

DRAFT Minutes from WCCE Meeting held in Istanbul, Turkey
November 13th 2005

List of attendees

COACKLEY, Richard	ECCE President (ICE, UK)
MATIKAINEN, Yrjö	ECCE Past President (RIL, Finland)
ECONOMOPOULOS, Vassilis	ACEG Association of Civil Engineers, Greece
CONSTANTINIDES, Andreas	CCCE, Cyprus
SHIAMARIS, Christos	CCCE, Cyprus
TÜRKER, Umut	KTMMOB/CCCE, Cyprus
MEDEM, José	Colegio de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos, Spain
BOHSEN, Jette	Colegio de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos, Spain
COLON, Emilio	Colegio de Ingenieros y Agrimensores de Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico
IDELANO FELICIO, Pedro	CONFEA, Brazil
LANG, Wilson	CONFEA, Brazil
COLEMAN, Murt	Engineers, Ireland
ROBLEDO GOMEZ, Damián	FECIC, México
STURM, Herman	ZDI, Germany
BIEBELMAN, Ulrike	ZDI, Germany
AHRENS, Carsten	German ECCE/ZDI, Germany
SLOPIANKA, Gert	German ECCE/ZDI, Germany
GÜNTER, Carl August	German ECCE/ZDI, Germany
DJUKAN, Petar	HKAIG, Croatia
DESKOVIC, Zarko	HKAIG, Croatia
DRMIC, Ruzica	HSGL, Croatia
MECSI, Jozsef	Hungarian Chamber of Engineers
SZOLLOSSY, Gabor	Hungarian Chamber of Engineers
ADAO DA FONSECA, Antonio	Ordem dos Engenheiros, Portugal
YÚZGEÇ, Taner	TCCE/IMO, Turkey
OZDEMIR, Gülay	TCCE/IMO, Turkey
AÇAN, Ali	TCCE/IMO, Turkey
BUGDAYCIOGLU, Elif	TCCE/IMO, Turkey
BÖNZÜ, Altan	TCCE/IMO, Turkey
BARISERI, Baris	TCCE/IMO, Turkey
MANOLIU, Iacint	UAICR, Rumania
ISPAS, Traian	UAICR, Rumania

The meeting was opened by José Medem, chairman of the World Council of Civil Engineering Working Committee created in 2003 by ECCE, the European Council of Civil Engineers. He introduced to the audience both the immediate past president of ECCE, Yrjö Matikainen and the newly elected president, Richard Coackley who both welcomed the participants.

The agenda was approved and each member of the WCCE Working Committee introduced themselves briefly.

Each of the 15 organisations present, 12 from Europe and members of ECCE and 3 from America, made a brief presentation of their organisation and their views on the creation of a world council. All participants were highly supportive of the idea during their interventions. Many of the participants thought the momentum was right to start immediately.

José Medem informed the audience about the responses and interest shown by the organisations invited (Annex 1) but not present. Some of the civil engineering organisations invited were

interested but not able to attend; others showed little interest but asked to be kept informed on further developments.

It was questioned if there is a risk of competing with WFEO/FMOI and it was clearly stated that no such risk exists given that the WCCE will act in a complementary way and furthermore strive to succeed a close collaboration with WFEO/FMOI; as is the case currently with other engineering branches (IEEE) as well as is the case of ECCE and FEANI in Europe.

Tunisia has offered to ECCE the use of the WFEO e-bulletin and WCCE would request the use of it as a means of disseminating information of interest.

Murt Coleman made a brief power point presentation (Annex 2) around important aspects of the draft documents created by the WCCE Working Committee.

Damián Robledo presented a Mexican initiative on the creation of a World Council of Sustainable Urban Development. Unfortunately, due to time constraint only a Spanish version was available. Mr. Robledo will provided a summary in English.

During the subsequent discussions, the main conclusions reached were the following:

It was unanimously agreed to create the World Council Of Civil Engineers as of the day of the meeting.

