

iSMARTi General Meeting

MAIREPAV-6, Torino, Italy

Room 4, Politecnico di Torino,

9th July, 2009 – 17:30 pm

Present: Paulo Pereira (President, chair of meeting), T. F. Fwa, Waheed Uddin, Rita Fortes, Joao Merighi, Alan Woodside, Tom Papagiannakis, Alex Visser, Luis Picado-Santos, Ezio Santagata, Ossama Salem, David Woodward, Hosin Lee, Massimo Losa, Glicério Trichês, Jan Celko, Adelino Ferreira, Joel Oliveira, Douglas Wilson.

Invited: Phillip Millar, Amir Kavussi, Goran Mladenovic, Henny ter Huerne, Silvia Portas, Navneet Garg, Alessandro Marradi.

| Item | Action |
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| <p>1. Welcome by Chairman</p> <p>Chairman called the meeting at 17.30 pm and welcomed all to the meeting. He thanked Ezio for making the venue available for the General Meeting.</p> | |
| <p>2. iSMARTi Overview</p> <p>An overview would be made by the chairman at the plenary session the following day, and all were invited to attend the session. Chairman will make the slides available to members.</p> <p>Concerning Alex Visser retirement as Africa VP, he proposed a new member to replace him as an iSMARTi member: our colleague Wynand Steyn. Wynand Steyn is willing to replace Alex in this position. Wynand was asked to send his CV in order to allow the analysis of his proposal by the BOG.</p> <p>Regarding Alex Visser's retirement, in this situation iSMARTi could maintain former retired members. One possibility is to attribute them a status of honorary member, with no fee, but having access to iSMARTi information, activities and privileges. This should be analysed and voted by the BOG.</p> <p>Despite our web page being the principal means of communication, it is essential that all of us post our endeavours, professional preoccupations and achievements through an on line newsletter (NL).</p> <p>In order to fill in a first version of the NL sooner the SC Chair of Paper and Publications Review (Dimitris Goulias) will ask members to fill in their information in a template. The SC Chair is asking for more members willing to serve in it, particularly by participating in the production of the first NL draft</p> | President |
| <p>3. Sustainability of Standing Committee</p> <p>Chairman recalled the comments made by members at the last meeting held at TRB in January 2009 that there were too many committees, and most have been inactive, and recommended that a re-structuring be made.</p> | President |

As a response to the recommendations the chairman presented a first table with present situation of each SC (attached Table1): the SC reports usually received every year have been highlighted in green; in orange, the SC about which there are doubts about their pertinence to the society; in red, the SC that, in the opinion of the chairman, could be eliminated; in blue, those SC that should be maintained.

From this analysis the chairman's proposal was that of restructuring the Standing Committees into 14 committees (Table 2 in attachment) with the following distribution:

3 SC related to the society general operation (blue);

2 SC dedicated to the two conferences supported and organised by the society (green);

5 SC covering the main transport infrastructures (red);

4 SC linked to general themes related with all categories of infrastructures (orange).

After the approval of these minutes, this proposal should be presented to the analysis of BOG in order to obtain their contribution and approval.

Chairman also recalled an arrangement agreed upon at the 2009 meeting that Standing Committees would be involved in organizing technical sessions at iSMARTi conferences.

There was an active discussion on the proposal. Some members expressed their concern that this could make it difficult for Conference Chairman in putting together the overall technical program.

Chairman and T. F. Fwa explained that the arrangement was meant to help the conference chairman and the final decision on the overall technical program still rest with the conference chairman.

In what concerns the iSMARTi conference, ICTI, this is organised jointly by the society, in cooperation with a local host. Thus, in cooperation with this host, it is obligatory the involvement of the society structure, mainly through each chair of the SC.

Another different situation is that of the Mairepav conference, which is not directly organised by the society, and only covers the field of pavements. In this case, also in cooperation of the Mairepav chair, the society, through its pavement SC chairs, would make their best contribution.

4. iSMARTi Sponsored Events

4.1 MAIREPAV-6 2009, Torino

The meeting thanked MAIREPAV-6 conference chairman Ezio Santagata for the excellent arrangement he and his team have made for the conference.

4.2 ICTI-2 2010

Fwa reported that Ali Selim had written to the President and Deputy President to withdraw Cairo from hosting ICTI-2 in 2010. The President and Deputy President have approached Rita Fortes to consider hosting ICTI-2

in Brazil in 2010. On 29 April 2009, Rita wrote to the President and Deputy President to confirm that Brazil has agreed to hold the Second ICTI conference in Sao Paulo, 28-31 July, 2010. Fwa thanked Rita for coming forward to take on the challenging task of organizing the conference on a tight schedule, and he urged all members to provide their help in making ICTI-2 a success.

Chairman projected a proposed ICTI conference logo design which would be used for future ICTI conferences, starting from ICTI-2 2010. Members were in general agreement with the proposed design. Uddin suggested that the name "iSMARTi" be added to the logo to fill the void at the lower side of the logo. iSMARTi secretariat will improve the logo and circulate for confirmation by members.

Uddin requested the meeting to consider inviting FAA to organize a workshop on airfield pavement design at ICTI-2. The meeting agreed that the workshop would complement the conference well. Navneet Garg of FAA indicated that an invitation letter from iSMARTi would help to initiate the process. Chairman responded that iSMARTi secretariat will write the invitation letter.

4.3 MAIREPAV-7 – 2012

There were two candidate cities proposed for MAIREPAV-7: China and Auckland (New Zealand). Fwa showed the Powerpoint presentation of the Beijing proposal that was prepared by the China Academy of Transportation Sciences. This was followed by the proposal presentation made by Douglas Wilson representing the bid from the University of Auckland. After some discussion among members seeking clarifications on both proposals, the meeting voted to select the host for MAIREPAV-7. There were 14 votes for Auckland, 0 votes for China. Chairman declared that Auckland was voted the host for MAIREPAV-7.

There were some discussions about the preferred dates for MAIREPAV-7. Douglas will revert upon consultation with his university.

4.4. Future Events

The other iSMARTi event which has been scheduled is as follows:
ICTI-3 – 2014 - Pisa, Italy (Chair: Massimo Losa)

5. Next iSMARTi meeting venue

The next iSMARTi meeting will be held at Washington D.C., USA on Tuesday evening during the week of 2010 TRB Annual Meeting in January.

6. Adjourn

As there were no other matters, the meeting adjourned at 6.40 pm.

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Douglas Wilson

Massimo Losa