

ESIS COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 1, 2010, 2.00 p.m.
Room 401 Conference Centre Dresden,
Dresden Germany

AGENDA

1. Introduction and Communications
2. Support of ESIS to ECF participants
3. Election of President and ESIS Officers for 2010 – 2014
4. Decision for ECF20
5. ESIS Newsletter
6. Fellow members
7. ESIS Membership
8. National Groups
9. Financial Report
10. Technical Committees
11. New ESIS awards (Muskelishvili, Navarro)
12. ECF19 (Kazan, Russia)

ATTENDEES

Twenty-two Countries were represented at Council, which was composed of 41 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 18th EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON FRACTURE (ECF18), in **Dresden (Germany)**.

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

The President, according to the statute, called the nations and TC in order to establish the voting member

- 1 Austria- Mayor
- 2 Bulgaria - Angelova
- 3 Croatia- Tomkviczh
- 4 Czech Republic-Dlouhy
- 5 Germany- Klingbeil
- 6 Greece-Gdoutos
- 7 Israel-Banks-Sills
- 8 Italy-Carpinteri
- 9 Poland-Karolcruk
- 10 Romania-Marsavina
- 11 Russia-Goldstein
- 12 Serbia-Sedmak
- 13 Spain- Toribio
- 14 Switzerland-Brunners
- 15 UK-Williams
- 16 Ukraine-Panasuk

- TC2 – Pokluda
TC3 – Spagnoli
TC4 – Williams
TC8 –Yuan
TC9 –Ferro
TC11 –Dietzel (proxy)
TC24 –Zerbst

Vice-Presidents
Neimitz
Banks-Sills

Secretary
Ferro

In total there were 27 votes.

The President proposed a change in the Statutes so that the President's term would be two years instead of four. There were 16 in favor (not sufficient for having 2/3 of the total votes equal to 18). The proposal was not approved.

2. SUPPORT OF ESIS TO CONFERENCES

The President proposed the following motion approved by majority during the ExCc: the organizer of ECF agrees to support at least 30 people who require this support and organizes a means for achieving this goal. The Council approved this motion unanimously.

3. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND ESIS OFFICERS FOR 2010-2014

Following tradition, the President nominated the candidates. The new President is normally one of the two current vice-presidents. After a discussion in the Council, Banks-Sills was the candidate of the President, while the two vice-presidents proposed by the President were Beretta and Goldstein. Carpinteri was the second. Klingbeil nominated Pokluda as ESIS President, and Brocks and Beretta as vice-presidents.

The Presidential candidates presented their programs. After a long and constructive discussion, the voting started.

The results were as follows:

Banks-Sills	14 votes
Pokluda	13 votes

Banks-Sills was elected ESIS President for 2010-2014.

Karihaloo proposed, as the voting results were very close, to nominate Pokluda as Vice-President. After a break for private discussions in private, Banks-Sills proposed the nomination of Pokluda as vice-president. Brocks was requested to be in charge of publications, and to withdraw his candidature as Vice-President.

Ferro suggested choosing Pokluda as Vice-President by acclamation, but there was no unanimity.

The voting results were as follows:

Beretta	22 votes
Pokluda	18 votes
Goldstein	13 votes
Nil	1 vote

Beretta and Pokluda were elected ESIS Vice-President for 2010-2014.

4. DECISION FOR ECF20

The President asked the candidates to present their proposal in 15 minutes.

Prof. Zhang presented the proposal for Trondheim - Norway. The proposed period was 30th June-4th July 2014. The organizers would be Profs. Zhang, Skallerud and Thaulow from NTNU of Trondheim and Dr. Ostby from SINTEF. The conference venue would be at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology of Trondheim. For accommodation there will be the possibility to rent inexpensive student housing for young scientists. The approximate registration fee would be about 5500 kr (about 650 euro) for participants, 4500 kr for ESIS members, 3000 kr for students and 1500 kr for accompanying persons.

