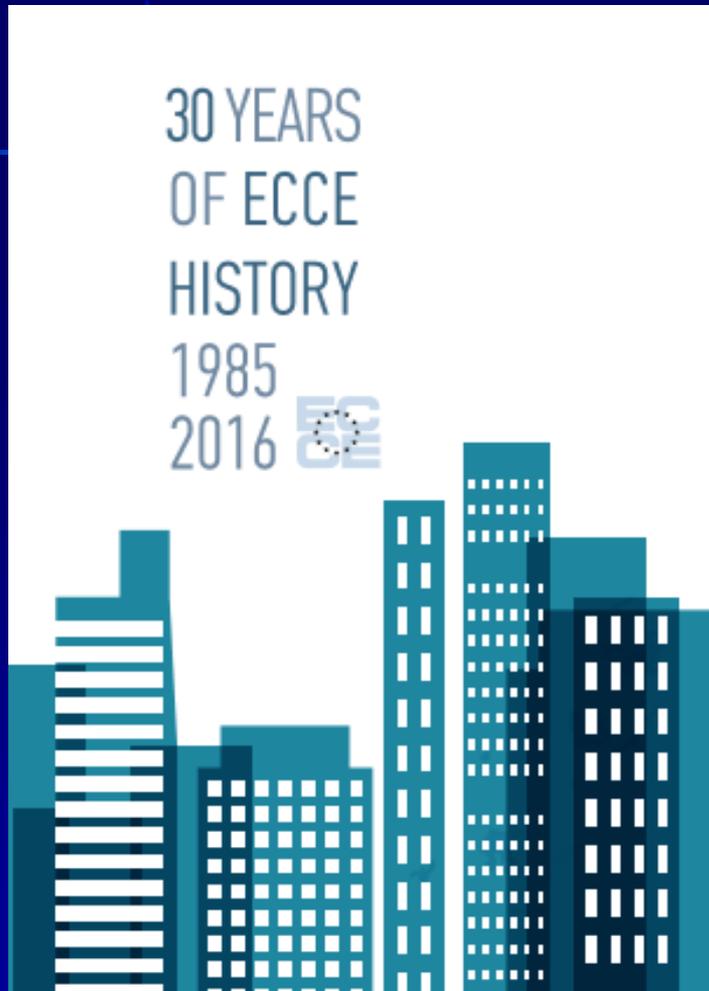


The Council of Engineering & Technology (India)

- The European Council of Civil Engineers was contacted by the Council of Engineering and Technology (CET) India that expressed their interest in establishing cooperation between the two organizations and asking ECCE to sign an Agreement of Cooperation with them.
- CET India is a professional society of engineers running as per the present policy of AICTE, Govt. of India. The main motto of the Council is to enhance and uplift the engineering sector in the world.
- ECCE and CET India have entered into this Agreement to facilitate the enhancement of the efforts of each organization to better serve the public and the engineering profession in its own country. The aim of the AoC is to assist the two organizations to bond together, promote technical and academical evolutions, share knowledge and expertise through exchanging write ups and through participating in each other's technical events.

Preparation of the 30 Years of ECCE History Book

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- The preparation of a book about the History of the European Council of Civil Engineers has been decided for a few years now.
- The 30th Anniversary of ECCE that was celebrated last year and was marked by the sad and unfortunate event of the passing of Mr. Vassilis Economopoulos (ECCE Past President and ECCE founding member) was the motivation for putting together the materials and photographs that had been over the years into a solid document that would summarize the history of this organization.
- The main author of this book is ECCE Honorary President Yrjo Matikainen, and contributing authors ECCE Immediate Past President Fernando Branco and ECCE Past President late Vassilis Economopoulos.

Preparation of the 30 Years of ECCE History Book

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- Also, ECCE Past President Gorazd Humar and current ECCE President Włodzimierz Szymczak contributed to the contents of this book.
- ECCE General Secretary Maria Karanasiou was in charge of managing the preparation process and publishing of this book (proofreading, copyediting, graphic designing and finally printing).
- The total budget spent on the preparation and printing of 150 copies of the ECCE History book is presented below:

Expenditure	Cost (€)
Proofreading – copyediting	150
Graphic design	800
Printing	1,275
Total	2,225

- The book can be found in electronic format on the ECCE Website [here](#).

