

**ASSISI GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA),
Marmara Hotel, Istanbul
Monday May 28, 2007- 6.00 p.m.**

AGENDA

- (1) Verification of the achievement of the quorum according to Art. 10-7 of the Statutes (Secretary General)
- (2) Approval of the agenda (all)
- (3) Present membership and perspectives for its extension to further individual and corporate Ordinary Members (Secretary General)
- (4) Present financial situation and perspectives for its improvement (Treasurer and President)
- (5) Approval of the financial report of the years 2005-2007 and decisions about the budget for the years 2007-2009 (all)
- (6) Proposals concerning the 11th World Conference to be held in 2009 (concerned members)
- (7) Decision concerning the 11th World Conference and appointment of its Chairman, who will become member of the new EC (all)
- (8) Nominations and elections of the new President and the 5 new members of the EC (up to 5 members may be voted by each member) (all)
- (9) General discussion on recent and planned scientific-technical activities and other issues (all)
- (10) Any other business (concerned persons)

MEETING MINUTES

No.	Discussion/Notes	Action Required
1.	The President and the Secretary (Dr Martelli and Mr Forni) verified that the quorum was achieved. The list of attendees is given below.	
2.	The agenda was approved, though the order in which items were discussed was modified. The numbered items refer to the original agenda order.	
3.	The President (Dr Martelli) reported the current membership as follows: 47 active founding members 19 honorary members 46 ordinary members 8 corporate members 6 applications for membership pending	

4. The President (Dr Martelli) reported that the Association's current balance was €7670. The only income was membership fees. The major costs to date were:

Bank charges

Web-site charges

Grant of US\$1000 to local meeting in Yerevan

The grant proposed for a student from Pakistan had not yet been awarded.

It was reported that fees paid by credit card are currently received from the card companies after 3 months delay in order to avoid card charges. As the delay caused administrative difficulties, the President suggested that the new EC decides the payment of a fee that allows the money to be received without delay; the fee could be recovered by a small increase in the membership fees that covers the credit card cost (at present 4%).

EC to review card payments and membership fee.

5. The financial statements for the years 2005-7 were circulated. No objections were raised to their acceptance.

The President suggested that the Association should devote part of its funds to setting up a journal on base isolation and energy dissipation. He reported that Prof Benzoni had already approached US scientific publishers, but that so far none had expressed interest.

EC to investigate other journal options.

6. Proposals for the host of the next ASSISi conference were:

Prof Zhou Guangzhou China

Prof Francisco Lopez Granada Spain

Prof Eisenberg Russia

A brief presentation was made by each of the potential hosts.

Prof Zhou said he had the support of several academic and local government bodies. He proposed a date in November.

Prof Lopez said he would have support from the Technical University of Catalunya and the Spanish Earthquake Association. He proposed the venue as Granada, an interesting city from the touristic point of view. He emphasized that he was happy to host the 2011 meeting if desired.

Prof Eisenberg said his was a preliminary proposal for 2011, rather than 2009, or for a local meeting in 2008. The venue could be Moscow, St Petersburg or Sochi. The latter town was located in a seismic region in southern Russia, so there was the possibility to visit base isolated structures.

7. The Chilean members reminded the meeting that the next WCEE would be in Beijing in 2008; this would make the finding of travel funds for an ASSISi meeting in China in 2009 difficult. Others reported that the WCEE would be 12 months before the proposed November 2009 date for Guangzhou.

It was agreed (with one dissenting vote (Dr Lopez)) that the next ASSISi meeting be held in Guangzhou in November, 2009. Prof Zhou would be Conference Chairman, and, according to the Statutes, an ex-officio member of the EC.

EC to plan meeting with local organisers

Prof Anagnostopoulos's wish that the ASSISi meeting be styled a Conference rather than a Seminar was confirmed.

8. (This followed item 3, and the count took place during items 4 to 7). Before the voting for the new President and five elected members of the Executive Committee, the meeting was reminded of the election rules. 58 ballot papers were distributed. The votes were counted by the Secretary and the count observed by Messrs Du and Phocas. The results are listed after the Minutes.

9. Prof Zhou emphasized the importance of setting up a journal.

10. Prof Anagnostopoulos and Dr Martelli raised the issue of poorly executed base isolation projects. If a base isolation system failed to perform as designed, other providers and designers would suffer from the adverse publicity. The project in Antalya was mentioned, and it was agreed ASSISi should take action. Prof Anagnostopoulos also mentioned two projects in Greece about which he was concerned.

Regarding Antalya, ASSISi should write to a representative of TASI (Prof Erdik) to express its disquiet at the manner in which the isolators were connected to the structure; reference could be made to the presentation given at the Conference.

Prof Anagnostopoulos raised the question of liability for the isolation system designer in the event of failure during a above design level earthquake. He also suggested that isolator suppliers should be encouraged to ascertain that their products were being correctly used and installed.

ASSISi to circulate isolator suppliers.

Dr Medeot reported that in some countries contractors ignore product standards. ASSISi should publicise the new CEN standard – EN15129.

Add information to web-site.

Prof Eisenberg thanked Dr Martelli for his efforts in founding the Association and his work as the first President. The new President (Dr Fuller) added his appreciation for Dr Martelli and promised his best endeavors to continue his predecessor's good work.

The new President nominated Dr Alessandro Martelli as Treasurer and Massimo Forni as Secretary-General; they accepted.

General Assembly closed at 7.30 p.m.

ELECTIONS

The counting of votes was done by the Secretary General, Massimo Forni, and by Yongfeng Du and Marios Phocas.

Number of votes (proxies included) was 58 (the quorum was reached).

The persons elected are indicated in bold.

ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

1) K.N.G. Fuller	56
2) M. Forni	1
3) M. Sarrazin	1

ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (VALID VOTES)

1) G. Benzoni	47 (elected for USA, America)
2) T. Fujita	47 (elected for Japan, Asia)
3) A. Dusi	40 (elected for Italy, Europe)
4) H. Koh	31 (elected for Korea, Asia)
5) W. Robinson	24 (elected for New Zealand, Oceania)
6) M. Melkumyan	11
7) D. Whittaker	10
8) F.L. Zhou	10
9) J. Kelly	9
10) M. Forni	7
11) S. Anagnostopulos	6
12) F. Lopez	6
13) J. Eisenberg	4
14) M. Sarrazin	4
15) T. Ersavas	3
16) A. Martelli	3
17) J. Manos	2
18) O. Moroni	2
19) I. Aiken	1
20) M. Costantinou	1
21) M. Erdik	1
22) K.N.G. Fuller	1
23) S. Infanti (for FIP Industriale)	1
24) P. Komodromos	1
25) V. Smirnov	1

Invalid votes 6

The new Executive Committee is therefore:

Dr Keith Fuller	President
Dr Alessandro Martelli	past President and Treasurer
Prof Mustafa Erdik	Chairman of the past Conference
Prof Zhou Fu Lin	Chairman of the next Conference
Mr Massimo Forni	Secretary General
Prof Gianmario Benzoni	elected for USA, Americas
Prof Takafumi Fujita	elected for Japan, Asia
Mr Alberto Dusi	elected for Italy, Europe
Prof H. Koh	elected for Korea, Asia
Prof Bill Robinson	elected for New Zealand, Oceania

The new president appointed the following as the new vice-presidents:

Prof Gianmario Benzoni
Prof Zhou Fu Lin