

## Minutes of the 6th ACEM Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 19 November, 2009

Time: 12:00-14:00

Place: Holiday Inn Atrium, Singapore

### Present:

1	Anand <b>Asundi</b> , Chairman	Singapore
2	<b>Toh</b> Siew-Lok, Secretary	Singapore
3	<b>Kang</b> Yilan	China
4	<b>Xie</b> Huimin	China
5	<b>K Ramesh</b>	India
6	Andi Isra <b>Mahyuddin</b>	Indonesia
7	Gede Bayu <b>Suparta</b>	Indonesia
8	Majid R <b>Ayatollahi</b>	Iran
9	Satoru <b>Yoneyama</b>	Japan
10	Yoshikazu <b>Nakai</b>	Japan
11	Wan Saffiey <b>Wan Abdullah</b>	Malaysia
12	Rainer <b>Kunnemeyer</b>	New Zealand
13	Jai-Sug <b>Hawong</b>	S Korea
14	<b>Lee Soon-Bok</b>	S Korea
15	<b>Quan</b> Chenggen	Singapore
16	<b>Tay</b> Cho Jui	Singapore
17	<b>Chen</b> Yuan-Fang, Terry	Taiwan
18	<b>Lo Yu-Lung</b>	Taiwan
19	<b>Wang</b> Wei-Chung	Taiwan
20	Somnuk <b>Sirisoonthorn</b>	Thailand

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Approve minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> ACEM Steering Committee Meeting in Nanjing, 2008</b>  <i>The minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> ACEM Steering Committee Meeting held in Nanjing on 10 Nov 2008 were confirmed without any amendments.</i></p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b>  <i>Matters arising from the last meeting were discussed as part of the agenda items.</i></p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Update on ICEM2009 and upcoming conferences (Malaysia 2010, Japan 2011 and Taiwan 2012)</b>  <i>Dr Quan Chenggen, Chairman of the Scientific Committee for ICEM2009 reported the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Number of plenary lectures – 3</i></li> <li>• <i>Number of oral presentations – 194</i></li> <li>• <i>Number of invited presentations – 20</i></li> <li>• <i>Number of poster presentations – 68</i></li> <li>• <i>Number of registered participants was 276 but the number of attendees was 256.</i></li> <li>• <i>The participants were represented from about 20 countries.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>The details are given in Appendix A.</i></p> <p><i>Dr Wan Abdullah, the Chairman of ICEM2010 reported that the conference would be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2010. The venue has yet to be finalized.</i></p>

	<p><i>Prof Yoshikazu Nakai reported that the ICEM2011 would be held in Kobe, Japan on</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.</i></p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Decision on 12<sup>th</sup> ACEM Meeting in 2013</b></p> <p><i>There were 3 countries bidding for the 12<sup>th</sup> ACEM Conference in 2013. They were India, S Korea and Thailand. The results of the votes(Chairman abstained) are: India (5 votes), S Korea (3 votes) and Thailand (11 votes). It was confirmed that the ICEM2013 would be held in Thailand. It was suggested that Thailand should present their proposal of conference venue and other details to the committee in the next ACEM Steering Committee Meeting in Kuala Lumpur in 2010.</i></p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>ACEM Name, Membership (Steering Committee update) and Database</b></p> <p><i>Chairman proposed a change in the current name from the “Asian Committee on Experimental Mechanics” to the “Asian Society of Experimental Mechanics (ASEM)”. This would be a virtual society which any person can join at no cost. This would allow more interaction between members, repeat members at our annual conference and it also provides us with a better bargaining chip when dealing with other associations. After a brief discussion, all members were in agreement of the name change and this was adopted.</i></p> <p><i>As a consequence of this name change, the constitution will have to be relooked at bearing in mind the original intention of the Committee. This will be done during this year and will be discussed at the next ASEM meeting in Kuala Lumpur in 2010.</i></p> <p><i>This is also provide a good opportunity to relook at the make- up of the Steering Committee and whether there is a need for replacing any existing members. This would be left to the individual national groups to suggest the changes.</i></p> <p><i>All existing participants at the ICEM2008 and ICEM2009 would be initially put on the database and invited to join the ASEM. The Steering Committee is also requested to promote the Society and its activities to all interested persons in order to make our Society a more vibrant one.</i></p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>ACEM Website and Publications</b></p> <p><i>The website will be revamped and possible a name closer to ASEM will be obtained as the domain name. Proposed names were AsianSEM.org, APSEM.org.</i></p> <p><i>The chairman mentioned that a wiki has been setup for Experimental Mechanics at <a href="http://empedia.wikispaces.com/">http://empedia.wikispaces.com/</a> and encouraged members to add to this to prepare an updated Experimental Mechanics virtual handbook.</i></p> <p><i>As mentioned in the previous meeting, there are some publishers who are keen to publish e-books. If members are interested, they can propose topics for these e-books.</i></p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>MoUs</b></p> <p><i>An MoU has been signed with SPIE under which SPIE is a technical co-sponsor for all ACEM events. This will also mean that SPIE would help broadcast the conference through their website. Upcoming conference chairs will need to inform SPIE through the ASEM Chairman and provide updated links so that the conference site would be put on the SPIE database. Note that this MoU does not include any monetary support or the obligation for ASEM to publish proceedings with SPIE. These have to be</i></p>

	<p><i>negotiated separately with SPIE by the organizers.</i></p> <p><i>A new MoU was signed with Society of Experimental Mechanics (SEM) at the meeting. The signatories were the current President of SEM, Prof W C Wang and Prof Anand Asundi, Chairman of ASEM. It is hoped that this will bring the two societies closer and will help with the promotion of each others' activities.</i></p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><i>Prof Xie Huimin proposed the establishment of ACEM Fellows. This would now be possible since we have changed our name to ASEM. This will be brought up at the next meeting along with the revised constitution.</i></p> <p><i>Prof. K. Ramesh wished that ASEM provide awards similar to those at SEM and other societies. The Chair indicated that unlike other societies, ASEM, being a virtual society, does not have any funds. Hence it would be difficult to provide any monetary awards. However, it may be possible to give book awards or other awards in kind. If there are any organizations or individuals who would like to contribute to such awards, they could be considered by the ASEM.</i></p> <p><i>There being no other matters the meeting was closed at 2:00 pm.</i></p>

Appendix A

	<b>Countries</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Registered</b>
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
	<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>276</b>