

ESIS COUNCIL MEETING

September 3th 2008, 6.00 – 7.30 p.m.

Dean's Office, Technicka 2
Brno, Czech Republic

AGENDA

1. Introduction and Communications
2. ESIS Newsletter
3. Membership of Past ESIS Presidents to the ESIS Council & ExCo
4. Support of ESIS to ECF participants
5. Support of ESIS to conferences
6. Fellow members
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8. ESIS Membership
9. National Groups
10. Financial Report
11. Technical Committees
12. ECF18 (Dresden, Germany)
13. ECF19 (Venue)

ATTENDEES

19 Countries and eight ESIS Technical Committee were represented at Council, which was composed of 35 Members.

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

1. INTRODUCTION AND COMMUNICATIONS

This Council Meeting was held during the week of the 17th EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON FRACTURE (ECF17), in Brno.

The President of ESIS, Professor Emmanuel Gdoutos, chaired the meeting.

He informed the incoming activities organized or co-organized by ESIS:

- Second International Conference on Material and Component Performance under Variable Amplitude Loading, Darmstadt, Germany, March 23 - 26, 2009
- International Conference on "Crack Paths" (CP 2009), Vicenza, Italy, 23 - 25 September, 2009
- Ninth International ASTM/ESIS Symposium on Fatigue and Fracture Mechanics (37th ASTM National Symposium on Fatigue and Fracture Mechanics), May 20- 22 2009, Hyatt Regency Vancouver Vancouver, BC
- 7th International conference on Modern Practice in Stress and Vibration Analysis (MPSVA), 8 - 10 September 2009, New Hall, Cambridge, UK

The President postponed further communications to the following specific points.

2. ESIS NEWSLETTER & Web Site

S. Beretta reported that ESIS Newsletter was being distributed to ECF17 participants and it would have been also sent to national representatives. About the website and the Newsletter it has been difficult to collect the information by TC's. Moreover TC chairmen did not inform about the meetings and the space available for this announcements on the three Elsevier journals has not been used: in order to promote a more rapid communications the announcements of TC meetings will be posted onto the website of the three journals affiliated with ESIS.

About the website, during 2009 it will be changed in order to accomodate more contents and it will allow the on-line payment of fees. Web addresses of the type .eu will be opened and the web address will be changed in order to better refer to 'structural integrity'.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF PAST ESIS PRESIDENTS TO THE ESIS COUNCIL & EXCO

The President of ESIS, Professor Emmanuel Gdoutos, proposed that the ESIS Past-Presidents could participate to ESIS Councils and EXCO as non-voting members. It has been also proposed that ICF Liason Officer could also participate to Councils and Exco as non-voting member.

4. SUPPORT OF ESIS TO ECF PARTICIPANTS

The President of ESIS, Professor Emmanuel Gdoutos, proposed that Eastern countries with problem in paying fees can ask ESIS for support in order to increasing the number of Members in participating at ECF Conferences. Professor Neimitz asked for using this contribution for helping young researchers. One of the main point in using this kind of supports concerns the explanation of the procedures for supporting people. For ECF-18 the Announcement should be inserted on the WEB SITE of ESIS. For people who needs support, the request should be advanced by his own national representative. It is important for transparency that the decisions taken by ESIS will be published, in particular indicating how many people got the contribution and from which countries.

5. SUPPORT OF ESIS TO CONFERENCES

The rules must be very simple. If there is an agreement with one Editor of one of the three journals of ESIS for preparing a special issue with the papers presented in that conference, part of the money that ESIS will get from Elsevier could be used for supporting the conference.

6. FELLOW MEMBERS

The President of ESIS, Professor Emmanuel Gdoutos, proposed a new type of member: the Fellow Member, as in other Associations in the World. For considering the candidature and for making the rules the President proposed to nominate a Committee. This Committee is constituted by the ESIS President Gdoutos, the two Vice Presidents Neimitz and Banks-Sills, the Past President Carpinteri and the three ECF Organizers (Pokluda, Goldstain, Kuna).

7. AWARDS COMMITTEE (STATUTES, MEMBERS)

The President of ESIS, Professor Emmanuel Gdoutos, proposed the members of the Awards Committee for the next two years: Kuna (Chair), Carpinteri, Banks-Sills, Pokluda, Goldstein, Neimitz, Angelova, Gdoutos and Williams. The Assembly approved. The candidature should be accompanied by the motivation. For the present conference the President of the Committee awards, Pokluda, proposed the following Awards: Honorary Member – Bon Answort, Weller Medal - Morris Sonsino; Griffith Medal – Alberto Carpinteri; Award of Merit – Emmanuel Gdoutos.

