

The Minutes of the 5th ACEM Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 10 November, 2008 Time: 12:00-14:00 Place: Shuixiu Garden Hotel, Nanjing

Present:

Prof. Anand Asundi (Singapore), Chairman Prof. Yoshiharu Morimoto (Japan), Past Chairman Prof. Wu Xiaoping, (China) Prof. He Xiaoyuan (China) Prof. Kang Yilan (China) Prof. Xie Huimin (China) Prof Yang Fu Jun (China) Prof Luo Ying (China) Prof Jian Lu (Hong Kong) Prof. Kazuo Arakawa (Japan) Prof. Yoshikazu Nakai (Japan) Prof. Jai-Sug Hawong (Korea) Dr Wan Saffiey Wan Abdullah (Malaysia) Assoc Prof Cho-Jui Tay (Singapore) Assoc Prof Siew-Lok Toh (Singapore) Prof. Wei-Chung Wang (Taiwan) Prof. Terry Yuan-Fang Chen (Taiwan) Dr Pichet Pinit (Thailand)

Item	Issues
1.	The minutes of the 4th ACEM steering committee meeting held on 13 September 2007 in Fukuoka, Japan were accepted without amendments.
2.	Matters Arising from minutes:
	The matters arising were discussed together with the agenda of the meeting.
3.	 ACEM Conferences: (a) Update of ACEM7 in Nanjing by Prof He Xiaoyan, Chairman of ICEM2008 It was reported that 350 abstracts were received. There were 153 oral presentations in 3 parallel sessions, 29 Invited Lectures, 5 Plenary Lectures and 92 Posters. There were 60 overseas delegates from 16 countries and 220 delegates from China. On behalf of ACEM, Chair of ACEM, Prof Anand Asundi thanked Prof He and his organizing committee for an excellent work done in organizing ICEM2008. (b) It was decided that during each annual ACEM conference, the venues for the subsequent conferences would be confirmed for only 4 years ahead. In other words, during ACEM7 at Nanjing in 2008, the four venues discussed and confirmed were ACEM8 in Singapore in 2009, ACEM9 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2010, ACEM10 in Japan in 2011 and ACEM11 in Taiwan in 2012. (c) The following updates were reported: ACEM8 in Singapore: A/Prof C J Tay distributed the Preliminary Call for Papers for ICEM2009 which would be held from 18-20 Nov 2009. The ICEM2009 organising committee proposed to

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	 expand the conference to include symposia on Optics & Lasers Applications, Optical Metrology, NDT and Smart Structures and also topics related to experimental fluid mechanics. - ACEM9 in Malaysia: Dr Wan Saffiey Wan Abdullah distributed publicity material on ICEM 2010. The conference was tentatively set for 4-7 July 2010. Some of the committee members felt it would better for the dates to be moved forward by one week (11-14 July) due to academic duties which they might in the early part of July. Dr Wan would take this comment from the committee back to his local organizing committee and decide on the final dates of the conference. - ACEM10 in Japan: It was proposed by Prof Arakawa that ACEM10 in Japan would be held from 19-21 September 2011 in Kobe. More details will be given at the next ACEM meeting in Singapore during ICEM2009. - ACEM11: The committee agreed that Taiwan would host the ACEM11 in Taipei in November 2012. Prof W C Wang will provide more information at the next ACEM meeting in Singapore in November 2009. (d) The venue for ACEM12 (in 2013) will be decided in Singapore during ICEM2009. A review of the policy regarding the bidding process of future ACEM conferences will be discussed further. Currently, India and Singapore/Thailand have expressed interest in hosting ACEM12.
4.	ACEM Membership and database: At the moment, it was decided that we remain as a "Virtual Society". To encourage more participants to our conferences, steering committee members should encourage members of the experimental communities in their region to join the ACEM group through the ACEM website at <u>http://expmech.org/</u> . This is a free but moderated site so only those items relevant to the group would be broadcast to members. This will provided a database for use for future ACEM conferences as well as for those societies with whom we wish to tie up.
5.	ACEM website: The ACEM website is situated at <u>http://expmech.org</u> . Prof Asundi has created a wiki called EMpedia. Members are encouraged to contribute in the form of articles, photos of the month series etc.
6.	Prof Asundi is currently in contact regarding Experimental Mechanics e-book series with Bentham Science Publishers (<u>www.bentham.org/ebooks</u>)
7.	MoU with SPIE: Prof Asundi is working out an MOU with SPIE to be our Technical Sponsor in all ACEM conferences. More details will be made available at a later stage.
8.	Other matters and announcements: To explore with Society of Experimental Mechanics (SEM), Chinese Society of Experimental Mechanics (CSEM) and Japan Society of Experimental Mechanics (JSEM) to be co-operating sponsor of ACEM conferences. Each society was encouraged to discuss with their members on the possibility of becoming co-operating sponsors of ACEM.

There being no other matter, the meeting was adjourned at 1.40pm.

Recorded by: Toh Siew Lok Vetted by: Anand Asundi (Chair, ACEM)