

# **ECCE BRIEF ACTIVITY REPORT**

## **NOVEMBER 2012 – MAY 2013**

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Lisbon, May 2013

# **56<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting in Dubrovnik**

## **October 2012**

- 56<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting in Dubrovnik, Croatia hosted by the Croatian Chamber of Civil Engineers was organized with great success.







# 56<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting in Dubrovnik

## NEW MEMBERS

- Serbian Chamber of Engineers accepted as ECCE Full Member.



- Company Tektas Engineering Ltd. accepted as ECCE Associate Member.



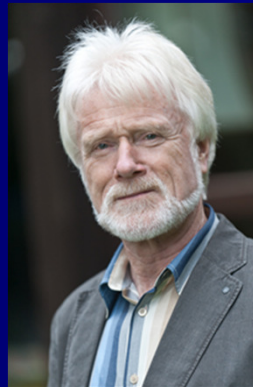
# 56<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting in Dubrovnik

## STANDING COMMITTEES

- Mr. Vassilis Economopoulos accepted as Chair of new Standing Committee (SC) on Associate Membership.



- Mr. Carsten Ahrens accepted as Chair of SC on Environment & Sustainability.



- The SC on Professional Recognition & Mobility terminated

## **56<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting in Dubrovnik Elections for the period 2012 – 2014**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Fernando Branco	President
Gorazd Humar	Immediate Past President
Włodzimierz Szymczak	Vice President/ President Elect
Vincentas Stragys	Honorary Treasurer/ Vice President
Jose Francisco Saez Rubio	Executive Board Member
Massimo Mariani	Executive Board Member
Nick Zygouris	Executive Board Member



# **AFTER DUBROVNIK**

# **European Council of Engineers Chambers (ECEC) General Assembly**

**November 2012, Vienna**

- ECCE Immediate Past President, Mr. Gorazd Humar, attended the ECEC General Assembly as a guest of the ECEC



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineers Day which is going to be co-organized with ECEC
- Mr. Vassilis Economopoulos, Chairman of the ECCE Standing Committee on Associate Membership attended also the ECEC GA



# International Expo Conference CONTRACTOR 2012

November 2012, Bucharest

- ECCE President invited to the International Expo Conference CONTRACTOR 2012



- ECCE President, Prof. Fernando Branco delivered a presentation on **“Internationalization and Mobility in Civil Engineering”**.

# 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Cyprus Association of Civil Engineers

**December 2012, Nicosia**

- ECCE President was invited to participate in the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Cyprus Association of Civil Engineers.
- Prof. Fernando Branco delivered the presentation “The three I s of construction: Investment, innovation and internationalization”.



# **ECCE Newsletter**

**December 2012**

- A new initiative of ECCE, the issuing of periodic Newsletters.
- The ECCE Newsletter is prepared every two-three months.
- The goal is to bring together periodically the European Civil Engineers and to be aware of their problems and their realizations, organizing a forum of ideas and of news.
- The Newsletter may also act as a mean to send ideas for discussion in Brussels,

**Get involved with ECCE Newsletter !**



## European Council of Civil Engineers

### MESSAGE FROM ECCE PRESIDENT

To prepare periodically this newsletter means to bring together periodically the European Civil Engineers and to be aware of their problems and their realizations, organizing a forum of ideas and of news - this is the main goal of the European Council of Civil Engineers and that is why we are implementing it.

But to achieve this we really need the involvement of you, our Civil Engineer colleague, sending us your problems, your opinions, and proposing topics to be developed within ECCE. We may also act as a mean to send ideas for discussion in Brussels.

We will have a special area for news from each country or for special topics to be proposed by you. Think that within ECCE you may get an idea of what is going on, across Europe, in any Civil Engineering topic. Just make an interesting question, we will circulate it across our members and the results will be published.

The newsletter will be published each two months and will be substituted, twice a year by an ECCE Journal presenting the main reports from the ECCE General Assemblies / Conferences. If you want to receive it directly just send an email to our secretariat at

[ecce.sre@otenet.gr](mailto:ecce.sre@otenet.gr) indicating in the subject the word 'newsletter'.

