

Minutes of the 7th ASEM Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 1 December, 2010

Time: 13:00-14:45

Place: The Legend Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Present:

1	Anand Asundi , Chairman	Singapore
2	Qian Kemao, Secretary	Singapore
3	Krishnakumar Shankar	Australia
4	Li Xide on behalf of Xie Huimin	China
5	Zhang Qican	China
6	Dulal Goldar	India
7	S. L. Gombi	India
8	V. Jayaram	India
9	Zainal Abidin	Indonesia
10	Majid R Ayatollahi	Iran
11	Ziyad Jamil Talabani	Iraq
12	Azad Mohammed Ali	Iraq
13	Mohammed Jawdat Barzanjy	Iraq
14	Satoru Yoneyama on behalf of Akira Kato	Japan
15	Yoshikazu Nakai	Japan
16	Kazuo Arakawa	Japan
17	Wan Saffiey Wan Abdullah	Malaysia
18	Mani Maran Ratnam	Malaysia
19	Jai-Sug Hawong	S Korea
20	Quan Chenggen	Singapore
21	Tay Cho Jui	Singapore
22	Chen Yuan-Fang, Terry	Taiwan
23	Lo Yu-Lung	Taiwan
24	Wang Wei-Chung	Taiwan
25	Somnuk Sirisoonthorn	Thailand
26	Ryszard J. Pryputniewicz (SEM representative)	U.S.A
27	Shota Urushadze (non-voter)	Czech Republic

1	<p>Approve minutes of the 6th ACEM Steering Committee Meeting in Singapore, 2009 <i>The minutes of the 6th ACEM Steering Committee Meeting held in Singapore on 19 Nov 2009 were confirmed without any amendments.</i></p>
2	<p>Update on ICEM2010 and upcoming conferences (Japan 2011, Taiwan 2012, and Thailand 2013) <i>Dr Wan Saffiey Wan Abdulah, Chairman of ICEM2010, reported the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Number of plenary lectures – 3</i> • <i>Number of oral presentations – 162</i> • <i>Number of poster presentations – 38</i> • <i>Number of registered participants was 176</i> • <i>The participants were represented from 20 countries.</i> <p><i>The details were given in Appendix A.</i></p> <p><i>Prof Yoshikazu Nakai had distributed call for papers of the ICEM2011 and made a presentation with a video of Kobe last evening during the banquet.</i></p> <p><i>Prof Wei-Chung Wang reported that the ICEM2012 would be held in Taipei, Taiwan in Nov 2012. The venue would be in the Grand Hotel. He has obtained funding support from the government and ensured a good conference.</i></p> <p><i>Dr Somnuk Sirisoonthorn reported that the first call for paper for the ICEM 2013 was ready and the hotel had been reserved.</i></p>
3	<p>Decision on 13th ACEM Meeting in 2014 <i>3 countries, Korea, India and Singapore, submitted their bids for the 13th ACEM Conference in 2014. The results of the votes (Chairman abstained) were: India (7 votes), S Korea (3 votes) and Singapore (13 votes). There was one invalid vote. It was confirmed that the ICEM2014 would be held in Singapore.</i></p>
4	<p>ASEM Name, Membership, Steering Committee Update, Chairman Candidate</p> <p><i>Chairman reviewed that the ACEM was renamed as the ASEM, which was not an official organization. As such ASEM can only be the supporter of the conferences but not an organizer. To enhance the collaboration, a database has been setup at Google Groups and there are about 200 members.</i></p> <p><i>Prof. K. Ramesh enquired through an email the membership details of the ASEM. Chairman stated that members could register online with no registration fee and membership fee. Those who registered the ASEM Google Group were considered as ASEM members. Chairman could issue a letter for a member so that he/she could enjoy the benefits from other societies who had MoUs with ASEM. Historical Pictures of past events and members were uploaded to the Google Group. Discussion topics were filtered by the Chairman in order to avoid spams. The attendees were asked to encourage their colleges to participate the ASEM. The Society webpage is at http://www.asian-sem.org and members are urged to provide information which they want posted in their – including short course, workshops, and conferences which would interest members.</i></p> <p><i>The Steering Committee was updated and the following changes were made. Three members from Iraq joined the committee; Zhang Qican replaced Su Xianyu of China, Lu Jian joined as Hong Kong member.</i></p>

	<p><i>Prof. Xie Huimin recommended Chairman to continue the second term, which was also suggested by Prof. W. C. Wang. Chairman asked attendees to consider suggesting candidates, if they thought suitable, at ATEM 2011 at Kobe Japan.</i></p>
5	<p>ASEM Fellowship, ASEM registration and Wikipedia <i>Fellowship of ASEM was proposed by Prof. Xie Huimin. This was good in principle. It could be done when ASEM became a full-fledged society.</i></p> <p><i>ASEM awards were suggested by Prof. K. Ramesh. As ASEM was a virtual society and no cash was involved, awards were seen to be not realistic. Chairman mentioned that registered local societies could have awards instead. For example, Optics and Photonics Society of Singapore (OPSS) gave Best Student Papers in ICEM2009.</i></p> <p><i>Dr R. K. Mandloi suggested that ASEM should be a registered society rather than being a virtual society. Chairman said it was difficult to gather registration fee to support a staff for the society. ASEM chose to collaborate with local organizations which ultimately also enhanced the collaboration. Prof. W. C. Wang added that, from his experiences as a SEM Chair, it was very difficult to run a real body society as the ASEM members were all doing voluntary work, and he thanked Chairman for his tireless efforts. He said that what was more realistic was to make ASEM a better society starting from what it was.</i></p> <p><i>The chairman mentioned that a wiki has been setup for Experimental Mechanics at http://empedia.wikispaces.com/ and encouraged members to add to this to prepare an updated Experimental Mechanics virtual handbook.</i></p>
6	<p>MoUs <i>Three MoUs were signed with the Korean Society of Mechanical Engineers (KSME), the Optics and Photonics Society of Singapore (OPSS), and the Japan Society of Experimental Mechanics (JSEM)</i></p>
7	<p>AOB <i>There being no other matters the meeting was closed at 14:45 pm.</i></p>

Appendix A

	Countries	Attended	Registered
1	China	79	90
2	Singapore	57	59
3	Japan	45	46
4	Korea	19	20
5	Malaysia	12	12
6	India	9	11
7	Thailand	6	6
8	Taiwan	6	6
9	Indonesia	5	5
10	United States	3	4
11	Germany	3	3
12	Iran	2	3
13	Canada	2	2
14	Belgium	2	2
15	Turkey	1	1
16	Saudi Arabia	1	1
17	Russia	1	1
18	Norway	1	1
19	New Zealand	1	1
20	Hong Kong	1	1
21	United Kingdom	0	1
	Total	256	276