Profs. Panasuk and Dmytrakh presented the proposal for Ukraine. The proposed period was 1st-5th September 2014. The organizing committee would be chaired by Prof. Panasyuk, with Profs. Dmytrakh, Bobalo and Lobanov as Vice-Chairmen. The conference venue would be at Lviv Polytechnic National University. For accommodation, the hotel Dnister should be reserved with the prices between 60 and 80 euro. The registration fee should be about 500 euro for early registration and 600 for late, 250 and 300 for students and 100-150 for accompanying persons.

After the presentations, the results were:

NORWAY	15 votes
UKRAINE	11 votes

The ECF20 will be hosted in Trondheim and Rrof. Zhang became an ExCo member as ECF organizer.

5. ESIS NEWSLETTER

Beretta presented the Newsletter. He had difficulties in obtaining information from TCs. For the next issue, the ExCo should find some alternative ways to increase the exchange of information between the ExCo and TCs.

6. FELLOW MEMBERS

The President proposed the names of Nikita Morozov, Stojan Sedmak, Giuseppe Ferro, Stefano Beretta and Dragoslav Sumarac as ESIS Fellow members. The Council approved unanimously.

7. NATIONAL GROUPS

Banks-Sills informed the Council about the situation of the National Groups. As already stated earlier, only 16 nations had at least 10 ESIS members in the last three years (2008-10). The efforts of the next ExCo should try to increase the involvement of some of the most important countries, such as Germany, France and UK, in ESIS activities.

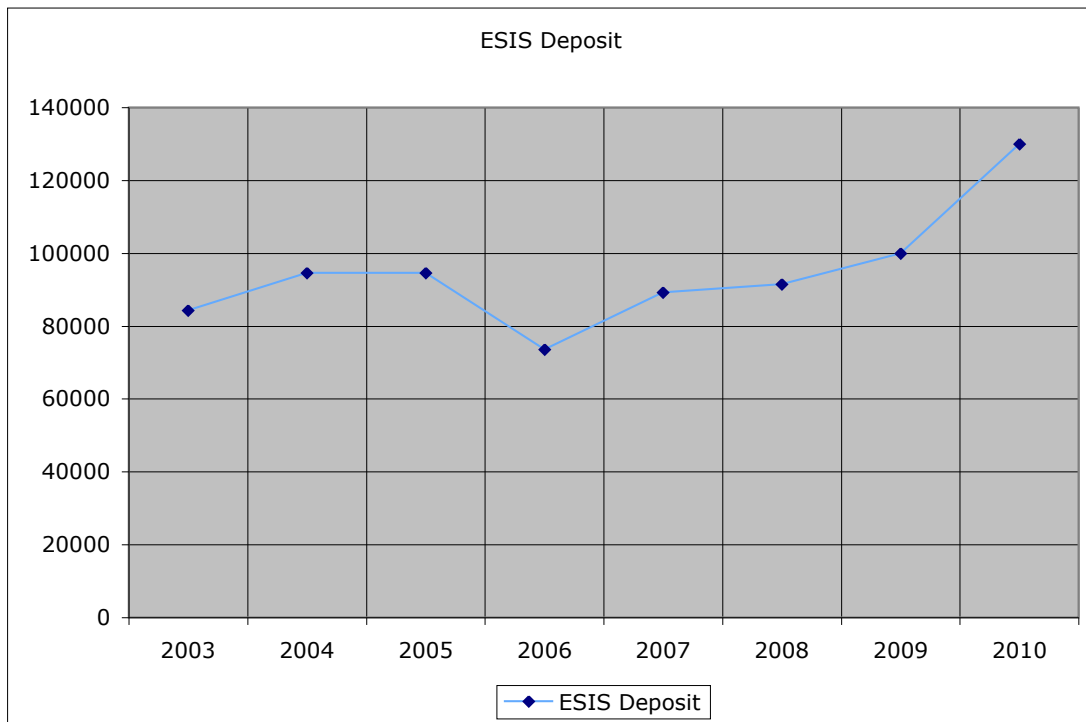
Ferro reported the difficulties in obtaining the list of members from the National Representatives. The automatic Web procedure should solve the problem. Up until July, 425 members have been registered for 2010.

