



Minutes of the 62nd General Assembly Meeting

Budapest, Hungary 12th to 13th November 2010.

Present:

Peter van der Pijl **PvdP** (President), Holland; Pascal Asselin **PA** (Senior Vice President), France; Micheal O'Connor **MOC**, (General Secretary) Ireland; Gyorgy Spanyol **GS** (Host Delegate), Hungary; Pierre Mitt **PM**, (France); Gerard Brandley **GB**, France; Michel Coubes **MC**, Switzerland; Simone Dumas **SD**, Switzerland; Kevin Whitehead **KW**, Peter Schmid **PS** Germany; Adam Grabski **AG**, Poland; Lubos Krejci **LK**, Czech Republic; Veronika Batkova **VB**, Czech Republic; Gerard O'Sullivan **GOS**; Conor Hogan **CH**, Ireland; Richard O'Carroll **ROC**, Ireland.

Observers:

Andrew Morely **AM** Chairman of FIG Commission 10;
Joe Martin **JM** BCIS UK

Apologies for Absence:

Christian Stoy **CS**, Switzerland; Christopher Hagmann **CH** observer Germany; Sabine Pierson **SP**, Belgium; John Papworth **JP**, Pekka Montin **PMn**, Finland; Ari Joro **AJ**, Finland; John Christensen, **JC** Denmark ; Tarmo Savolainen **TS**, Finland; Dr. Crina Oltean-Drumbrava **COD**, Rumania.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the meeting held in Helsinki, Finland 8th & 9th May 2010 were approved.
Thanks to ROC for his excellent work.

Presidential speech by PvdP:

- PvdP wished to thank their host delegate Gyorgy Spanyol for facilitating the 61st General Assembly in Budapest.
- PvdP welcomed Joe Martin as BCIS observer and speaker, as well as Andrew Morley the FIG Commission 10 representative and observer. PvdP acknowledged that this was the last time that Andrew would be acting as observer of for the Commission and wished him well. AM informed the General Assembly that the Commission would be forwarding the name on the replacing observer in due course.
- PvdP also introduced TdJ as his replacement acting on behalf of the Dutch delegation.
- PvdP welcomed Kevin Whitehead as the temporary UK delegate.
- GOS is now the Irish representative, he was the former president.
- PvdP reintroduced the new board as elected in Helsinki last November.
- PvdP again as he did in Helsinki, expressed his thanks and appreciation to both GOS and JP for their respective contributions to the CEEC over the past five years. as well as the continuing contributions being made by GOS on the ongoing projects.



- The current objectives being undertaken by the current President and Officers are as follows:
 1. Initial new Officers meeting was held in Paris
 2. Recommended monthly Officers meetings to be held by teleconferencing
 3. A small secretariat's office was set up initially in Holland, whose function was to organize meetings and to maintain contact with members. This cost was expected to be between €5k - €7k per annum. MOC was to budget for this in the future reports
 4. The web page was to be updated with details on the current CEEC Officers, this had been completed.
 5. The aim of the current presidency is:
 - To complete current projects and publish results.
 - To focus on young professionals and to encourage their participation and indeed research into CEEC favoured topics.
 - To enlarge membership which in turn will generate greater influence, potential finance and greater stimulation – review of marketing techniques were to be examined and discussed.

Election of the 4th Board Member - Junior Vice President:

- Simone Dumas of Switzerland was proposed as the fourth Board Member and was unanimously elected as a member to the CEEC board. She is the second female Officer to be elected to the CEEC and was warmly welcomed.

Election of honorary Members by PvdP:

- CEEC has the possibility to elect and include honorary members, for people whose previous contributions are recognized and their experience and guidance to CEEC policy are sought to be retained.
- The CEEC board put forward the following to be included as honorary members:
 - Gerard O' Sullivan –
 - Michael Webb –
 - John Papworth –
 - Jacques Moreau –
 - Christian Deprez –
- Each nominee was unanimously agreed and duly elected.
- A letter of notification / confirmation of offer will be forwarded to all new honorary members -
- Address for Christian to be passed on by MOC to PvdP

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Steel Price Book:

- Steel price book 2nd edition 2011 - Foreword by the new President. To revise the presidents introduction and endorsing the publication.

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Code of Measurement: Presented by GOS:

- To be updated - **GOS**

Office Cost Model: Presented by CH:

- The model drawings, specification, Bill of Quantities, Cost head summary and brochure extracts to indicate the level of quality of sanitary ware, disabled fittings etc had been e-mailed to all delegates prior to the previous GA meeting in Helsinki.
- Cost information was missing from the German and French delegation to update the model.
- GOS and PA are to meet and discuss how the CEEC can promote its research for incorporation into the Eurostat price database. **GOS/PA**

Infrastructure Project:

- This project establishes and contrasts the different methods undertaken by both the private and public sector project providers, of evaluating the cost of the respective projects at the various stages of procurement. This was published in October 2009 and can be up loaded on the CEEC web site.
- Proposals as to where this project goes from here is:
 - a) Invite other delegates countries to partake in this research;
 - b) Proceed to the next stage of compiling Cost Models/Structures/Elements for each Infrastructural Sector (eg) Road, Rail, Harbour development, Power Station, Water treatment plant, Airport, etc
- **PMn** agreed to formulate his initial proposal by the end of May 2011. **PMn**

Educational Project: Presented by ROC:

