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ESIS Council Meeting

ECF24- Zagreb, Croatia

28th August 2024, 18:00-20:00

MINUTES

Attendees: There were 44 eligible voting representatives presented.

1. Welcome, Aleksandar Sedmak
   The president, Aleksandar Sedmak, chaired the meeting and thanked all the Council members for attending ECF24 and this Council meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting, Aleksandar Sedmak
   The minutes of the last Council meeting were available on the ESIS website. They were accepted as correct.

3. Establish voting members, Pedro Moreira
   a. The voting members of the Council were established by the Secretary (based upon the ESIS Statutes and memberships for 2022-2024). Proxy representation had been identified earlier by communication with the secretary. The voting members were:

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44 of the above 44 eligible voting members were present. The meeting and voting quota was therefore satisfied according to the Statute.

4. President's Report (2022-2024): Aleksandar Sedmak
    a. Aleksandar Sedmak summarized the main achievements during his presidency (2022-2024).

b. A special acknowledgement was given to the chair of ECF24 (Zeljko Bozic).
c. The number of TCs has been increased by adding three new TCs: TC19, TC21, and TC22. 29 NG are members of ESIS, and a few NG are being pushed to promote more activities.
d. Summer school history and evolution since the first edition was presented. The two future summer schools foreseen, Timisoara and Athens, were introduced.
e. The services for members have been greatly expanded, particularly the Website and social media, ESIS publishing house, and preprint Server Team.
f. 19 PSI issues were published in 2023 and 2024.
g. 4 SIs in affiliated journals were published since ECF23.
h. A new contract with Elsevier was signed for three years
i. ESIS continues to support the following Open Access Journals: Frattura ed Integrita Structurale (Fracture and Structural Integrity); and Integritet i vek konstrukcija (Structural Integrity and Life). These journals are free of cost to the authors and readers and are not published by a professional publisher but are peer-reviewed.
j. ESIS Awards and Fellows were presented. Young Scientist and Poster awards were also presented. An award for the country with the most participation was introduced. The Awards for the most successful symposia were also presented.

5. Report on ECF24. Zeljko Bozic
    a. The Summer School went very well, with 50 attendees on-site and 3 online (including speakers).
    b. A total of 650 abstracts were submitted. More than 600 registrations were made in the system.
    c. The abstract book is being prepared, and a link will be sent to all participants.
    d. ZB presented details of the ESIS support for researchers to attend ECF24.
    e. ESIS supported 36 researchers.

6. Treasurer report, Vittorio Di Cocco
    a. Giuseppe Ferro couldn't attend ECF due to last-minute health issues.
    b. In this context, VdC could briefly report that ESIS's financial situation is similar to the one presented in the last Council. This is possible due to a stable income and careful expense control.

7. Elsevier Special Issues and Publications. ESIS web activities. Francesco Iacoviello
    a. FI presented new services such as ESIS Preprint service.

8. Membership report (2022 - 2024): Pedro Moreira
    a. Membership figures were reported for 2022- 2024
    b. In 2023, ESIS had 559 members
    c. In 2024, ESIS has 637 members, up to now

   d. Most National Groups are functioning and reporting annual memberships to ESIS.

9. Liaison activities, Aleksandar Sedmak, Jianying He, and Milos Djukic
   a. ASTM ESIS joint organization during November 2023 in Washington was reported; it was a successful event
   b. The joint activities being discussed with China Structural Integrity Society were presented, and the opportunity to create a shared event was emphasized by JH
   c. MD reported also the efforts with Japan

10. Report on ECF25, Stavros Kourkoulis
   a. SK gave a brief update on preparations for ECF25, which will be held in Athens, Greece, 6-11th September 2026.
   b. The website will be launched in the next two months

11. Proposals and votes for ECF26 and ECF27 Venues
   a. Bid 1- Spanish Group. A bid to host ECF26 to Seville was presented by the Spanish National Committee.
   b. Bid 2- Italian Group. A bid to host ECF27 to Rome was presented by the Spanish National Committee.
   c. Bid 1 was approved by a vote of the Council to host ECF26 in 2028, and Bid 2 was approved to host ECF27 in 2030.
   d. There will be no votes on new bids in Athens in 2026. If any, bids in Athens will be informative. Bids for ECF28 (2032) will be voted for in Sevilla in 2028.

12. Miscellaneous items
   a. Nothing to report

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