I trust your involvement to achieve an interesting and useful ECCE Newsletter!

With the wishes of a Merry Christmas and a Good New Year

*F. Branco*

Fernando Branco  
ECCE President



### SPECIAL NEWS - NEW ECCE ExBo

2012 - October 26-27 - 56<sup>th</sup> ECCE GA

ECCE General Assembly took place in Dubrovnik being hosted by the Croatian Chamber of Civil Engineers which developed a magnificent organization and presented some public works under development in Croatia.

During this meeting the bi-annual elections for the Executive Board were performed and the ExBo for the next two years will be composed by:

- President - Fernando Branco (Portugal)
- Immediate Past President - Gorazd Humar (Slovenia)

- Vice President/ President Elect - Włodzimierz Szymczak (Poland)
- Vice President/ Honorary Treasurer - Vincentas Stragys (Lithuania)
- Member - Jose Francisco Saez Rubio (Spain)
- Member - Massimo Mariani (Italy)
- Member - Nick Zygouris (Greece)

### ECCE Newsletter

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New ECCE ExBo 2012-2014



## European Council of Civil Engineers

### MESSAGE FROM PROF. MASSIMO MARIANI NEW ELECTED ECCE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

I am very pleased to be a new Member of ECCE Executive Board and I would like to briefly introduce myself to the readers of this Newsletter, who were not present in our 56<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting in Dubrovnik.

I am a Member of the Executive Board of the Consiglio Nazionale degli Ingegneri Italiani (CNI), a professor at the University of Perugia, and a free professional. In particular I feel a "medical doctor of the hydro-geological instability and of monuments damaged by natural events, by men or by aging".

Civil Engineering, as we all know, has always accompanied human evolution, producing efficiency, welfare

and beauty. I think, however, that humanity shall now, contemporaneously, have in mind the new constructions finalized to its wellbeing, and the safeguard of the cultural heritage of the nations.

I have always thought that ECCE does a great work of high quality to make known the merits of our profession. As far as my commitment in ECCE is concerned, I hope to contribute to leading ECCE with the right energy and determination. This will be enough because, as for the remaining, our image is strong since the birth of our engineering.

Cultural limits are becoming less and less important because of the achieved easiness in communication that

shall allow turning our profession from national into international, above all through the osmosis among our young people, to bring a unitary presence within the European and the world institutions.

Prof. Massimo Mariani  
ECCE ExBo Member



### 57<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting 30 May - 1 June 2013, Lisbon, Portugal

The 57<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting that will be held on 30 May - 1 June 2013, at the Ordem dos Engenheiros premises, in Lisbon, Portugal hosted by the Ordem dos Engenheiros (OE). The 57<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting will be combined with the ECCE Conference "Changes in Civil Engineering" that will be held in the afternoon of Friday 31 May 2013.

#### Important documents:

- [Official Invitation](#)
- [Meeting Agenda](#)
- [Meeting Registration Form](#)
- [Hotel Registration Form](#)
- [Arrival Instructions](#)
- [Friday tour to Sintra & Cascais](#)

Registration for the Meeting and Hotel by  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2013!



### ECCE Newsletter

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# EU strategy for the sustainable competitiveness of the construction sector and its enterprises

## High Level Tripartite Forum

January 2013, Brussels

- ECCE invited for the High Level Tripartite Forum
- ECCE President selected for the Thematic Group 1

**"Stimulating Investment in Building Renovation, Infrastructure and Innovation"**





# 4<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Ibero-American Conference and Council of the Ibero-American Chambers

**March 2013, Porto**

- ECCE President, **Prof. Fernando Branco** participated in the Congress and in the Council where an agreement was achieved to:
  - “ promote the profession of Civil Engineering and to develop the exchange of professionals and students, among these countries in Europe, America and Africa”



# 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference “Modern Building Materials, Structures and Techniques”



**May 2013, Vilnius, Lithuania**

- The Conference was organized by:  
Vilnius Gediminas technical university (VGTU)  
Lithuanian National Group of IABSE,  
Association of European Civil Engineering Faculties (AECEF)  
European Council of Civil Engineers (ECCE).



