

#### (A) CALL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) MEETING

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According to Article 10-2 of the ASSISi Statutes, the next GA meeting of the Society will be held on Monday, June 13, 2005, starting at 5:30 p.m., namely during the 8th World Seminar on "Seismic Isolation, Energy Dissipation and Active Vibration Control of Structures" to be held at Portopia Hotel in Kobe (Japan). Since it was well known to all members that the GA meeting should have taken place during such a Seminar (Article 10-2), I waited until today before calling it so as to allow to increase the membership as much as possible.

#### (B) PRESENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) MEMBERS

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I remind you that, among others, the GA shall elect five new members of the EC according to Art. 11-1 of the Statutes. I also remind you that the present EC is formed by:

- (1) Prof. Stavros Anagnostopoulos, Greece (elected member);
- (2) Dr. Gianmario Benzoni, USA (Secretary General, appointed by the President);
- (3) Dr. Howard H. Chung, USA (Vice President, elected member);
- (4) Prof. Mauro Dolce, Italy (elected member);
- (5) Prof. Takafumi Fujita, Japan (Vice President, member as Chairman of the 9th World Seminar);
- (6) Dr. Keith N. G. Fuller, UK (elected member);
- (7) Dr. Alessandro Martelli, Italy (elected President);
- (8) Prof. Joaquin Marti, Spain (Treasurer, appointed by the President);
- (9) Prof. Mikayel Melkumyan, Armenia (member as Chairman of the 8th World Seminar);
- (10) Prof. Sonia E. Ruiz Gomez, Mexico (elected member).

#### (C) NEW EXECUTIVE EC MEMBERS

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According to the Statutes (Articles 11-1, 12-3, 12-6 and 17-4), the new EC will be formed by:

- (1) Dr. Gianmario Benzoni, USA (Secretary General, confirmed by the President with this message);
- (2) Prof. Takafumi Fujita, Japan (member as Chairman of the 9th World Seminar);
- (3) Dr. Alessandro Martelli, Italy (President, in office until the GA of the 10th World Seminar in 2007);
- (4) Prof. Joaquin Marti, Spain (Treasurer, confirmed by the President with this message);
- (5-9) Five members to be elected at the 9th Kobe Seminar according to Art. 11-1;
- (10) The Chairman of the 10th World Seminar (to be appointed at Kobe).

#### (D) CONDITIONS TO VOTE, TO BE ELIGIBLE AND TO BE CONFIRMED AS EC MEMBERS

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PLEASE REMEMBER THAT MEMBERS ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE AND TO BE ELECTED ONLY IF THEY ARE UP-TO-DATE WITH THE PAYMENT OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP FEE (see Articles 10-1 and 11-3). Since the deadline for paying the 2004-2005 fee in due time is June 30, 2005, for persons who became members before July 1, 2004 the condition to be entitled to vote and to be elected is TO HAVE ALREADY PAID AT LEAST THE 2003-2004 FEE (55 Euros for Founding Members and 25 Euros for individual Ordinary Members). Obviously, since the date of the GA meeting is very close to the aforesaid deadline, members are strongly encouraged to ALSO pay at least the 2004-2005 fee (25 Euros for all), as well, as soon as possible, namely before or at the Seminar, or at the latest by June 30, 2005. In particular, IT IS INDISPENSABLE THAT (FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THEIR POSITION IN THE EC) ALL EC MEMBERS ARE UP-TO-DATE WITH THE PAYMENT OF THE 2004-2005 MEMBERSHIP FEE BY JUNE 30, 2005.

#### (E) CALL OF THE EC AND FOUNDATION COMMITTEE (FC) MEETINGS

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Should it be made possible by the results the elections planned in the GA meeting, this will be followed, on Tuesday, June 14, 2004, starting at 5:30 p.m., by a first meeting of the new EC, which will be extended to the participation of the Coordinator of the FC and those of Territorial Sections.

The EC meeting will be followed, at 6:30 p.m, by a FC meeting (opened to all EC members), which I am also calling on behalf of its present Coordinator, Prof. J.M. Kelly, for the election of the new Coordinator (Article 9-2) and a joint final discussion on the future of the Society.

#### (F) EXACT LOCATION OF THE MEETINGS

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Information on the exact locations of all meetings will be made available by the Seminar Chairman, Prof. T. Fujita.

#### (G) AGENDAS AND QUORUM

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The proposed agendas for the meetings are reported below (Items J-L). As you may see, there are several important technical and administrative issues to be discussed and decisions to be taken. Thus, your participation is very important. In particular, I really hope that you will be numerous enough as to ENSURE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE QUORUM IN THE GA MEETING.

#### (H) REQUEST FOR URGENT CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE

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IN ORDER TO MAKE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETINGS EASIER, I AM KINDLY ASKING ALL OF YOU TO VERY URGENTLY LET ME and DR. BENZONI KNOW IF YOU WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE GA MEETING.

#### (I) PROXIS

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PLEASE, ALSO REMEMBER THAT, SHOULD YOU BE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE GA MEETING, YOU MAY BE REPRESENTED THERE BY AN ATTENDING ASSISi MEMBER: TO THIS AIM, PROXIS SHALL BE SENT BY E-MAIL TO DR. BENZONI, SECRETARY GENERAL.

#### (J) PROPOSED AGENDA OF THE ASSISi GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT KOBE, JAPAN (PORTOPIA HOTEL, JUNE 13, 2005, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.)

- (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 2003-2005 and decisions about the budget for the years 2005-2007 (all).
  - (6) Nominations and elections of the 5 new members of the EC (up to 5 members may be voted by each member) (all).
  - (7) Proposals concerning the 10th World Seminar to be held in 2007 (concerned members).
  - (8) Decision concerning the 10th World Seminar and appointment of its Chairman, who will become member of the new EC (all).
  - (9) General discussion on recent and planned scientific-technical activities and other issues, including the Web site (all).
  - (10) Any other business (concerned persons).
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#### (K) PROPOSED AGENDA OF THE ASSISi EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, EXTENDED TO THE COORDINATOR OF THE FC AND THOSE OF TERRITORIAL SECTIONS, TO BE HELD AT KOBE, JAPAN (PORTOPIA HOTEL, JUNE 14, 2005, 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.)

- (1) Verification of the achievement of the quorum according to Art. 11-10 of the Statutes and taking into account Art. 11-3 (Secretary General).
- (2) Approval of the agenda (EC members).
- (3) Decisions concerning the collaboration with the Organizers of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Seminar (EC members).
- (4) Decisions on the membership fees for 2005-2006 and possibly, 2006-2007 (EC members).
- (5) Admission of new Ordinary Members and Honorary Members, if any (EC members).
- (6) Foundation of new Territorial Sections, if any (all).
- (7) Suggestions regarding the election of the 2 still failing substitute members of the Board of Auditors (all).
- (8) Any other business (all).

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(L) PROPOSED AGENDA OF THE ASSISI FOUNDATION COMMITTEE MEETING, OPENED TO THE EC MEMBERS, TO BE HELD AT KOBE, JAPAN (PORTOPIA HOTEL, JUNE 14, 2005, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.)

- (1) Verification of attendance (Secretary General)
- (2) Approval of the agenda (FC members).
- (3) Election of the new Coordinator, according to Article 9-2 (FC members).
- (4) Results of the EC meeting (Past Coordinator and President).
- (5) Joint EC and FC discussion on the results of the GA and EC meetings (all).
- (6) Any other business (all).