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Report

ECCE activities in related organizations

ECCE is an active member of

World Council of Civil Engineers (**WCCE**)
European Civil Engineering Education and Training (**EUCEET III**)

and well known in the
American Society for Engineering Education (**ASEE**), Civil Engineering Division

1. WCCE

The 2nd General Assembly of WCCE took place in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, on 23. May 2007, in connection with the 4th Congress of the Zimbabwe Institute of Engineers (ZIE), which was held from 22. – 26. May 2007 together with the assembly of the African Engineers Forum (AEF).

As ECCE-representative I was attending all meetings and, thus, ECCE was present as International Member in the WCCE General Assembly as well as in the Standing Committee Capacity Building, the vice chair of which is me. All the results of the meeting can be read in the WCCE minutes as attached (attachment 1).

The most important result have been

- new member countries like Zambia;
- new personal members, the very first lady engineer;
- signing of an anti-bribery paper by about 50 persons.

In addition I was presenting ECCE as a keynote speaker during the ZIE-congress in my function in the SC Capacity Building. So, I had a lecture on capacity building in general with a number of specific European background information, which can be read in the attached document as well as in the power point presentation (attachments 2 and 3).

The 3rd Executive Board meeting of WCCE will be held in New Dehli on the 10. Nov. 2007, in connection with a congress of the Institution of Engineers India (IEI) from 11. to 16. Nov. 2007, which again is supported by WFEO. I will represent ECCE there as agreed by the ECCE ExBo; the flight ticket has been booked.

2. EUCEET III MC meeting in Madrid, 28. Sept. 2007

The 3rd Management Committee Meeting of EUCEET III took place in Madrid on 28. September 2007. The chairmen of the respective working groups reported about their work. Concerning the work of Group H “DEVELOPING A SYNERGY BETWEEN THE ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL WORLDS”, chaired by Colin Kerr, Imperial College, London, UK, a discussion came up about ECCE’s approach to make up a common platform or to go on with the ECCE engineer charta, in which Fernando Branco, Iacint Manoliu and me were strongly involved.

As the chairman of the EUCEET III Working Group G “MAKING THE EUROPEAN CIVIL ENGINEERING EDUCATION BETTER KNOWN AND MORE ATTRACTIVE OUTSIDE EUROPE” I represented ECCE, ZDI and my university FH OOW. The full report can be read in the attachments 4 (word.doc) and 5 (ppt).

EUCEET has become an association too under Belgian Law. The advisory board will inform officially all interested EUCEET members and will ask for membership in the association, too, which costs about 300 €per year.

In addition EUCEET III made an application for the Project "*EUCEET EXTENSION - extending Thematic Network EUCEET to third countries*" submitted on 31st May 2007 to EC under Action 4 of the Erasmus Mundus programme.

1.3 ASEE Annual Conference in Hawaii, June 2007

The ASEE Annual Conference in Hawaii gave place for about 3500 participants. The Civil Engineering Division was my platform for a lecture about the many differently faceted education ways of civil engineers in “old” Europe as well as in the “new” Bologna Europe with its European Higher Education Area. This year one of the most important topics in (civil) engineering was the international experience of US-American students, which they shall gain during their study time. In this context it was of high interest how ECCE and EUCEET III influences the multinational work of EUCEET III within the academic as well the professional civil engineering world. The whole paper can be read as attachements 6 (word.doc) and 7 (ppt)