

ECCE Standing Committee on Associate Membership

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In the Article 2.1 of our Articles of Association is referred: *“Associate Membership shall also be open to European NGOs, Contracting and Consulting Companies, other Associations and Organisations. Associate Members shall have no voting rights”*.

This is a further provision for ECCE Membership introduced in the ExBo Meeting by my proposition and approved by the GA in our ECCE General Meeting in Brussels (2006). This category of Membership was also approved and incorporated in the New ECCE Articles of Association formally adopted and transmitted to the UK Companies' House on 2007. The activation of this new Membership provision was held later in the ECCE General Meeting at Ljubljana (2009) defining also the annual membership fee for the Associate Members.

The Associate Membership is used in International and National Engineering Organisations, incorporating and other categories of Members which contribute to the discussions and works of the Organisations, without having voting rights as the Ordinary Full National Members, contributing also with annual subscriptions and special sponsorships for the activities of the Organisation.

The attracting of New Associate Members (Contracting and Consulting Companies, NGOs, other Organisations and Associations, Universities etc) is essential for International Engineering Organisations and especially for our ECCE, for the both of important reasons as a)to attract broadly stakeholders to participate in the discussions and works concerning the promotion, visibility and upgrade of Civil Engineering Profession and Education and b)for strengthening our financial resources in order to execute the Organisation's Activities.

Consequently, the creation/establishment and operation of a **New ECCE Standing Committee on Associate Membership** is needed in order to realize the above concept and to give the special frame to the Associate Members to participate actively to the ECCE works,

obtaining useful information, exchanging views, opinions and positions and contributing to ECCE activities.

Objectives & Activities

The Objectives & Activities of this New Standing Committee are the following:

- Preparing, organizing and hosting the two Annual Meetings of the ECCE Associate Members within this Standing Committee, coinciding with the two annual ECCE General Meetings
- Preparing proper information for the Associate Members, disseminated continuously, on a permanent basis by our ECCE Secretariat. This information will be adjusted to the special interests of our Associate Members in order to meet their expectations and to prove “the value for subscriptions or sponsorships money” given by them
- Attracting of New Associated Members from all categories, provided by the ECCE Articles of Association
- Leading the discussions, exchanging views, opinions and formulating positions (within the Meetings of this SC) by the Associate Members in the subjects of their activation fields and responsibilities, be submitted to the ECCE ExBo and GA for approval and adoption
- Proposals for organizing ECCE Seminars, Workshops, Conferences, Visibility and Marketing Events ensuring the financing from the sponsorships by the Associate Members or elsewhere. Of course, all these proposals will be submitted for the approval to ECCE ExBo and GA
- Proposals for ECCE participation and coordination of projects financed by the EU (many of them need trans-national participation for three at least Member States with a cross-cooperation eg Professional Organisations, Universities, Companies
- Preparation and Elaboration of ECCE Participation in international initiatives in which Associate Members, Companies et al will participate. In the 5th Presidents’ Meeting at Ljubljana the important international initiative of the establishment of

World Engineering Forum (WEngF) was announced by the World Federation of Engineering Organisations (WFEO). It will be an independent International Organization/Foundation at the type of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in which the all stakeholders of the World Sustainable Infrastructure Development will participate such as: Contracting and Consulting Companies, International Engineering Organisations, the World Bank, Infrastructure Development Banks, UN-UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, UNECE, UNESCO, EU and International Funding Institutions, OECD Governmental and Intergovernmental Authorities for the Development of Infrastructure, Fellow Governmental Leaders Engineers etc Contacts are ongoing with the Leader of the State of Qatar to host the HQ of the World Engineering Forum. ECCE can participate in this initiative as Founding Member within other International Organisations as we discussed in Ljubljana with our President Gorazd and the WFEO President Eng Adel Al Kharafi and the President Elect Eng Marwan Abdelhamid

- Attracting Sponsorships from Associate Members apart from the annual Subscriptions. It is the proper way to attract significant sponsorships for ECCE Activities also used in other International Organisations. The Company being an Associate Member with a subscription fee getting familiar with the activities, the environment and the persons in the Organisation, then could express the willingness to give sponsorships to ECCE. This is one of the basic objectives of this SC to create also a “pool” for potential sponsorships for ECCE activities and on that I have the successful experience from other International Organisations (UITP, WFEO)
- Networking and lobbying between the Associate Members and Member Associations of ECCE also, for developing various potential engineering scientific, technological, research and professional cooperations, enhancing also the mobility of Civil Engineering Contracting and Consulting Companies.

Structure and time of Duration

The initial structure of the ECCE Standing Committee will be consisted by the Chairman, Vice Chairman/men and the Members.

The first Members of this SC will be all the Associate Members of ECCE, until the number of the ECCE Associate Members will exceed the number of 15. In that case the SC will continue to be consisted of all the Members separating their participation in the two General Meetings according to the specific categories of Membership.

One Vice Chairman will be elected from each category participating in ECCE Associate Members (in the Standing Committee) eg from Contacting Companies, from Consulting Companies, from Universities etc.

As You understand at the first phase in order to promote the Associate Membership and to attract New Members we need all the Associate Members to be active and to participate in this SC, persuading for the “value for money”. In the second phase when the Associate Members exceed the number of 15 we’ll see separate meetings and in a next phase when the Associate Members exceed the number of 30, we’ll examine separate meetings and the SC consisted of the Chairman and Vice Chairmen from each category and two more Members elected by each category (inside the SC).

The time duration of the SC is proposed to be for three years (by the establishment of the SC in the 56th ECCE General Meeting in Dubrovnik – 26/27th of October 2012).

At these three years durance of this ECCE SC on Associate Membership, my target and strong trust is that we could have more than 30 Associate Members. The annual Subscription Fee is now 850 euros, evaluating the expression of interests, activation and expectations we could examine to increase that to 1.000 euros for Companies. The SC will give the sure background to them for considering positively “the value for their money” and it will develop the necessary contacts for attracting New Associate Members. Above from all, it will be the collaboration with interested and willing Associate Members to attract special sponsorships for ECCE Activities.

Chairmanship and Members

For the Chairmanship of this New Standing Committee on Associate Members, together with my present proposal of its establishment, I submit my candidature for its Chairmanship (*please, find my CV as attached*) with my strong willingness continuing to contribute our ECCE Works, devoting time and efforts for the abovementioned Objectives and Activities in this SC together with my experience and contacts on these subjects working in National and International Organisations for many years.

For the Vice Chairman/men and the SCs Membership, please see at the Structure of this SC in the previous chapter.

Please, also note that in my document for the definitions of Chairman, Vice Chairman/men, please we should notice the Chairpersons definition for equal chances for Women potential candidatures.

Deliverables

At the Chapter of “Objectives & Activities” the deliverables of this SC are presented. There are references to the real activities that the SC on Associate Membership will undertake and the targets to be succeeded, as well as the expected benefits.

For all these activities and the results that will be presented at the two Annual ECCE General Meetings, the SC will launch an Intermediate and an Annual Report integrating and informing for all these activities, the succeeded targets and the perspectives for the coming year.

Position Papers on special issues could be prepared, concerning the knowledge, experience, expertise and in the fields of activity – responsibility of Associate Members, by the ExBo assignment and approval.-

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