- Returns of the completed Educational Questionnaire have recently come in from Holland & Finland. Which along with Ireland, France, Switzerland, and the Czech Republic provides a sufficient quantum with which to identify the base subject topics that are similar across all participating international Universities/Institutes.
- There was some outstanding information regarding contact names within the Universities which is currently being gathered. However it was agreed that the Universities that had contributed to date would be sufficient to form the basis of the comparison.
- ROC sought to get the French submission updated as, although the first delegation to submit the questionnaire, it had previously been produced thanks to Michel de Croux who omitted the name of the University part-taking. Although submitted in English, there was a translation difficulty which was effecting the classification of subject modules. GB & PA had kindly volunteered to approach the same or another University to update the Construction Economic type modules being undertaken. **GB**
- ROC acknowledged that the Educational Project is very much connected with the Professional Competences Project in that the comparative professional experiences must overlay a comparative technical ability.
- **ROC** hoped to have some comparison feedback by the next GA. **ROC**



Proposed new Projects:

- Property Evaluation and Sustainability: Modifying the Financial Value of Sustainability Characteristics in Real Estate, was proposed by Dr. Christian Stoy originally presented in Helsinki by GOS.
- CEEC was to write to Dr. CS to confirm CEEC support with any provisos identified in last GA in Helsinki. **PvdP**

Eurostat Property Construction Price Book:

- MC & SD were to look at the Eurostat price book with a view to identify a strategy by which the CEEC would be in a position to provide a tangible & promotable service by which the CEEC become a recognized contributor to this annual main-stream publication.

Budget Presented by MOC:

- There was a concern that there was a reduction in funds due to the fact that Spain, Denmark and Belgium were outstanding on membership fees, with the uncertainty as to their continued involvement.
- With expense of a secretariat thought to be costing between €5k - €7k as well as the CEGA student awards & expenses unless the members came up with alternatives on attracting sponsorship or additional funding, then we will have no choice but to review both expenses and projects undertaken.
- The fact that GOS had secured the option to have the joint CEEC/CASLE venue in Malta should save a lot of administration expenses as CASLE do the bookings.
- Members were encouraged to brainstorm methods or means on how additional income could be generated. This would be discussed under a separate heading:
- Ideas pro-offered included:
 - Increase membership by more strategic promotion and sustained professional advertising
 - Set up a 'Friends of the CEEC' sponsorship scheme

Funder Brainstorming via Promotion - Presented by MOC:

- There was a concern that the Construction Economist did not have an agreed generic definition or indeed to determine what each member states' aims / required market skills would be, that in turn could be filled by the Construction Economist via promotion by the CEEC.
- This should be a priority objective within the Business Plan
- Concern at the idea of too many projects on-going and all potentially requiring funding, PvdP recommended that existing projects should be accelerated to progress towards an earlier completion.
- All delegates were asked to forward a list of potential 'Friends of the CEEC' **All**
- The website should be made 'more visual friendly' incorporating more short but informative power point presentations on the education / skills / work duties of Construction Economists or indeed short 'U-Tube' videos. **GS/ROC**



- Comparative studies between the Member States or even further afield (at a later stage) is always a useful function to be both undertaken and maintained well within the capacity of the CEEC delegation. TdJ was to prepare a draft layout about how the construction process works in Holland. **TdJ**
- Consider advertising on Website
- Internet discussion forums
- An EU lobby for CEEC recognition as a central provider of cross-border EU information and data of Construction Economic significance. **PA**

Membership:

- A Jose Carlos Gomes from Portugal was elected in by the CEEC Committee as an individual member. Mr. Gomes works with a Construction company and has linguistic abilities including Portuguese, Spanish, French and English. Mr. Gomes intends to be attending the GA in Malta. Mr. Gomes would like to set up an official institute of QSs/Construction Economists in Portugal.
- GOS & ROC met Bill Pryke of the Chartered Institute of Civil Engineering Surveyors CICES, who have over 4000 Corporate Members. The CICES have still refrained from joining the CEEC but maintain an observer in AM.
- The progression of the mutual recognition program between UNTEC & the Canadian Institute of Quantity surveyors was as a step to progress the transferability and qualification recognition of CEEC member institutes with Canada as well as the PAQS. **PA**

CEEC Educational Graduate Research Awards (CEGA) 2011:

- Although this was a successful competition involving young graduates undertaking research in line with CEEC objectives, it is hoped that the participants will extend beyond last year's participants consisting of The Czech republic, Ireland and Germany.
- The presentation dates of both abstracts and research papers will be made available to the candidates on the website as soon as a date is decided as to when the General Assembly will be in Malta. **ROC/CH/RS**
- The call for papers will close in or around 24th December 2010

CEEC Website:

- György to prepare a proposal for website to enhance its user friendliness **GS**
- Ideas on Advertising on website / Associated members / Corporate members / University links **GOS**
- Preparation of a tender package to follow. **GOS**

Next meeting:

- Is proposed that in May 2011 that a Joint Assembly meeting will be held with CASLE in Malta.



- The advantage of this is that the organisation and registration tends to be undertaken by CASLE themselves who are good enough also to pass on sponsored facilities. It had been proposed that the event should be extended to a three-day meeting to take advantage of the greater number of International Organisations that will be attending.
- Dates to be forwarded in due course but running with a similar venue occupation as CASLE, the Joint General Assembly will start on Thursday morning with completion on the Friday followed by an evening meal.
- Registration fees will be approximately €300 / Partners €170 approximately.