

## **DRAFT Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> WCCE Executive Committee meeting, on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> WCCE Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Elephant Hills hotel, Victoria Falls Zimbabwe.

### Participants:

Jose Medem,	President
Carsten Ahrens	Representative for ECCE and Germany
Martin Manuhwa, Zimbabwe	Vice president, SC Education
Emilio Colón, Puerto Rico	Vice president, SC Construction
Gülây Ozdemir	Vice president SC Natural Disasters
Jette Bohsen,	Executive director

### Apologise:

Vassilis Economopoulos, Greece	Treasurer
Rafik Meghji, Tanzania	Representative for Africa
Edelmiro Rúa, Spain	Representative for Europe
Damian Robledo, Mexico	Representative for America

1. Welcome by ZIE President and introduction by J Medem
2. Approval of agenda for both Executive Committee meeting and General Assembly Meeting
3. Approval of minutes from Executive Committee meeting in Madrid, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2006
4. President's report:
  - 4.1 Discussing proposal of creating a World Academy of Civil Engineers based on the principles of API (Academia Panamericana de Ingenieria – Pan American Academy of Engineering) and supported by the founder and president of API, Miguel Angel Yadarola from Argentina:  
Only individual outstanding academics (civil engineers), max 5 from each country, completely independent from WCCE but synergies when general assembly meetings, celebrating parallel academic sessions on issues of interest. An academy on each continent, organized under one single academy.
  - 4.2 Addressing answers received from some organizations invited to participate in GA Meeting in Zimbabwe: World Bank, ASCE, ICE and Transparency International, Zimbabwe who is invited to speak about anti-corruption issues in civil engineering at the ZIE Congress.
  - 4.3 Explaining some ECCE members concern about WCCE being present in Zimbabwe due to current political unrest and detailing the letter sent by ECCE President on this issue. Both José Medem and Dawie Botha from SAICE, South Africa will address the WCCE General Assembly meeting and the following Congress on ethics in civil engineering,

4.4 José Medem presents the “Engineers Charter”, a statement against corruption drafted by ASCE and WFEO and will ask all participants at the ZIE Congress to sign the document.

4.5 José Medem will chair the WFEO AntiCorruption task force at the WFEO General Assembly meeting in New Delhi in November 2007.

4.6 The WCCE Executive Committee agrees to a reciprocal WFEO membership

5. Report from Secretariat:

5.1 Secretariat claiming certificates from members, in order to legalize WCCE in Spain

5.2 Presentation of accounts: members not paying fee as agreed in Mexico, 2006

5.3 Importance of receiving information from members to webpage

5.4 Procedure to be established for use of logo by WCCE members

6. Budget seen under 5.

7. Issues to be drafted by next ExCo meeting

8. General issues discussed during meeting earlier same day. In particular, discussions about details on Congress in preparation by Natural Disasters Standing Committee, Turkey. It was decided that chair Gülay Ozdemir together with E. Colon will work on additional finance through sponsorships by national civil engineering companies. All WCCE members will be asked to provide names to set up expert group.

9. Only one candidate presented: Emilio Colon and his candidacy is accepted by ExCo

10. E Colon outlined briefly the idea for a strategic plan to be presented to the General Assembly. This should be merged with Standing Committees’ strategic plans and a business plan will be drafted.

11. Presentation of application from Spanish company to join as associate member

12. As presented in point 4 above

13. Briefing from E Colon who participated in Mexico in civil engineering congress

14. As discussed in point 4.6 above

15. The following proposals were agreed upon for meetings:

- Proposal for next General Assembly Meeting in Brasilia, Brazil December 2008
- Proposal for next ExCo meeting by mid june. Either conference over internet and if not possible for technical reasons, then a telephone conference will be held.
- Proposal for Executive Meeting in New Delhi, India in November 2007

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