ECCE ExBo meetings

- The ECCE Executive Board held 5 skype meetings since the 63rd ECCE GM in Madrid on the following dates:
- 17 May 2016
- 8 June 2016
- 7 July 2016
- 20 July 2016
- 13 September 2016

A lot of work has been carried out by the ECCE ExBo over these past few months on the following main topics:

- ECCE Position Papers proposals
- ECCE History book
- ECCE Individual Membership – ECCE Card
- ECCE Footbridges book
- ECCE Finances
- Common Training Principles for Engineers Project
- European Criteria applied to the assessment of works tenders Position Paper ²³

ECCE Position Papers proposals

- After our meeting in Madrid, we received two Position Paper proposals from the **Union of Civil Engineers in Bulgaria (UCEB)**. The proposals were the following:

"ECCE support to the European Commission's Communication Resource Efficient Buildings' study for the 'development of a common EU framework of indicators for the environmental performance of buildings'"

"Transposition and implementation of EU BSS Directive – the role of Civil Engineers for better national legislation" (Radon in dwellings)

- Regarding the second proposal (Radon) a questionnaire was sent to ECCE Members in order to facilitate the assessment process for the ExBo. Although both proposals were accepted by the ExBo, there has been a disagreement on the financial part of the proposals and UCEB withdrew both of them under the current circumstances.

ECCE Position Papers proposals

- Another proposal was received by the **Lithuanian Association of Civil Engineers:**

"Development of infrastructure while promoting underground two-level construction"

- The ECCE ExBo deliberated this proposal and found the topic interesting but suggested to the authors to further elaborate the proposal taking into account European experience on the topic and also to cooperate with countries that have more advanced transport infrastructure for the sake of completion of the views on the topic. The Lithuanian team has received the feedback from the ExBo and a resubmission of the proposal is expected.

ECCE Position Papers proposals

- A proposal was received by the **Cyprus Council of Civil Engineers:**

"The infrastructure and management of water"

- The ECCE ExBo assessed and accepted the proposal by Cyprus on the condition that the financial requirements for the preparation of the Position Paper would be amended in order to comply with ECCE's proposal. The President and the General Secretary held a skype meeting with George Demetriou (Project manager) and discussed the topic explaining what ECCE can offer as financial support. Cyprus agreed to carry on with the preparation of the PP on water meeting the terms of ECCE as far as finances are concerned. The progress in the preparation of the Position Paper on "The infrastructure and management of water" will be presented by the team leader George Demetriou.

ECCE Position Papers proposals

- A proposal was received by the **Colegio de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos (Spain)** prepared by Jose Francisco Saez Rubio:

ECCE Position paper on Professional Mobility 'Facing Europe's professional shortage in civil engineering'

- The proposal has been also accepted by the ECCE ExBo and the preparation of the PP has started. The progress on the topic will be presented by Jose Francisco Saez Rubio.
- One more proposal was received by the **Association of Civil Engineers of Greece** prepared by Aris Chatzidakis:

ECCE Position Paper on Deregulation of the Civil Engineering Profession

- The proposal has been accepted and the possibility of the incorporation of the two proposals from CICCIP and ACEG is being examined.

“European Criteria applied to the assessment of works tenders” Position Paper report

- In the beginning of October 2015 the European Council of Civil Engineers received the document “European Criteria applied to the assessment of works tenders” that was prepared by Prof. Janusz Rymsza and Włodzimierz Szymczak. The paper was sent as a proposal to ECCE in order to assess it and discuss how it could be used as the topic of assessment of works tenders is very significant for the Civil Engineering community.
- In the beginning of October 2015 the proposal was disseminated among the ECCE Executive Board members to study it and make their first comments on it. The ECCE ExBo members welcomed eagerly the document and agreed that it needs to be further disseminated to all the ECCE members.
- In October 2015 the document was circulated to all the ECCE Member Organizations and all the ECCE delegates as part of the Working Papers that would be discussed during the 62nd ECCE General Meeting in Prague in the end of the same month. Due to lack of time in the 62nd ECCE General Meeting the ECCE General Assembly did not have the opportunity to discuss this paper, so it was postponed for the next General Meeting.

