

ICF-WASI ExCo Meeting

Rodos Palace Hotel

Rhodes Greece

February 28 2013

1400-1620hrs

Continued via composite Tele/OOVOO discussions through to March 10 2013

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- (1) This meeting of ExCo was constituted informally involving by Tele/Video-Link Alberto Carpinteri, Shouwen Yu, Ashok Saxena & James Marrow with in person David Taplin & Emmanuel Gdoutos plus in attendance staff (Ioanna Megri & Vassili Pappas) of the Rodos International Conference Centre (RICC) and other ExCo members alerted by email participation as available.
- (2) The aim was to have a link via the OOVOO Skype which is free to download but we alternatively conducted the link simple by telephone. OOVOO was successful with James Marrow for 30mins of effective discussion on the ICF14 Technical Programme. It was proposed that Stavros Kourkoulis be on the Technical Programme Committee as a link for this phase of work especially and it was agreed that a further meeting would be aimed for in October 2013. Links between Yu Shouwen/Ashok Saxena, Alberto Carpinteri/Yu Shouwen and later in Toledo Alberto Carpinteri/Emmanuel Gdoutos were also successful.
- (3) The date of ICF14 was agreed to be changed to June 18-24 2017.
- (4) A very full site tour and presentation by the staff of RICC was made. The RICC facilities were comprehensively inspected and found to be in all respects excellent, world-class and suitable for ICF14 involving up to 2000 delegates including the potential for a tiered style Plenary Lecture Theatre and a spectacular Banqueting Hall as well as a full range of variable break-out meeting rooms.
- (5) A GGF website will be launched with several new board members to provide the core supporting organization for ICF14 with new links planned with such as NTUA & the Academy of Athens.
- (6) Work on the ICF14 Technical Programme (Chair James Marrow) and the ICF14 Industrial Programme (Chair Dietmar Kilingbeil) will now be launched so that significant progress is made in this arena for the ICF14 Progress Report to ICF-WASI Council in Beijing.
- (7) Proposals were made regarding possible Opening & Closing Honour Lecturers and this “headline” aspect of the programme will also be addressed further at ICF13.
- (8) Preliminary Discussions on the newly widened range of World Academy topics and Plenary & Keynote Lectures was initiated including also ideas for Special Seminars on the pattern of the Cottrell Symposium at ICF13 such as an ICF14 Irwin Symposium.
- (9) Opportunities to harness ideas and portfolios for ICF-WASI from Greece were explored and regarding the “legacy” of ICF14 in Greece – especially via Stavros Kourkoulis and his strong NTUA research group in Restoration

Engineering. This could include involvement in the ICF-WASI Interquadrennials Programme, the MoU Network.

- (10) Financial aspects were discussed and these aspects will be addressed fully after ICF13 in Beijing especially in negotiations with RICC.
- (11) The full bid document for ICF15 is essentially complete and this will be available in April 2013 via TMS we anticipate.
- (12) There was a productive discussion on the management structure of the new World Academy. This has evolved beneficially this quadrennium with clearer line management processes via the CEO in a very harmonious team.
- (13) The developments of the Academy Website and Newsletter is much appreciated via the work of Francesco Iacoviello and IGF & Susanne Bachofer via DVM and a Second Newsletter is anticipated in about a month covering a full update on ICF13, ICF14, ICF15 & ICF16.
- (14) We deferred fuller discussion on the Interquadrennial Programme and the MoU Network: Mimoun Elboujdaini is now based in Oman in a senior post in the Sultanate.
- (15) There is a need for Bye-Law updating in several realms including: (a) Publication Policy; (b) Co-option of perhaps five extra portfolio-oriented new blood Directors to enhance the effectiveness of ExCo in the Academy Era; (c) CEO Secretariat Developments in the next quadrennium; (d) the Quadrennial Report system. Item (a) is an issue for Krishnaswami Ravi-Chandar. Item (b) has been forwarded to Yiu-Wing Mai for consideration as a possible recommendation of the Nominations Chair in the revised Nominations Report.
- (16) Overall this was an extremely productive meeting and we are especially thankful for the excellent hospitality of RICC and most especially of the RICC/Rodos Palace Group Proprietor Mary Cambourakis and to all participants.

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David Taplin,
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ICF14 Executive Chairman

March 20 2013