- ECCE President Elect **Mr. Włodzimierz Szymczak** participated representing ECCE and making a welcome address during the opening of the Conference.

# **CLAIU – EU Conference**

## **The Bologna Process and the Engineering Education**

**April 2013, Bologna, Italy**

- The CLAIU-EU Conference 2013 focused on the **achievements of the Bologna process since its first declaration in 1999**. The conference was organised in collaboration with CNI, Bologna University Alma Mater Studiorum and the Library dell Archiginnasio from Bologna.
- ECCE Immediate Past President, **Mr. Gorazd Humar**, was invited to **participate on behalf of ECCE**. During the opening he welcomed the conference on behalf of ECCE
- **Prof. Massimo Mariani**, ECCE ExBo Member and CNI Counselor, and **Prof. Iacint Manoliu**, Chairman of SC on Education & Training, participated also in the Conference delivering presentations.



## **Stimulating industrial innovation in the construction sector through smart use of ICT: connecting SMEs in the digital value chains**

- **DG Enterprise and Industry** launched **demonstration action** on "Stimulating industrial innovation in the construction sector through smart use of ICT".
- The contract was awarded to a consortium led by Capgemini Consulting, with Arcadis, Alliantis, the Research Centre of the Athens University of Economics and Business/Transportation Systems and Logistics Laboratory (AUEB-RC/TRANSLOG), StU-K, Bycon Associates and Public Cinema.
- The project team set up an expert group with representatives from relevant branch organizations in the construction sector.
- **ECCE has been invited to participate in this expert group** and will be represented by ECCE President.

## CEMBUREAU event “The Cement Sector: a Strategic Contributor to Europe’s Future”



**6 March 2013, Brussels**

- ECCE was invited to participate in this debate focusing on the competitiveness of the cement industry in Europe.
- The Boston Consulting Group presented the results of a study on this topic.
- **Keynote speaker:** *Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director General, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission*
- ECCE was represented in this event by the Chairman of the SC on Development & Business Environment, Mr. Karlheinz Zachmann.



**AGREEMENTS SIGNED**

# Agreement of Cooperation between ASCE and ECCE

- Renewal of the Agreement of Cooperation (AOC) between The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the European Council of Civil Engineers (ECCE)



- The Agreement was signed by
- ASCE President, Gregori DiLoreto,
- ASCE Executive Director, Patrick Natale,
- ECCE President Fernando Branco
- Vice President/ President Elect Wlodzimierz Szymczak.



## **Agreement of Cooperation between KSCE and ECCE**

- The Korean Society of Civil Engineers (KSCE) proposed an Agreement of Cooperation (AOC) with ECCE aiming at the advancement of civil engineering profession.



- The signing of such AOC will be implemented in Lisbon.
- The Agreement will be signed by
  - the KSCE President, Prof. Jongsung Shim
  - KSCE President Elect, Prof. Myung-Pil Shim.
  - ECCE President
  - ECCE Vice President/ President Elect.

## **Agreement of Cooperation between JSCE and ECCE**

- The Japan Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE) and ECCE will renew their Agreement of Cooperation (AOC) to facilitate the enhancement of the efforts of each organization to better serve the public and the engineering profession.



- The signing of such AOC will be implemented in Lisbon.
- The Agreement will be signed by
  - JSCE President, Dr. Takehiko ONO
  - JSCE Executive Director, Dr. Hirofumi OHNISHI
  - ECCE President
  - ECCE Vice President/ President Elect.

# **STANDING COMMITTEES**

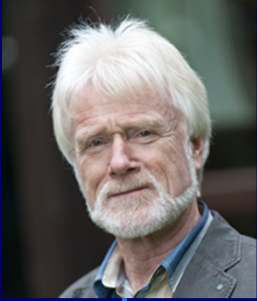




## **Standing Committee on Knowledge & Technology**

***Chairman: Prof. Asko Sarja  
Vice Chairman: Ruben Paul Borg***

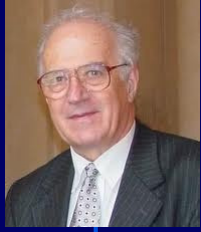
- Initiatives on Sustainable Construction, Zero Energy Buildings, Life Cycle Engineering - Application for EU projects – Horizon 2020 and networking – including educational institutions.
- The Future of the Civil Engineering profession – a 5 year perspective. A first stage survey for Civil Engineers.
- A detailed survey for engineers addressing the major developments in the civil engineering profession including supply chains, innovation, skills and education.
- Developing the Business Plan of the SC for the years 2013-2014.



