

## ESIS

### COUNCIL MEETING

27th May 2003, 18.30 – 20.30

SEVILLE, SPAIN

#### AGENDA

1. Introduction and communications
2. Election of ESIS Officers (Webmaster and Newsletter Editor, Publications Committee Chairman, Awards Committee Chairman, Nominations Committee Chairman)
3. ECF-16 (Greece)
4. ECF-15 (Sweden)
5. ESIS Membership
6. National Groups
7. Technical Committees
8. Financial Balance
9. Publication Policy (Publication Committee)
10. Statute (Committee for Revision)
11. Website
12. Newsletter

#### 1. INTRODUCTION AND COMMUNICATIONS

This Council Meeting was held during the week of the ESIS Conference on **CUMULATIVE FATIGUE DAMAGE, in Seville**.

The President of ESIS, Professor Alberto Carpinteri, took the chair and informed about the decisions and proposals of the Executive Committee. Professor Ferro had been appointed as General Secretary and Treasurer of ESIS by the Executive Committee on May 26, 2003.

The President postponed further communications to the specific points.

#### ATTENDEES

Twelve Countries were represented at Council, which was composed of 16 Members, these being either the National Representative, or a representative of an ESIS Technical Committee.

A full list of attendees is given at the end of these Minutes.

#### 2. ELECTION OF ESIS OFFICERS

Professor Beretta was appointed as Webmaster and Newsletter Editor.

The President postponed the Publications Committee issue to point 9, while the Nomination Committee function was entrusted to the Executive Committee. Professor Pineau was invited to go on with the Awards Committee. Professor Nilsson could be involved as organizer of the next ECF-15.

#### 3. ECF-16 (Greece)

Professor Gdoutos modified the proposal presented during ECF-14 in Cracow. The President sent the new proposal to the National Representative Members by e-mail, and the majority of them responded in positive terms.

The Council approved the decision. Professor Gdoutos confirmed that ECF-16 will be held in Xanthi.

#### 4. ECF-15 (Sweden)

The website of the conference is active and all the information could be found there ([www.ecf15.org](http://www.ecf15.org)).

The President did not receive any further information.

The Council suggested to Professor Fred Nilsson, Chairman of ECF-15, to send to Professor Beretta some pages for ESIS web, to inform ESIS Members about the Conference.

The Council took the occasion for congratulating with Professor Andrzej Neimitz for the very well organized conference in Poland (ECF-14).

## **5. ESIS MEMBERSHIP**

After a deep discussion it was agreed by Council that the 2003 Membership Fee will be maintained as in the past. The central ESIS office will collect the individual membership fee (30 €). For the year 2004, the National Representatives will collect the fees. For those Nations with a formal Society (official Statute, elected President or Representative) 2/3 of the fee will remain in the Nation to support the local activities. 1/3 will be transferred to the central ESIS office. This proposal was discussed also in Poland. This is a first step toward a federal structure of ESIS. The Council approved. Professor Sedmak exposed his experience in Serbia. The members are 143 and the society publishes a journal. The Council congratulated Professor Sedmak for his outstanding work in such difficult conditions.

## **6. NATIONAL GROUPS**

The President will send a letter to the National Representative Members in order to explain the federal proposal of the ESIS Council and to push the Countries to found formal National societies. Professor Miller suggested to form such Societies through National Academies of Engineering (or of Science).

## **7. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

The President informed that 20 Official Committees were announced in the last Newsletter (Spring 2001). Approximately one half of them is working, whereas the others did not present any official report.

The Council suggested to send a letter to each Chairman recalling his duties. They have to submit to the President within ECF-15 a written report on their activity.

Professor Schwalbe proposed a new Committee called INTEGRITY OF RAILWAY SYSTEMS. The proposal follows an interesting and successful workshop held in Berlin last April. The committee will be focused on application-oriented research and Schwalbe was appointed as the Chairman.

## **8. FINANCIAL BALANCE**

The Treasurer, Professor Ferro, informed the Council about the financial situation of the society. The ESIS' Portfolio consists of 84,151 €. That amount was transmitted last February by Professor Miller through a cheque of 57,000 Pounds.

Professor Miller wished to emphasize that it was the same amount of money he received from the former Secretary Bakker.

## **9. PUBLICATION POLICY AND PUBLICATION COMMITTEE**

The President informed that a previous contract with the official ESIS Publisher (Elsevier) ended last year. Actually, there is a bid between EMAS and ELSEVIER. From the economical point of view, the two proposals are rather similar. The boundary conditions are instead very different. EMAS proposed to set up a new journal. ELSEVIER offered three different journals already on the market. In the latter case, however, the Editorial Board should be renewed in the next few years.

The Executive Council proposed a committee formed by Professors Miller (Past-President), Pineau (Vice-President) and Ferro (Secretary), in order to contact the two publishers and obtain better conditions for ESIS.

The Council approved.

The President informed the Council that the Journal FFEMS is not the official ESIS Journal anymore. Blackwell should send to ESIS an official letter to confirm that the link with ESIS has been broken.

## **10. STATUTE (Committee for Revision)**

The President observed that the present Statute is very difficult to apply. A simpler version should be studied. The Council suggested to form a Committee for the revision. Members are: Professors Carpinteri (President), Schwalbe (Vice-President) and Doctor Milne (Former-President).

## **11. WEBSITE**

Professor Ferro presented the new version of the ESIS website. The graphical style is simple and informative. The National Groups as well as the Technical Committees have their own pages to inform the Members about their activities.

## **12. NEWSLETTER**

The ESIS Newsletter will be published once a year. ESIS Newsletter will summarize the activities of the year: financial report, brief activity report for each TC, calendar, invited papers.

Invited papers for ESIS Newsletter are intended to offer 'state-of-the-art' contributions from well-known scientists.

Authors of invited papers should be primarily selected among the Scientists who have received ESIS Awards.

For Newsletter 2003 the names of Professors Brocks and Munz are proposed.

For Newsletter 2004 the names of Professors Brown and Tvergaard are proposed.

2003 ESIS Members will receive 1 free copy of an ESIS Procedure or Document (intended to promote visibility of TC's and to offer some tangible advantage, as is currently done in ASTM).

The meeting closed at 20.30 hours.

The next Council Meeting will be in Stockholm, Sweden on 10th August 2004.

The ESIS Secretary

The ESIS President

Professor Giuseppe Ferro

Professor Alberto Carpinteri

#### **ATTENDEES AT COUNCIL MEETING**

Austria	W. Eichseder
Czech Republic	P. Sajdl
France	C. Poussard
Germany	H. Richard, K-H. Schwalbe
Greece	E. E. Gdoutos
Italy	Al. Carpinteri, G. Ferro
Poland	E. Macha, D. Kocanda
Serbia	S. Sedmak
Spain	J. Dominguez
Switzerland	H. J. Schindler
Sweden	J. de Maré
UK	K. J. Miller, B. Plumbridge