

iSMARTi Executive Council Meeting

2005 International Symposium on Pavement Recycling (ISPR)

Conference held on Wednesday, 7 -8 pm, March 16, 2005 in Hotel Mercure Grand Ibirapuera, in São Paulo
<http://www.mackenzie.com.br/ispr/>

MEETING MINUTES

(Prepared by W. Uddin, March 20, 2005; revised August 30)

Our sincere thanks to Professors João Virgilio Merighi and Rita Moura Fortes for providing iSMARTi meeting room in the conference hotel and being supportive hosts. Earlier, during the closing ceremony, Paulo Pereira presented an overview of iSMARTi to the conference audience. The society has grown to 60 members.

Attendees (iSMARTi 2005 members): Waheed Uddin (USA), Paulo Pereira (Portugal), Luís de Picado Santos (Portugal), João Merighi (Brazil), Rita Fortes (Brazil), Eduardo Ricci (Brazil), Liedi Bernucci (Brazil), Gilda Bruna (Brazil), Frank Holt (USA), Mohammed Memon (USA), Alan Woodside, (UK), David Woodward (UK), Eric Mc Cuaig (Canada), Mostafa Joharifard and Marina Kaplun (Canada).

Attendees (Friends): Victor Torres-Verdin (Mexico), Louay Mohammad (USA).

Ali Selim (member, USA) and Alex Visser (member, South Africa) had to leave early. The three new members from Brazil could not attend (Ernesto Preussler, Alex Alves Bandeira, Simone Vizioli).

Summary of meeting discussions follow.

1. Waheed Uddin welcomed all attendees including 3 new members from Brazil and Martec's delegation from Canada who became the first patron member during the recycling conference.
25 Society members attended the conference.
2. After introductions, brief reports were provided by committee chairs present at the meeting. The society sponsored or supported events also included the First 2005 iSMARTi meeting at TRB in Washington, DC. and 2005 Environment conference in January in Abu Dhabi. Membership recognition certificates were distributed by Paulo. The remaining certificates were later mailed by Paulo from Portugal.
3. Draft constitution and byelaws have been prepared by Paulo. Paulo and Waheed will review and revise the draft version, post on the society web page for review comments and voting by the Board of Governors, and finalize before the Belfast conference.
4. Paulo briefed on the importance of establishing the official headquarters in consistent with the local incorporation laws in the host country. It was agreed that it is necessary that the society headquarter should be formalized soon and housed at the University of Minho in Portugal.
5. There was some discussion on a proposal by Rita and João on the possibility for establishing a regional society chapter in Brazil. Waheed noted that some international societies have done so. However, in our case it is not the right time because first we have to formalize the society headquarters office and its constitution before pursuing regional offices.
6. A formula has been worked out to reimburse IJP publishers annually from society funds for partial print and mailing cost of complimentary IJP issues being sent to iSMARTi members worldwide since 2004.
7. Recycling conference was a great success with about 250 participants. The society thanks the conference organizers for excellent program and for their splendid job to promote the society in Brazil and Latin American countries.
8. Alan Woodside presented an overview of the preparation for the mairepav4 conference in Belfast on 18-20 August. Support has been received from many institutions and industries in UK. Alan and David invited conference attendees to submit late papers if interested. A special issue of IJP on the occasion of mairepav4 will be published with the funding support from the conference secretariat at Ulster University. Alan and David are the guest editors for this September 2005 IJP issue.
9. Mairepav5 Conference hosted by University of Iowa in early August 2007 is in planning stage.
10. First International iSMARTi Conference: The proposal for 2006 Istanbul, Turkey presented at TRB meeting has been cancelled. T.F. Fwa has offered new proposals for "Sustainable Transport Infrastructures" conferences, first hosted by China Academy of Transportation Sciences in 2008 and the second in Singapore.
8. The next executive council meeting will be in Belfast in conjunction with the mairepav4 conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm and most of the attendees went to a nearby Churrasco restaurant for dinner.