PRESIDENT: Paulo Pereira (Portugal) **EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT:** T. F. Fwa (Singapore)

iSMARTi Executive Council Meeting

7.30 pm – 9.30 pm, Tuesday, January 15, 2008
Council Room, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington D. C., USA

Present: Paulo Pereira (President, chair of meeting); Waheed Uddin; Gerardo Flintsch; Alex Visser; Massimo Losa; Rita Mour Fortes; Joao Virgílio Merighi; Ghim Ping Ong; Yoshitaka Hachiya; Filipo G. Pratico; Dimitrios Goulias; T. F. Fwa; T. Papagiannakis; Ali Selim; Ossama Salem; Hosin Lee; Hesham Mahgoub; Jose Weissmann

Justified absence: Kunito Matsui, Kanok Boriboonsomsin, Jan Celko

Item	Action
1.0 Welcome and Introduction The President welcomed all to the meeting. He noted that the meeting has the quorum as there are 9 Executive Council members present.	
2.0 Review of 2007 Activities Uddin, the immediate Past President, reported the main activities of 2007. He highlighted that an election took place and that a new team has taken office on January 1, 2008 for a 4-year term. He urged all to provide their support to the new President, P. Pereira, and to the Executive Vice President, T. F. Fwa. Hosin Lee, the chair of MAIREPAV-5, gave a summary report of the conference held on 8-10 August 2008 in Lake City, Utah. About 150 participants attended the conference. Despite providing 30% discount to iSMARTi members and high charges for the conference venue, the conference managed to break even financially. iSMARTi also sponsored a 2007 conference in Athens without financial commitment.	
3.0 Presentation of New Officers for 2008-2011 The new President introduced the new team office bearers to the meeting.	President All committee chairs

4.0 iSMARTi Conferences

4.1   Resolution to combine MAIREPAV and ICTI into one
      iSMARTi Conference Series

The President shared the concerns uttered by some members of
the feasibility and sustainability of iSMARTi running two
international conferences (i.e. MAIREPAV and ICTI) with
overlapping areas having to organize one conference every year.
Most members agreed that it would not be possible for them to
attend one iSMARTi conference every year.

Running only one iSMARTi international conference covering the
complete scope of iSMARTi is in the long term interest of the
society. On the other hand, members felt that MAIREPAV has
already established its brand name and followers; it would not be
wise to discontinue it altogether.

Flintsch proposed to keep both MAIREPAV and ICTI conferences,
but each would be held once every 4 years. In this way, there
would be only one conference organized by iSMARTi every 2
years. After some discussion, members agreed that it is in the
interest of all to keep both conferences, and re-schedule them
alternately for sustainability.

Uddin moved the motion to have iSMARTi continue organizing two
international conferences, i.e. MAIREPAV and iSMARTi
International Conference, alternately every two years on a 4-year
cycle. Flintsch seconded the motion. This motion was passed
unanimously.

4.2 Schedule of future iSMARTi conferences

The meeting went on to re-schedule the future iSMARTi
conferences as follows:

2008:   First International Conference on Transport Infrastructures
        24-26 April 2008, Beijing, China (Chair: T. F. Fwa)

2009:   MAIREPAV-6
        (Date to be confirmed), Torino, Italy
        (Chair: Ezio Santagata)

2010:   Second International Conference on Transport
        Infrastructures
        Cairo, Egypt (Chair: Ali Selim)

2012:   MAIREPAV-7

San Paulo, Brazil (Chair: Rita Fortes)
 	
2014: Third International Conference on Transport Infrastructures
        Pisa, Italy (Chair: Massimo Losa)
 	
4.3   Report on Future iSMARTi Conferences
 	
4.3.1 First International Conference on Transport Infrastructures
        24-26 April 2008, Beijing, China (Chair: T. F. Fwa)
 	
Fwa reported that out of the 121 international abstracts accepted, 87 full papers were received and reviewed. 4 papers were rejected, 2 on the ground of commercial contents, and 2 for poor technical contents. More than 150 domestic papers were received and reviewed. The number of domestic papers to be accepted for presentation will depend on the number of international papers that are eventually scheduled for presentation. International authors are allowed up to 20 February 2008 to register for the conference and confirm their participation. A draft program will be prepared by early March 2008 and submitted to iSMARTi Executive Council for approval.
 	
Fwa also informed the meeting that the Opening Ceremony and Conference Banquet of the conference will take place on the evening of 23 April 2008, one day before the Day 1 of the conference technical program. Executive Council Members who plan to attend the conference are asked to inform Fwa so that arrangement can be made for airport pickup.
 	