Working groups were organized to further develop the draft documents presented by the WCCE Working Committee.

Deadline was set for activities of the four working groups. The 13 organisations present will hold consultations in their countries on the final draft document. Other civil engineering organisations who have shown interest in participating, will be consulted too.

The formal foundation will take place in Mexico during the first half of July 2006 on the occasion of the World Congress on Sustainable Urban Development. A final draft document will be ratified by the organisations who were present at the Istanbul meeting and by any other civil engineering organisation interested in participating in the foundation of the World Council of Civil Engineers.

The importance of using electronic means of communications was highlighted several times. Also it was agreed that each country must pay its own costs related to the foundation process. The Colegio of the Spanish Civil Engineers underwrites the secretarial costs for the initial period.

Working Groups:

Articles of Association/

By-laws: Antonio Adao da Fonseca (Portugal)
Damián Robledo Gómez (México)

Finance: Vassilis Economopoulos (Greece)
Murt Coleman (Ireland)

Communications: Wilson Lang (Brazil)
Emilio Colon (Puerto Rico)

Membership: Pedro Idelano Felício (Brazil)
Carsten Ahrens (Germany)

The Coordination Committee will supervise and coordinate the progress of the aforementioned four working groups:

José Medem, chair	(Spain)
Carsten Ahrens	(Germany)
Antonio Adao da Fonseca	(Portugal)
Murt Coleman	(Ireland)
Vassilis Economopoulos	(Greece)
Jette Bohsen, secretariat	(Spain)

Deadline for working groups:

By the end of March 2006, the working groups will have finalized their documents and sent them to the Coordination Committee in order to elaborate a final draft version of the foundation of the WCCE.

The formal foundation event:

The final draft document will formally be signed during the foundation event. To this regard, we have received from FECIC (la Federación de Colegios de Ingenieros Civiles de la República Mexicana A.C.) an invitation to celebrate the founding event in Mexico on the occasion of the World Congress on Sustainable Urban Development to take place in Mexico in mid- July 2006.

We will extend the invitation not only to the countries who participated in the Istanbul meeting but also to all National, Regional and International civil engineering societies and organisations who are interested in participating in the founding event of the World Council of Civil Engineers.

The meeting finished at 12 noon. A toast was made to celebrate the creation of the World Council of Civil Engineers and all participants expressed their gratitude to Latvia for the magnum Latvian champagne.

Action plan and deadlines:

In red : responsible party for complying with fixed deadlines

- Minutes and email addresses (Annex 3) of all participants will be distributed no later than **21st November 2005.** (*Secretariat*)
- Every organisation will send back to Secretariat 17jdb@ciccp.es NAME, ADDRESS, EMAIL, PHONE AND FAX data for ONE SINGLE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FROM EACH PARTICIPATING ORGANISATION. The list of attendees is long and communication should be reduced to one contact person responsible from each

participating organisation. This person will convey any appropriate information to his/her organisation. **Monday 12th December.** (*each organisation*)

- A press release will be prepared for media world wide before **30th November.** (*Coordination Committee and Secretariat*)
- The four working groups will start to produce documents no later than **5th December.** The Coordination Committee (and copy to Secretariat) will receive a brief on progress every 3 weeks (the first on **26th December**). (*each Working Group*) Secretariat will provide any electronic documents/information that could be of help to the working groups by **28th November** (*Secretariat*)
- Information material and a brochure will be produced by Greece in liaison with the Coordination Committee by the **end of January 2006.** (*Coordination Committee, Greece and Secretariat*)
- The four working groups will have finished their final documents no later than **31st March 2006.** (*Each of the four working groups*)
- The resulting final draft version will be submitted for the approval by the participating organisations present at the Istanbul meeting by **28th April 2006** (*Coordination Committee*) Any other civil engineering organisation interested in participating will also be invited to study the documents and decide upon membership. (*Coordination Committee*).