



# European Society of Experimental Mechanics

Minutes of the Inaugural EuraSEM General Assembly  
Faculty of Engineering University of Porto, Portugal  
July 24, 2012  
Time: 15:30 – 17:00

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## Agenda of the General Assembly

1. Introduction and welcome by EURASEM President
2. Election of Council
3. Presentation of ICEM 16 Cambridge UK
4. Presentation of bids for ICEM 17
5. Any other business

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### 1- Introduction and welcome by EURASEM President

Leslie Banks-Sills, the Vice-President of EuraSEM, first welcomes all attendees to the inaugural General Assembly. She explains that after the sudden death of Alain Vautrin, in June 2011, Janice Barton became Interim President of EuraSEM. Unfortunately, due to family reasons, Janice has not been able to attend.

The present conference, organized by Joaquim Silva Gomez, is a great success. It counts about 470 participants from 47 countries.

Already in 2008, it was decided (Council Meeting, EPFL, 14/03/2008) to establish EuraSEM as a registered official society. Still today, EuraSEM is in transition from an association to a society. Nevertheless, a modified constitution was approved during the council meeting in Poitiers (4/07/2010).

The list of current Technical Committees (TC) is shown, the Vice-President asks that people who are interested in contributing would contact her and in addition she says that new ideas are also welcome.

## 2. Election of the Council

The Vice President gives a short overview of the history of EuraSEM. The first ICEM-conference took place in Delft (Netherlands) in 1959 where it was decided to organize the event every 4 years. In Berlin (1966) some countries decided to establish the **Permanent Committee** for Experimental Mechanics (EuraSEM). In 2008 (council meeting, EPFL, 14/03/2008) it was decided to establish EuraSEM as an official society and to organize the conference every two years.

As specified in the new constitution, approved during the council meeting in Poitiers (4/07/2010), the council will consist of 22 members:

*14 elected members, 5 members by rights (chair of the scientific committee, the past and next chair of ICEM, the editor in chief and the chair of the affiliated societies advisory board) and 3 co-opted members appointed by the Council.*

During the executive committee meeting in London (1/03/2012), it was decided to elect 12 (instead of 14) council members during the General Assembly. The Secretary (Danny Van Hemelrijck, DvH) and the Treasurer (Gonzalo Ruiz, GR) would for continuity reasons remain member of the Council.

The 12 nominated council members are:

- ❖ Leslie Banks-Sills
- ❖ José Cirne
- ❖ Josef Eberhardsteiner
- ❖ João Gomez Ferreira
- ❖ Umberto Galietti
- ❖ Emmanuel Gdoutos
- ❖ Robert Mines
- ❖ Carmine Pappalettere
- ❖ Elzbieta Pieczyska
- ❖ Paulo Piloto
- ❖ Ole Thybo Thomsen
- ❖ Mario Vaz

The Vice President asks all the candidates to introduce themselves after which the election by show of hands was organized. All 12 candidates are unanimously accepted.

During the next GA 7 council members have to step down and 7 new members will be elected. It is expected that the number of candidates will be much higher.

## 3. Presentation of ICEM 16 Cambridge UK

Fabrice Pierron gives a presentation on the current status:

ICEM 16 will be held at the University of Cambridge – 7th through 10th July 2014.

The conference will be chaired by:

- Professor Janice Barton, University of Southampton
- Professor Chris Truman, University of Bristol
- Professor Fabrice Pierron, Arts et Metiers, ParisTech

It will be a five day conference, with 7 parallel sessions, 4 keynote speakers and an exhibition that will run over two days Tues and Wed. There will be 2 sites with 20 stands.

YSA competition

SHPB parallel session over two days – Dymat sponsorship  
Welcome reception Sunday evening on arrival  
Reception on Monday evening  
Conference Dinner Wednesday evening  
There will be seated lunch and the registration fee will be around 700 ponds.  
Optional social event Thursday evening at additional cost to delegates.

#### **4. Presentation of bids for ICEM 17 (2016)**

The president of EuraSEM received two bids for hosting ICEM17 in 2016. However, the bid submitted by Virgilio Cruz Machado and Helena Navas to host ICEM17 in Lisbon, Portugal is redrawn. They will resubmit the bid for organizing ICEM18 in 2018. The second bid was submitted by E. Gdoutos: he proposed to host ICEM17 in Rhodes, Greece in May 15-20, 2016. The venue will be a 5\* hotel, only 6 km away from the airport. The hotel has 785 guest rooms and 11 conference rooms, the largest one can accommodate 1.350 persons. The tentative program presented includes the conference banquet on Wednesday and the list of important dates. The budget based on 500 attendees includes the contribution to EuraSEM (15,000€). The registration fee will be between 700€ and 850€ per participant and between 350€ and 400€ per student. E. Gdoutos also shows a long list of successful conferences he organized in past. The questions from the audience are all related to the proposed dates: why in May? You should know that in May all academics both in Europe and North America are still teaching. E. Gdoutos replies that May is low season, from June onwards it is high season and the hotels are fully booked. But Emmanuel agrees to reconsider the proposed dates.

#### **5. Any other business**

Nothing.



Danny Van Hemelrijck  
General Secretary of EuraSEM

Leslie Banks-Sills  
Vice- President of EuraSEM