

Minutes for the IA-FraMCoS Board of Directors & Advisory Board Meeting at Catania, Italy

During the conference at Catania, two separate board meetings were held. The minutes for the two meetings are given separately below.

First Meeting

Date: June 18, 2007

Attendees:

Alberto Carpinteri (AC), President
Byung-Hwan Oh (BO), President-Elect
Victor C. Li (VL), Past-President
Christopher K.Y. Leung (CL), Secretary
Rolf Eligehausen (RE) and Henrik Stang (HS), Members of the Advisory Board

Apologies:

Hemlin Jennings, Treasurer
Sarah Billington, Bhushan Karihaloo, Milan Jirasek, Jaime Planas, Victor Saouma, Franz Ulm, Members of the Advisory Board

Proposals for the Organization of FraMCoS-8

Four separate proposals for the organization of FraMCoS-8 were received from:

- (1) Prof. Victor Saouma, from University of Colorado, Boulder, US
- (2) Prof. Franz Ulm, from MIT, Cambridge, US
- (3) Prof. Gonzalo Ruiz, from Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha, Spain
- (4) Prof. Jan van Mier, from ETH Zurich, Switzerland

At the start of the meeting, Prof. Ruiz and Prof. van Mier gave presentations on their ideas about the organization of FraMCoS-8. After delivering the presentations and addressing questions from the Board, the two candidates left the room, and discussion was held among the Board Members. In view of the fact that the proposals from both U.S. candidates were rather brief, and they were not present at the conference to provide more detailed information, the Board decided to select the organizer of FraMCoS-8 between the two proposals from Europe. However, the Board would encourage the U.S. candidates to apply again next time.

Since each of the two European proposals has its own strength, a decision could not be reached at the meeting after extensive discussions. AC suggested to have some more thoughts on the proposals, and then meet again before the General Assembly to make the final decision.

Clarification on the Financial Contribution of FraMCoS-5 to IA-FraMCoS

In former email communications among the Board of Directors and Advisory Board Members, there was a concern that the financial contribution of \$2,104 to IA-FraMCoS from the last conference in Vail falls short of the \$5,000 expected from each conference organizer. As explained by Prof. Kasper Willam in his emails to Prof. Hemlin Jennings, the last conference offered a total support of \$5,000 to student participants, and this amount should be counted as contribution to IA-FraMCoS as well. Indeed, from the minutes from the Board Meeting in Vail, the following statements can be found: “VL made a remark that we should follow former practice and try to contribute \$5,000 to IA-FraMCoS after the conference. On the other hand, the expenditure for student stipend to attend FraMCoS5, which amounted to \$5,000, should be coming out of IA-FraMCoS. These two amounts would thus balance out one another.” It is therefore clear that the last Board was aware of this issue, and agreed to consider the student stipend as contribution to IA-FraMCoS. The total contribution of FraMCoS5 to the Association is therefore \$7,104 (= \$5,000 + \$2,104).

Co-sponsorship of BEFIB-2008

AC received a letter from Prof. Ravindra Gettu requesting IA-FraMCoS to co-sponsor the RILEM International Symposium on Fibre Reinforced Concrete (BEFIB-2008) to be held in Chennai, India on 17-19 September, 2008. The Symposium will be co-chaired by Prof. Gettu and Prof. Surendra Shah. The Board members agreed unanimously on the co-sponsorship.

New Members of the Advisory Board

Besides Prof. Henrik Stang and Prof. Jaime Planas, the term for all other Advisory Board members will end this year. In the meeting, potential candidates for the new Board were suggested. BO, the new President, would communicate with them and propose the final candidates in the next Board meeting to be held before the General Assembly.

Suggested Activities for IA-FraMCoS

To increase the visibility of IA-FraMCoS, BO, the incoming President, proposed to organize Technical Committees on important topics, and to publish an annual Newsletter for information dissemination. The Board agreed to support the new President's initiatives and suggested him to introduce them at the General Assembly. Follow-up emails will then be sent to all members to solicit comments as well as proposals for forming Technical Committees.

Second Meeting

Date: June 21, 2007

Attendees:

Alberto Carpinteri (AC), President
Byung-Hwan Oh (BO), President-Elect
Victor C. Li (VL), Past-President
Christopher K.Y. Leung (CL), Secretary
Rolf Eligehausen (RE), Member of the Advisory Board

Apologies:

Hemlin Jennings, Treasurer
Sarah Billington, Bhusan Karihaloo, Milan Jirasek, Jaime Planas, Victor Saouma, Henrik Stang, Franz Ulm, Members of the Advisory Board

Organization of FraMCoS-8

In this meeting, the Board agreed unanimously to have FraMCoS-8 held at UCLM, Ciudad Real, Spain. Prof. Gonzalo Ruiz will be the Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).