“European Criteria applied to the assessment of works tenders” Position Paper report

- In March 2016, during the 63rd ECCE General Meeting, the ECCE ExBo decided unanimously that this paper should be adopted as an ECCE Position Paper and introduced their recommendation to the General Assembly. After discussion on the proposal during the General Assembly meeting, the document was unanimously accepted and adopted as ECCE Position Paper that should be further disseminated and also taken to Brussels.
- After this decision an accompanying introductory letter was prepared and in June 2016 the “European Criteria applied to the assessment of works tenders” together with the letter was broadly disseminated to the ECCE mailing list worldwide.
- After the dissemination of the document EUPAVE, the European Concrete Paving Association, reached out to us as they found the document very interesting and wanted to examine the possibility of publishing a common Position Paper offering guidance on the directives as regards road construction.

ECCE E-Journal

- 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.
- In the latest issue a column dedicated to our international partners was introduced. The idea is to make alive our cooperation with the societies with which we have Agreement of Cooperation and to open a channel of exchanging news, knowledge and ideas with them.
- In the latest issue we received news from ASCE, JSCE and CET India.
- Next ECCE e-journal will be in **DECEMBER 2016**

Get involved with ECCE e-journal !



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NEW 8 FROM:

- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Estonia
- Georgia
- Hungary

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63rd ECCE General Meeting 4th – 5th March 2016, Madrid, Spain



Group photo of the 63rd ECCE General Meeting participants

The 63rd ECCE General Meeting was held on 4th – 5th March 2016 in Madrid, in Spain, hosted by the Colegio de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos (CICCP). The 63rd ECCE General Meeting was organized as part of the celebration of an International Civil Engineering Congress which hosted the Portuguese and Spanish Speaking Civil Engineering Professional Associations (CICPC) Congress coinciding with its annual General Assembly. Particularly, the 7th Council of Civil Engineering Professional Associations from Spanish and Portuguese Speaking Countries was held on 29th February – 1st March. On 25th February the CICPC Meeting was held. On the same day the Honorary Ceremony rendered by the Colegio de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos, the World Council of Civil Engineers and the Instituto de Ingenieros de España for the legacy of Professor José Medina Sanjaan and the presentation of WCCE's José Medina Sanjaan Civil Engineering Excellence Award were held at the premises of the Instituto de Ingenieros de España. On 2nd – 3rd March the International Congress of Civil Engineering "Paths to bring the world together" was held. ECCE President was member of the Honour Committee of the Congress.

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63rd ECCE General Meeting



European Council of Civil Engineers

NEW 8 FROM:

- ASCE
- ASCE
- CCT India
- Germany
- Hungary
- Latvia

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SEPTEMBER 2016

Włodzimierz Szymczak message closing his term as ECCE President



Dear ECCE Members,
Dear recipients of this publication,
We have just launched the next issue of ECCE e-journal. This is the last one under my Presidency.

During the last two years we have continued our efforts directed on enhancing and developing our e-journal both technically and as far as the content is concerned.

As you will certainly notice, with this issue we started closer cooperation with our partners worldwide. We offered them the attempt of making our existing Agreements of Cooperation more dynamic. We sent to our partners the ECCE's documents and publications which we consider to be of interest for them. In exchange, you can find in this edition of the e-journal the articles from USA, Japan, India and in the next

issues we are expecting a contribution also from Korea. We will continue this direction. I have a dream to create our e-journal as a publication which is interesting, valuable, recognizable and respectable in Europe and worldwide.

I see it as a platform for presenting and discussing the ideas concerning each aspect of Civil Engineering Profession. However, to achieve that our work and commitment is definitely needed. I mean all of us: ECCE Members Full, Associate and Individual, our Partners, National Delegations, participants of our General Meetings and even every single civil engineer.

Therefore, I am calling for your contribution, for your documents!
Your articles, scientific, professional, informational or even philosophical are very welcome and impatiently expected.

Remember please, that the most important thing on the way to success is the ATTITUDE.
Accepting and positively answering my call, we can go deeper with bringing into practice the ECCE motto:

"Civil Engineers at the Heart of Society, building Life Quality and a Sustainable Environment"

My Best Wishes to all of you,



Włodzimierz Szymczak
President of The European Council of Civil Engineers

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ECCE Annual report for 2015

- Since 2014 ECCE established the preparation of an Annual report that would summarize the activities of ECCE in each year.
- The first Annual report for the year 2014 was printed and distributed to ECCE Members.
- The Annual report for 2015 is available in electronic format on our website at the following link:

<http://www.ecceengineers.eu/news/2016/ECCEannualreport2015.pdf>

ECCE Civil Engineering Card



European Council of Civil Engineers



Personal Data

1. Family Name	BRANCO
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3. Birth Date	27/01/1953
4. Nationality	Portugal
5. National ID	2522984

Professional Data

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

valid: 2016

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ECCE Civil Engineering Card

WHY AN ECCE CARD ?