## **Standing Committee on Environment & Sustainability**

***Chairman: Prof Carsten Ahrens***

- List of responsible persons for E&E in all our national member associations
- List of universities/faculties/responsible persons connected with education and training on E&S
- Discussion of EU initiative to "making drinking water a market option"
- Discussion of non-revenue water, especially in dry countries like Cyprus
- Participation as observer in the common EU-project CiTiNZEB



## **Standing Committee on Education & Training**

***Chairman: Prof. Iacint Manoliu***

- *"Study on the impact of the Bologna process on civil engineering education and profession in Europe"*, to be completed in October 2013.
- Two questionnaires were prepared for the Phase I of the Study: *"Bologna process and the academic world"*.
- 15 ECCE members answered to the survey on the education system and 17 ECCE members answered the survey conducted among academics.
- The report on the Phase I of the Study in Lisbon.
- The Chairman of the SC, Prof. Iacint Manoliu, attended the CLAIU-EU Conference: *"The Bologna Process and the Engineering Education"* and presented a contribution in which actions taken by ECCE in relations to the Bologna process were underlined.
- The SC supports the organization on 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October in Moscow of the Second Conference of the EUCEET Association with the theme *"Civil engineering education: are we meeting the needs of the society and industry?"* to be hosted by the Moscow State University of Civil Engineering.



## **Standing Committee on Development & Business Environment**

***Chairman: Mr. Karlheinz Zachmann***

***Vice Chairman: Mr. Aris Chatzidakis***

- Since 1/7 Lithuania has taken over EU-Presidency. Up to the EU-elections. Greece follows.
- Activities and initiatives of the EC are dangerously hampered, due to the severe budgetary cuttings by the EU-Council.
- ECF continues to meet. A small group has worked out a one-page revision of the MANIFESTO (showing also the logos of all the ECF participants.
- ECF will plan an event with the EP. FIEC took contact with EPM BÖTIKHOFER. This event may occur just after summer.
- Construction out of the crisis: EC installed 3 High Level Fora for elaborating relevant guidelines. 4 Task Forces are actually active



## **Standing Committee on Associate Membership**

***Chairman: Mr. Vassilis Economopoulos,  
ECCE Past President***

- Establishment of the ECCE SC on Associate Membership – Approval by the ECCE GA – Dubrovnik October 2012.
- Contacts for incorporating new Associate Members within ECCE (Companies, Universities, Organizations, Associations, etc.) – many outstanding discussions that will be finalized after Lisbon Meeting.
- Contacts with current ECCE Associate Members for refreshing/ updating the communications and for fulfilling their financial obligations.
- EUCEET (European Civil Engineering Education and Training) Association will be introduced as New ECCE Associate Member in Lisbon GA.
- Consideration and recording of the eligible target groups to attract New ECCE Associate Members.
- Consideration and preparation of topics of interest for ECCE Associate Members for discussion, communication and work.
- At the Lisbon Meeting, the internal structure/ organization of the New SC, the topics of interest and the serious efforts to attract New Associate Members will be promoted forward.





**Task Force**  
**Civil Engineering Heritage**  
***Chairman: Mr. Gorazd Humar,***  
***ECCE Immediate Past President***

- During the last GAM in Dubrovnik some elements of the new ECCE book project on Footbridges were evidenced and established. The Editorial Board was completed with some new members.
- All the elements of the new book project were defined, especially the content of the book and the quality of photographs.
- During last six months several ECCE members worked on the project intensively but not all. At the moment about 40% of ECCE members work on the project which is not sufficient to complete the project within the scheduled deadline. The deadline to prepare the files for each country was consequently extended to end of September 2013.
- The deadline for presentation of the book is spring 2014.

