



Committee on Engineering Capacity Building

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Gentlemen:

I attended the Executive Council Meeting of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations on March 1-2, 2010 in Barcelona, Spain.

On February 28 there was a meeting of the WFEO Governing Documents Committee chaired by Bill Salmon, National Member from the U.S. The Committee received numerous comments and will be sending out a final draft of the proposed documents to the National Members for comments within the next few weeks. Essentially, they cleaned up the wording of the documents and clarified the responsibilities of the Executive Board, the Executive Council, and the General Assembly. The Executive Council remains the same: Executive Board of six members (President, President-elect, Past President, Treasurer, and two Executive Vice Presidents elected by the General Assembly); eight members representing National Members, elected by the General Assembly; the nine Standing Technical Committee Chairs; and five International Members, a total of twenty-eight members.

The budget of 30,000 € for the Standing Technical Committees was allocated by the Executive Board. The Committee on Engineering Capacity Building was allocated 2,000 € for 2010. (See attached Overall 2010 Budget)

Lebanon was approved by the Executive Board as the host nation for the Education and Training Committee, replacing Poland who had resigned at the meeting in Kuwait. We also heard a proposal from Argentina.

India was approved by the Executive Board to host the Virtual Service Center Web Portal (VSCWP). Tunisia pointed out that the proposal and cost were not very definitive, and there was no indication of where the 40,000 € was to be allocated in the WFEO budget.

Each Standing Technical Committee was given about five minutes to present their respective reports, with very little discussion of the reports allowed by the Chair. Attached is the report of the Committee on Engineering Capacity Building and the presentation by the Younger Engineers/Future Leaders Task Group. Younger Engineers/Future Leaders Task Group's presentation was well received.

The WFEO Administrative Assistant went on sick leave; and according to French law, she has to be continued on the payroll. WFEO is seeking to add another assistant and/or one with webmaster experience.

The nations of Sierra Leone and Malawi have been approved for membership. Korea has made application for reinstatement and is being submitted for a vote of the National Members.

Argentina presented the schedule and registration fees for the World Engineering Congress in Buenos Aires, October 12-24, 2010. (See attached) Luis Vaca also discussed with me the proposal by the UPADI Educational Committee (Bob Warrington) that had been submitted to him.

I also attended the 2nd International Conference on Ethics and Human Values in Engineering, held in the Gaudi Auditorium, an impressive building. Presentations were made by Maria Prieto-Laffargue, Barry Gear, Dr. Yumio Ishii and Tony Marjoram of WFEO. (See attached Program)

Respectfully submitted,

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