Nomination of New Directors and Advisory Board Members

In the new board, BO will become the President, while AC will become the Past President. The board decided to nominate Prof. Jan van Mier (ETH Zurich) as President-Elect. CL was re-nominated as Secretary and HJ re-nominated as Treasurer.

For the Advisory Board, Anthony Ingraffea and Giovanni Plizzari were nominated to serve for two intervals and their appointments would have to be voted at the General Assembly. For the remaining four members who would serve for one interval, BO had talked to Prof. Claudia Ostertag (University of California, Berkeley) and Prof. Keitetsu Rokugo (Gifu University), and they had both agreed to join the Board. The Board agreed to give BO the freedom to select the other two Advisory Board Members later.

Minutes for the General Assembly of IA-FraMCoS (2007)

Date: June 21, 2007

Venue: Catania, Italy

The President, Alberto Carpinteri, called the assembly to order and welcome the members. He reported that there were around 300 participants at FraMCoS-6. He acknowledged the Chairmen of the local organizing committee, Pietro Gambarova and Giuseppe Ferro, as well as the Secretary, Giovanni Plizzari, for their excellent work in organizing this successful event.

The election of new Directors was then conducted.

Jan van Mier (nominated by Alberto Carpinteri, seconded by Victor Li) was unanimously elected as President-Elect.

Christopher Leung (nominated by Alberto Carpinteri, seconded by Victor Li) was unanimously re-elected as Secretary.

Hemlin Jennings (nominated by Alberto Carpinteri, seconded by Victor Li) was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer.

Byung-Hwan Oh, the President-Elect, automatically becomes the new President, while the current President, Alberto Carpinteri, will become the Past-President in the next Board.

Jan van Mier gave a brief speech to thank the members for electing him as President-Elect of the Association.

Election of new Advisory Board members was then conducted. Anthony Ingraffea (nominated by Alberto Carpinteri, seconded by Victor Li) and Giovanni Plizzari (nominated by Alberto Carpinteri, seconded by Victor Li) were unanimously elected as Advisory Board members to serve two terms on the Board.

Alberto Carpinteri announced that the present Board of Director had nominated Claudia Ostertag and Keitetsu Rokugo to serve one term on the Board. Also, the Board had agreed to give the new President the right to select another two Advisory Board members, who would also be serving one term.

Byung-Hwan Oh reported on the organization of FraMCoS-7. The conference would cover both fundamental theoretical, numerical and experimental approaches as well as the application of fracture mechanics to the concrete durability, development of high performance materials and design of concrete structures. While focusing on concrete, papers on other concrete-like, quasi-brittle materials will also be accepted. Besides direct submission of papers within the overall theme of the conference, the Conference Chair will invite experts to organize sessions on specific topics. Each session organizer is expected to recruit about 10 papers and serve as chairperson for his/her session. The conference will be held between May to October 2010, for 4 days, in either Seoul or Jeju Island. Local co-sponsors will include Korean Concrete Institute (KCI), Korean Society of Civil Engineers (KSCE), Architectural Institute of Korea (AIK), Korean Institute for Structural Maintenance Inspection (KSMI) and Computational Structural Engineering Institute of Korea (COSEIK).

Byung-Hwan Oh also presented his ideas on the promotion of IA-FraMCoS, including:

- (i) the formation of Technical Committees to contribute to the advance of knowledge and development of design codes, and
- (ii) the publishing of Newsletter for information exchange and reporting activities of the Association and those of the Technical Committees.

Follow-up emails will be sent to members to invite comments and participation in Technical Committees.

A video was then shown to introduce Korea to the members at the Assembly.

Alberto Carpinteri then announced that the Board has decided to have FraMCoS-8 held in Spain, at Ciudad Real, Prof. Gonzalo Ruiz being the Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). Prof. Ruiz gave a short speech to thank the Board and the members.

As the Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting, Alberto Carpinteri reported briefly on the financial situation of IA-FraMCoS. The balance, after the last conference in the U.S., was \$19,856.68. The current balance is \$28,954.17. (Note: a detailed financial statement is attached at the end of this minute).

To officially transfer the Presidency, Alberto Carpinteri passed the hammer to Byung-Hwan Oh.

The General Assembly came to a close.

