

**ASSISi GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA),
Yuexiu Grand Hall, Baiyun International Convention Center, Guangzhou
Wednesday, November 18th, 2009, 5.00 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 2007-2009 and decisions about the budget for the years 2009-2011 (all)
- (6) Proposals concerning the 12th World Conference to be held in 2011 (concerned members)
- (7) Decision concerning the 12th World Conference and appointment of its Chairman, who will become member of the new EC (all)
- (8) Report on the ASSISi journal (editor)
- (9) Election of sixth member of the ASSISi journal Editorial Board (all)
- (10) Amendment of Article 10-2 of statutes. Maximum interval between General Assemblies to be increased to 32 months.
- (11) Nominations of the 5 new members of the EC (up to 5 members may be voted by each member) (all)
- (12) General discussion on recent and planned scientific-technical activities and other issues (all)
- (13) Any other business (concerned persons)

MEETING MINUTES

No.	Discussion/Notes	Action Required
	In the absence of the Secretary (Massimo Forni), the Treasurer (Alessandro Martelli) and President (Keith Fuller) dealt with agenda items assigned to the Secretary.	
1.	The Treasurer verified that the quorum was achieved. The number of attendees including the nine proxy notices received was 26. (Five additional members took part in the elections for the Executive Committee and a member of the Editorial Board.)	
2.	The agenda was approved.	
3.	The President hoped that further engineers would be encouraged to join by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the member's having free on-line access to the ASSISi journal due to be launched shortly. b) the member's reduced registration fee for the ASSISi Conference. 	
4.	The Treasurer reported that the current financial position was satisfactory, and so the membership fee would remain at €30. The major expenditure over the next two years would be to support the setting-up of the ASSISi journal.	
5.	The financial statements for the years 2007 - 8 were circulated. They were accepted without objections.	
6.	The President reported that a fairly detailed proposal had been received from Italy to hold the 2011 Conference in conjunction with the Structural Engineers World Congress (SEWC2011) in April in Como. The ASSISi session would run in parallel with the sessions of the main conference. Delegates would be able to attend any session so there would be the opportunity for ordinary structural engineers to familiarize themselves with novel anti-seismic techniques. The registration fee would be quite high (€500 to ASSISi members presenting papers). Prof Eisenberg confirmed his preliminary proposal made at the last GA in Istanbul. The venue would be Sochi, a resort on the Black Sea coast. There would be the opportunity to visit base-isolated buildings.	

However, he was unable to present more details.

Prof Wada reported that Japan was willing to host the meeting, no details, however, were available.

7. The President and Treasurer expressed the view that the Italian proposal was attractive; however, the Conference had already been hosted by Italy three times. They also reminded members that Japan had hosted the Conference twice before, the last occasion being as recently as 2005.

Because of the lack of detailed information about the Russian and Japanese proposals it was accepted by the meeting that a decision should be delayed. The potential hosts were given until the end of the year to send further details to the President.

8. The President was pleased to report that a publisher (a non-profit organisation - Mathematical Sciences Publishers (MSP) based at University of California, Berkeley) had been found for the ASSISi journal. Gianmario Benzoni had been appointed editor by the Executive Committee, and he was invited to report to the meeting.

The journal is to be called Seismic Isolation and Protection Systems – acronym SIAPS. It will initially be electronic only, with three issues a year. On-line access will be free to members; the suggested price to other subscribers is US\$150 per year. The articles will be refereed through a system organized by the publishers. A journal web-page should be in place soon. Submissions are welcome; author instructions will be available from the editor.

The Editorial Board appointed by the Executive Committee consists of:

ASSISi President - currently Keith Fuller

ASSISi Treasurer – currently Alessandro Martelli

ASSISi Secretary – currently Massimo Forni

Journal editor – currently Gianmario Benzoni

One of the Journal Associate Editors as selected by EC – currently Mustafa Erdik

One person elected by ASSISi members

Three Associate Editors have been appointed by the Editorial Board:

James Kelly

Mustafa Erdik

David Whittaker

9. Nominations were invited for the elected place on the SIAPS Editorial Board.

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hosts.

Mikayel Melkumian indicated his willingness to stand. Members could vote for another person, but it was advisable to ascertain their willingness to stand. Because of lack of time members were asked to hand in their ballot paper to the President the next afternoon.

10. The Treasurer reported that amending the Statutes involved some complications, so it was agreed not to proceed with the proposed amendment.

11. The following members were willing to stand for election to the new Executive Committee:

Alberto Dusi

William Robinson

Mikayel Melkumian

Mustafa Erdik

Jacob Eisenberg

Renzo Medeot

Gianmario Benzoni

JSSI (Nagahide Kani or other nominee) – if successful, their becoming a member of EC is conditional on their paying their membership dues. (Payment since received.)

Members could vote for another person, but it was advisable to ascertain their willingness to stand. Members were reminded that the President (Keith Fuller), the Past President (Alessandro Martelli) and the President of the Guangzhou Conference (Fu Lin Zhou) were ex-officio members of the EC. The President indicated that he intended to invite Massimo Forni and Alessandro Martelli to remain in their present posts of respectively Secretary-General and Treasurer, so Massimo Forni would also be ex-officio EC member.

Because of lack of time members were asked to hand in their ballot paper to the President the next afternoon. He intended to announce the election results in the final session of the conference.

12. Owing to lack of time items 12 the Agenda was not discussed.

13. There were no items raised under Any Other Business.

General Assembly closed at 6.05 p.m

ELECTIONS

The counting of votes was carried out by the President, Keith Fuller, and checked by the Treasurer, Alessandro Martelli.

Number of ballot papers (proxies included) was 31 (the quorum was reached).

The persons elected are indicated in bold.

ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (VALID VOTES)

1) G. Benzoni	30 (elected for USA, Americas)
2) W. Robinson	23 (elected for New Zealand, Oceania)
3) R. Medeot	23 (elected for Italy, Europe)
4) JSSI (nominee Taiki Saito)	17 (elected for Japan, Asia)
5) J. Eisenberg	16 (elected for Russia, Europe)
6) M. Melkumyan	15
7) A. Dusi	13
8) M. Erdik	10
9) V. Smirnov	1

The new Executive Committee is therefore:

Dr Keith Fuller	President
Dr Alessandro Martelli	Past President and Treasurer
Mr Massimo Forni	Secretary General
Prof Zhou Fu Lin	Chairman of the past Conference
Prof Gianmario Benzoni	elected for USA, Americas
JSSI (Dr Taiki Saito)	elected for Japan, Asia
Mr Renzo Medeot	elected for Italy, Europe
Prof Bill Robinson	elected for New Zealand, Oceania
Prof J. Eisenberg	(elected for Russia, Europe)
To be decided	Chairman of the next Conference

If either Russia or Japan is selected to host the next Conference then M. Melkumian will become an elected member of the EC.

ELECTION OF MEMBER OF JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD

The person elected is indicated in bold.

1) D. Whittaker	15
2) W. Robinson	2
3) J. Kelly	1
4) M. Melkumian	1
5) A. Dusi	1