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Report of the ICF Treasurer

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ICF Treasurer's Report

(1) This is to provide a report of the ICF Treasurer and ICF Conference Liaison Chairman for the ICF Executive Committee Meeting on July 13 2009 and the ICF Council Meeting on July 14 2009 at the Ottawa Conference Centre, Ottawa, Canada at the Twelfth International Conference on Fracture (ICF12).

(2) Article 9 of the Statutes of the International Congress on Fracture states that “The Treasurer shall be responsible for the supervision of the finances of the Congress”.

(3) Reference should be made to the previous comprehensive Treasurer’s Reports presented at ICF7 in Houston, USA in 1989; ICF8 in Kiev, Ukraine in 1993; ICF9 in Sydney, Australia in 1997; ICF10 in Hawaii, USA (USA-Japan quadrennial) in 2001; ICF11 in Turin, Italy in 2005. Article 8 of the Statutes of the International Congress on Fracture states that “all records of ICF are maintained by the Secretary-General”.

(4) As of the time of writing (February 18 2009) the balance in the single account of ICF held at LLOYDS BANK, Waterloo Place, London, UK; Sort Code 30-00-08; Account Number 01390734; Account Name INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON FRACTURE is £13,798.00.

(5) This compares to a balance in February 2005 of £6,290.62 at ICF11 and a balance of £9,930.39 in December 2001 at ICF10.

(6) There was income of £10,218.38 from ICF11 during this quadrennium 2005-2009.

(7) There was an expenditure at this stage during this quadrennium 2005-2009 of £2,711.00 in regard to costs related to the work on the quadrennial and interquadrennial conferences and administrative and office expenditures.

(8) This compares to an expenditure during the 2001-2005 quadrennium of £3,718.91.

(9) A prudent and conservative approach has been adopted without investment in any financial instruments and simply maintaining a cash account. As well as encouraging actions to minimize costs to ICF: the generous contribution of CanMet for example in manufacturing the ICF and ICF12 Awards.

(10) In pursuance of this policy a second ICF Bank Account has been

created with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Waterloo, Canada (CIBC-Wood Gundy) in Canadian Dollars. A transfer is accordingly to be effected to this new account of £10,500.00 in February 2009. Address: 305 King Street West, Kitchener, Ontario N2G 1B9 Canada (Reference Mark C White FRSA CFA, Vice-President, CIBC Wood Gundy).

(11) This creates dual currency accounting. All account details are logged with the Registered Office of ICF in Sendai, Japan. This also provides for a simplification for the transfer of funds from ICF12 to ICF following ICF12 and in accordance with the ICF/ICF12 MoU (Memorandum of Understanding). This MoU document is held by the Secretary-General.

(12) In particular Article 5 of the ICF Bye-Laws states that “5% of the (total) registration fee (income) for each quadrennial conference is to be paid to ICF in convertible currency”. In the ICF/ICF12 MoU the wording is as follows: “...the return to ICF 5% is calculated from **full paying registrants** to the extent of the net surplus”.

(13) Good management of ICF and for the development of the “ICF-BRAND” requires creative and close attention to the encouragement of Quadrennial and Interquadrennial conferences, through the Chairman of the ICF Conference Liaison, who is also the ICF Treasurer. Much work has been accomplished in this arena during this quadrennium. Details reported separately.

(14) ICF13 will be held in Beijing in 2013 with Professor Yu Shouwen as ICF13 Executive Chairman. Liaison work with the ICF13 team has been progressing well with also Professor Yiu-Wing Mai -- and it is anticipated that the ICF/ICF13 MoU will be finalised in Beijing in later 2009.

(15) ICF14 is planned to be held in Europe in 2017 in accordance with the geographical rotation guidelines of ICF. Bidding for the quadrennials is however open to all regions and this is simply a guideline for Council without mandatory effect.

(16) Following the ICF precedent of the jointly organised USA-Japan ICF10 in Hawaii a bid has been logged for ICF14 by an Anglo-Greek consortium for Rhodes, Greece. This bid will be presented at ICF12 to ICF Council by Professor Emmanuel Gdoutos, ESIS President, who would be ICF14 Executive Chairman.

(17) This ICF14 bid has a genesis at ICF11 where a bid was logged for ICF14 by Manchester, England. (Minute 10, ICF EXCO, March 24 2005 at ICF11). Manchester via Dr James Marrow of the University of Manchester will provide leadership in the Technical Programme for this planned ICF14 bid with support from the UK Royal Academy of Engineering RAEng and the UK Forum on Engineering Structural Integrity, FESI.

(18) Additional bids for ICF14 are encouraged from all ICF nations and Edinburgh, Madrid, Barcelona, Vienna, Brisbane have indicated early interest in bidding.

(19) A preliminary bid for ICF15 has been logged by Vancouver, Canada via the new "Vancouver Conference and Exhibition Centre" VCEC. This would be located on the Pacific Coast of North America and there are plans for this to also be a joint consortium on the precedent of ICF10 and the ICF14 bid.

(20) The decision on ICF13 was made at ICF11. There is now a need for a longer lead time for the Quadrennial Conferences than the 3-4 years of previous times. The reasons for this are several fold. Firstly the process of negotiating, agreeing and signing the MoU can be protracted and until that is formally signed the actual organising process cannot properly begin allowing maybe three years in past arrangements. Secondly the booking of major conference facilities worldwide needs 5-8 years lead time for the best world-class centres. Thirdly with the need for close collaboration in joint consortia 3-4 years is insufficient for optimal management and industrial and government support and funding. Hence it is recommended that the decision on ICF14 be made by ICF Council at ICF12 in Ottawa on July 14 2009.

(21) Additionally as for discussions on ICF14 at ICF11 it is recommended that there be preliminary discussion on ICF15 at ICF Council at ICF12 on July 14 2009 in Ottawa and at ICF EXCO on July 16 2009. ICF needs to have a long-term vision for both quadrennial and interquadrennial conferences.

(22) There will be separate reporting on Interquadrennial Conferences in 2005-2009, and for 2009-2013 and on closer ICF/ESIS collaboration during 2009-2013 linked to the ECF Series of conferences as interquadrennials. The ECF Series was established in 1976 by Professor Dominique Francois as the European arm of ICF, originally.

(23) Full documentation on the work in this whole “portfolio” arena is logged with the Registered Office of ICF in Sendai, Japan with the ICF Secretary-General.

(24) ICF is in a very healthy state and indeed has developed through many phases in a competitive and imaginative manner ever since ICF1 in Sendai Japan under the Chairmanship of Professor Takeo Yokobori our Founder-President. There are many whom I wish to explicitly acknowledge as major contributors in this quadrennium. However I will mention just a few key people herein. The ICF leadership of Professor Krishnaswami Ravi-Chandar is especially important to record along with the Senior Vice-President Professor Alberto Carpinteri; for ICF12, most particularly Professor Mimoun ElBoujdaini ICF12 Executive Chairman and his whole team in Ottawa especially Co-Chairs Dr William Tyson & Dr Prakash Patnaik as well as Nicole Sarault, Laurier Forget and Pierre Lamoureux -- with special appreciations to Professor Robert Bell ICF12 Technical Programme Chairman ; the aspirations for ESIS/ICF enhanced collaboration via the ESIS President Professor Emmanuel Gdoutos; the substantial contributions of Professor Ashok Saxena, Professor Yiu-Wing Mai, Professor Palle Rama Rao and Professor Robert Ritchie must also be recorded; along with the sustaining genius of the ICF Founder-President Professor Takeo Yokobori and of the Secretary-General Professor Toshimitsu Yokobori.

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