Selim reminded the meeting that ASCE conference TDIBP "First International Symposium on Transportation and Development – Innovative Best Practices" will also be held on the same dates and at the same venue. Fwa confirmed that registered participants to either ICTI 2008 or the TDIBP will be allowed to attend freely technical sessions of both conferences. However, he reiterated that iSMARTi members will receive 20% (regular members) or 30% (patron member) discount of registration fees by registering with the ICTI 2008 conference.
 	
4.3.2   2nd International Conference on Transport Infrastructures
        2010, Cairo, Egypt (Chair: Ali Selim)
 	
Selim briefed the meeting that five key universities in Egypt will be involved in organizing the conference. Selim will be assisted by Salem. They welcomed the idea of having technical committee chairs to organize technical sessions in their respective technical areas.
 	
4.3.3 MAIREPAV-6, 2009, exact date yet to be confirmed, Torino,
	
	Executive Council members

Italy (Chair: Ezio Santagata) No report was received from Santagata. Massimo, the Vice President for Europe, informed the meeting that he is aware that MAIREPAV-6 will be held in 2009 in Torino as planned, although no official announcements nor website have been made. The meeting expressed concern that the lead time to the conference proper is rather short. Fwa suggested that a concerted effort be made to market the conference in the next few months, and that the ICTI 2008 conference offers a good opportunity to publicize the conference.	
5.0 Society Publications Chairman explained that iSMARTi electronic newsletter can be launched on the Internet. Goulias, the approved Chair of the Publications, Paper Review and Awards Standing Committee, agreed to take charge of the web-based newsletter, with Pereira and Papagiannakis. The newsletter can carry members' résumés, iSMARTi activities and technical reports and discussions. Fwa proposed that papers from iSMARTi organized conferences can be made available online for members. The Meeting agreed that abstracts of iSMARTi organized conferences will be uploaded online for public access. However, only iSMARTi members will have access to the full papers. Chairman proposed Best Papers for iSMARTi organized conferences. It will help raise the profile of iSMARTi conferences and encourage good quality papers for the conferences. It can be implemented at Mairepav-6 in Torino. The meeting supported the proposal.	Paulo Pereira, Dimitrios Goulias, Tom Papagiannakis, Ezio Santagata
6.0 Standing Committees The President will review the list of Standing Committee chairmen, and finalize the list of new committee chairmen after having confirmed with suitable candidates.	Paulo Pereira, T. Fwa
The meeting discussed the roles of committee chairmen and agreed that virtually all committees have not been very active. All committee chairs are required to write a mission statement, if they have not done so yet, and submit it to the President. All committee chairs will re-examine the missions for their committees and provide updated versions.	Ezio Santagata and all committee chairs
Some iSMARTi members suggested that chairmen of technical committees should be tasked to organize a technical session in his/her area of expertise for all future iSMARTi organized conferences. They would solicit papers for the sessions and either	

chair the sessions themselves or appoint suitable session chairpersons. The meeting unanimously approved this arrangement and agreed that it will be adopted for MAIREPAV-6 to be held in Torino. Chairman invited members to nominate names for chairs of committees. The President and Executive Vice President will compile the nominations and propose to the Board of Governors for approval.	
7.0 Members Benefits Chairman stressed that in every conference, organized or sponsored by iSMARTi, there is a need to call the attention to potential attendants on the benefits of becoming iSMARTi members: • Patron members: a reduction of fees 30%; • Regular members: a reduction of 20% • If we consider, at least, one conference every two years (in addition to others), a fee of about 500€ per conference, the benefit is of respectively of 75€ or 50€ a year, which is more than offset the annual iSMARTi member fee of 40€. • In addition to this members will receive regularly the newsletter of the society. He will emphasize this point with Santagata, so that these benefits appear sufficiently clear on Mairepav-6 Flyers. Every iSMARTi organized conference offers an excellent opportunity to attract new members through this benefit of saving in conference registration fees. Each member, and especially, each regional VP, in every regional event should assist in distributing iSMARTi flyers and promoting the society.	
8.0 Council Meetings The meeting agreed that Council Meetings will be held during the TRB Annual Meeting, and also during every iSMARTi organized conference.	
9.0 Closure Chairman summarized the main points discussed, the actions to be taken, and thanked all for attending. He also encouraged all to participate in ICTI 2008 in Beijing, 24-26 April 2008, and to attend the next Council Meeting.	