- The ECCE Card was developed by the European Council of Civil Engineers to identify with an uniform image the civil engineers across Europe and from there across the world.
- In a first step the Card will be only attributed to individual members of national associations/chambers, that are full members of ECCE. Being member of those associations guarantee that each professional with the ECCE Card has the academic / professional level to be an European Civil Engineer.
- This also applies to any world engineer that is member of any association member of ECCE.

CIVIL ENGINEERS ACROSS EUROPE

- The profession of the Civil Engineers is mostly performed where the construction is being made, in Europe or in any part of the world. Today, within the European Union, construction companies have activities in many countries so civil engineers have to move to foreign countries and to work all over Europe.
- To allow this professional movement EU published a Directive on Professional Mobility, trying to facilitate the recognition of Civil Engineers in Europe, but considering under this title professionals with quite different academic or professional backgrounds can lead to dangerous situations for society.
- It is to promote the quality of that recognition that ECCE is launching the ECCE Card, for professional where academic/professional quality is guaranteed by national associations, and allowing for detailed information about the professionals, in those associations, if needed.

ECCE Civil Engineering Card

WHAT DO I GET?

Besides getting the ECCE Card and becoming associate member of the European Council of Civil Engineers, where you can discuss all the professional issues relevant to your profession with colleagues from across Europe, you can:

- Participate in 2 ECCE conferences per year;
- Participate in the Brussels Engineer's Day;
- Participate without voting rights in 2 ECCE General Assemblies per year;
- Participate in Committees (or propose one) where Reports and ECCE Position Papers are developed;
- Receive 3 ECCE e-journals per year;
- Receive professional relevant documents from EU.

And above all you will become member of the ECCE family, helping improving the Civil Engineering profession.

ECCE Civil Engineering Card

HOW DO I GET AN ECCE CARD?

- a. To get the ECCE Card the candidate must send by e-mail (ecce_sps@otenet.gr) an application to the ECCE office the following documents:
 1. Registration Form
 2. Data Sheet Form (excel document)
 3. Photograph
 4. Payment Form
 5. ECCE Member Declaration
- b. After receiving the approval of the application, the registration fee should be paid, by bank transfer.
- c. The candidate will then receive the ECCE card and will become ECCE associate member with all benefits.

Representation of ECCE in Brussels

- Establishment of permanent representation in Brussels.
- Brussels-based company that will represent our interests, collect vital information in the areas most interesting for us, deliver our Position Papers to decision makers in Brussels and keep a close eye on the proper development of this matter, organize direct meetings between ECCE leaders and competent authorities in Brussels, cope with bureaucracy in a satisfactory manner, etc.
- Negotiations have started and a first offer has been received from a firm called AVISA. The offer from AVISA was not affordable for ECCE and we are now examining the possibility of a joint representation of ECCE and some other organizations in order to reduce the cost.
- Contacts with other possible representatives in Brussels have started.

Organization of Civil Engineering Year in Europe in 2018

- Suggestion from the President of the Polish Chamber of Civil Engineers, Dr. Andrzej Dobrucki.
- Organization in cooperation with ECCE Members the Civil Engineering Year in 2018.
- Various events throughout European Countries organized by ECCE Member organizations.
- Opening of the Year in the end of 2017 in Warsaw, Poland.
- Closing event in Brussels with the 3rd European Engineers' Day.
- ECCE General Assembly approved this initiative.
- Next steps to be taken.

Closing of the project of the ECCE publication Footbridges – small is beautiful

- Final efforts have been made by the former Chairman of the Task Force on Civil Engineering Heritage Gorazd Humar for selling the ECCE book Footbridges – small is beautiful.
- The remaining quantity of the books were bought by ECCE and the final decision about the dissemination of these books will be taken during our meeting in Athens.

Other fields of activity

- Efforts and contacts with organizations that could join the European Council of Civil Engineers have been continued and are still ongoing.
- Follow up of the High Level Tripartite Strategic Forum meetings by Fernando Branco.
- Follow up of the TTIP Negotiations by Jose Francisco Saez Rubio.

THANK YOU