8. ESIS MEMBERSHIP

The Secretary, Professor Ferro, reported the figures of the ESIS Members who sent the membership form to the registered office during the last two years. For the year 2003 only 105 forms were received, while for the year 2004 313 memberships have been registered, 354 for 2005, 525 for 2006 and 467 for 2007. The figures indicate a positive increment of memberships due to the collecting of the Membership fees for their own Country, according to the new Statute. It is hoped that memberships will increase after ECF18 since membership will be connected to Conference participation (it will be part of the conference fee).

9. NATIONAL GROUPS

The Secretary informed the Council about the situation of the National Groups.

11 nations have published their material on ESIS web site: Bulgary, Croatia, Czech Rep., France, Italy, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovak Rep., Sweden, Ukraine.

17 Nations affiliated to ESIS: Austria, Bulgary, Czech Republic, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Sweeden, Switzerland, UK, Ukraine.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer, Professor Ferro, informed the Council about the financial situation of the Society. The figures are the following (in Euro):

ESIS Deposit in May 2007	89223
EXPENSES FOR 2007-08	
Postal	1600
Secretariat	
(redaction web site, collaborators, bank,etc.)	4000
Web site	1600
Newsletter 2007	1500
ESIS support to ECF17	14664

ESIS support to ILTOF Project	14000
TOTAL EXPENSES	37364

INCOMING ESIS

Membership 2007	4680
Royalties Elsevier	35000
TOTAL INCOMING	39680

New ESIS Deposit in August 2008	91539
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The new ESIS' Portfolio consists of 89223,59 €. The Assembly approved the report unanimously.

11. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

S. Beretta reported about TC activity: TC9 had no activity during 2008 as well as TC20. TC7 has to be closed since Prof. Francois did not receive any comments and proposals about a review of the nomenclature.

Decisions were also urgent about TC1 and TC8, the two most active TC's in the past especially in establishing a 'european structural integrity assessment': there had been no activity in the past 4 years (3 in reality for TC8). The Council approved that new chairmen should try to revitalize the activity (as it successfully happened with TC2 under the new chair of Prof. Pokluda). Prof. Kuna proposed that the new TC8 chairman could be Prof. H. Yuan (Wuppertal, Germany): the nomination was approved by the Council. No candidature for TC1 could be foreseen: any decision was postponed at the next ECF conference.

12. ECF18 (DRESDEN, GERMANY)

The Conference will held in Dresden from August 29th to September 2nd 2010.

The Conference fee is fixed in 650 euro, included the ESIS fee membership.

13. ECF19 (VENUE)

Professor Goldstein presented the candidature of Russia for ECF19. The proposal fixed in Perm the site for the Conference. After the presentation some recommendations concerning the local organization were formalized. The budget should be revised in order to optimize the proposal. The Council took the preliminary decision to organize the Conference in Russia. The final decision for the new proposal will be formalized within the end of the year and should be voted by mail by the Council.

The meeting closed at 19.30 hours.

The ESIS Secretary

The ESIS President

Professor Giuseppe Ferro

Professor Emmanuel Gdoutos

ATTENDEES AT COUNCIL MEETING

Austria	Otmar Kolednik, Zoltan Major
Bulgaria	Donka Angelova
Canada	Mimoun Elboujdaini
Croatia	Drazan Kozak
Czech Republic	Jaroslav Pokluda, Ivo Dlouh

France	Jacques Besson
Germany	Meinhard Kuna, Wolfgang Dietzel, Dietmar Klingbeil
Greece	Emmanuel Gdoutos
Hungary	Gyongyrev Lenkey
Israel	Leslie Banks-Sills
Italy	Alberto Carpinteri, Giuseppe Ferro, Donato Firrao, Stefano Beretta, Francesco Iacoviello, Andrea Spagnoli, Alessandro Leonardi
Poland	Andrej Neimitz
Romania	Liviu Marsavina
Russia	Robert Goldstein, Andrey Shanyavskiy
Serbia	Ljubica Milovic
Slovenia	Nenad Gubeliak, Josef Cacho, Jan Dusza
Sweden	Solveig Melin
UK	Gordon Williams, Hogh MacGillivram
Ukraine	Volodymyr Panasuk, Ihov Dmytrakh, Alexander Baleitskii