The list, divided by Nation, was as follows:

Country	Members
AUSTRIA	23
BRASIL	1
CANADA	1
CROATIA	1
FINLAND	1
GERMANY	1
ISRAEL	10
ITALY	81
NORWAY	1
JAPAN	1
POLAND	24
RUSSIA	43
SERBIA	65
SPAIN	115
SWEDEN	1
SWITZERLAND	5
UNITED KINGDOM	51
Total	425

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

Ferro informed the Council about the financial situation of the Society. From an economical point of view, the actual portfolio was close to 130,000 euros, with an increment with respect to 2009 by 30%. This increment was principally a result of the special issues published by ESIS in the last years. From the graph, the importance of the contract between ESIS and Elsevier is evident. ESIS contributed 14,500 euros to ECF18, in line with the contribution paid to ECF17 of about 15,000 euros.



9. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

Beretta informed the Council about the situation of the TC activities in the last years. TC7 should be closed. The Council should nominate a new Chairmen for TC1, TC8 and TC9. He proposed nominating Zerbst as chairman of TC1.

In 2002, monitoring of the TCs began. TC14, TC15, TC22 and TC23 were closed in 2004; TC17 and TC18 were closed in 2005. A new chairman was appointed to TC24; while TC19 is waiting for a new chairman. It will be closed if a new chairman is not found.

The TCs were examined again in 2006 (Alexandroupolis). The examination was focused on TC1, TC7, TC8, TC9, TC20 and TC6 in 2008. The problems were in finding new chairmen for TC1, TC8 and TC9, and in determining if TC7 still exists. Beretta suggested closing TC7 and TC20, and to nominate Zerbst as chairman of TC1. Carpinteri proposed Ferro as Chairman of TC9.

TC12 and TC13 will be discussed during the next Council.

The Council unanimously approved closing TC7 and TC20, and the new chairmen for TC1 (Zerbst) and TC9 (Ferro).

10. NEW ESIS AWARDS

Gdoutos informed the Council that there are two Medals and two Awards.

He proposed two new awards: the Navarro Award and the Muskhelivili Award.

As the voting procedures for the new President and Officers lasted very long, he proposed postponing the decision during Banks-Sills Presidency.

11. ECF18 (DRESDEN, GERMANY)

Klingbeil informed the Council about the conference. Participation at the conference has been impressive, considering the problem confronted during the last two years.

12. ECF19 (KAZAN, RUSSIA)

Goldstein informed the Council that the Conference ECF19 will be organized in Kazan, instead of Perm.

The meeting was closed at 19.30.

The ESIS Secretary

The ESIS President

Professor Giuseppe Ferro

Professor Emmanuel Gdoutos

ATTENDEES AT COUNCIL MEETING

Austria	Zoltan Major
Bulgaria	Donka Angelova
Canada	Mimoun Elboujdaini
Croatia	Zdenko Tonkovic
Czech Republic	Jaroslav Pokluda, Ivo Dlouhy
France	Jacques Besson
Germany	Dietemar Klingbeil, Wolfgang Dieztel, Wolfgang Brocks, Cleu Zerbst, Huang Yuan
Greece	Emmanuel Gdoutos
Hungary	Gyongyrev Lenket
Israel	Leslie Banks-Sills
Italy	Stefano Beretta, Alberto Carpinteri, Giuseppe Ferro, Marco Paggi, Andrea Spagnoli.
Norway	Christian Thaulow, Bjørn Skallerud, Zhiliang Zhang, Erling Østby
Poland	Andrej Neimitz, Aleksander Karolcruk
Romania	Liviu Marsavina
Russia	Robert Goldstein, Yury Matrienko, Valery Shlynnikov, Andrej Shunyuvskiy
Serbia	Alexander Sedmak
Slovakia	Zan Duszcz
Slovenia	Peter Goncz
Spain	Jesus Toribio
Switzerland	Andrea Brunner
UK	Bhushan Karihaloo, Gordon William, David Taplin
Ukraine	Volodymyr Panasjuk, Ihor Dmytrakh, Alexander Balifskiy