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**MINUTES**

**OF THE *fib* COM 9 MEETING**

***“*DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE”**

Meeting place: Venue of ***fib*** Symposium Cape Town / Room Syndicate 1

**23 November 2016, Cape Town, Republic of South Africa**

**Participants (those who already indicated their participation):**

György L. Balázs (Budapest), Chairman of COM9

Joost Walraven (Delft), Co-Chairman of COM9

Harald Müller (Karlsruhe), President ***fib***,

Gordon Clark (Southampton), Immediate Past President

Jan Cervenka (Prague),

Hugo Corres (Madrid), Deputy President ***fib***,

Hans Beushausen (Cape Town)

Frank Dehn (Leipzig) – has also T4.1 meeting, but comes

Íria Lícia Oliva Doniak (Sao Paolo),

Giuseppe Mancini (Torino),

Norbert Randl (Carinthia),

Jongsung Sim (Seoul),

Luc Taerwe (Ghent),

Fernando Stucchi (Sao Paolo)

David Fernandez-Ordonez, SG ***fib***

**Apologies were received**:

Oliver Czoboly (Budapest), Secretary of COM9,

Atef Daoud (Sfax, Tunis), but invites the next COM9 meeting to Tunisia

Rolf Eligehausen (Stuttgart),

Steinar Helland (Oslo) - has a presentation in the Symposium at the same time

Stijn Matthys (Ghent)

Stuart Matthews (London),

Giorgio Monti (Roma), but proposes to organize an ***fib*** seminar in Nanjing

Aurelio Muttoni (Lausanne),

Tor-Ole Olssen (Olso),

Giovanni Plizzari (Brescia),

Marco di Prisco (Milano),

Andrea Prota (Napoli),

Raul Zerbino (La Plata),

Yamei Zhang (Nanjing)

1. Welcome to COM9 Dissemination of knowledge G.L. Balázs
2. Welcome to the meeting in Cape Town H. Beushausen
3. Introductory words by the President or Secretary General H. Müller, H. Corres

D. Fernandez-Ordonez

1. Membership of COM9 Dissemination of knowledge G.L. Balázs

***No new member***

1. ***fib***-courses G.L. Balázs

*See attached presentation****: 2016-11-19\_fibTC-COM9-Report\_CapeTown\_Balazs***

1. ***fib***-summer schools G.L. Balázs

*See attached presentation****: 2016-11-19\_fibTC-COM9-Report\_CapeTown\_Balazs***

1. PhD Symposium 2016 Tokyo A. Kasuga

*See attached pres::* ***2016-11-19\_fibTC\_Phd Symposium\_Report-Akio-Kasuga***

1. Publications

***fib*** Journal: Structural Concrete – Any need for help from COM9?

***fib*** Symposium/Congress Proceedings – Need higher credit in the future

***fib*** Bulletins – Need higher credit in the future

 ***Impact Factor or else for fib Procs and Bulletins?***

1. ***fib*** Model Code courses MC2010/MC2020 Gordon Clark, Stewart Matthews

***24 November 2016 Cape Town***

1. Electronic dissemination

Develop a system for **Webinars** – will be organized in Lausanne with our support

D. Fernandez-Ordonez

***23-27 January 2017 Ghent Univ*** – ***fib*** – EU Project Endure – COST Project

 “Reinforcing and strengthening of structures with FRP reinforcement”

1. **Next Meeting**: during the ***fib*** Symposium in Maastricht June 2017 (exact date will be announced later)

**FURTHER COMMENTS and PROPOSALS**

**Stijn Matthys (Ghent, sent before the meeting):**

“Dear Gyorgy,

I will not be able to make it to Cape Town. Please apologize me for this meeting. My input for the meeting:

 The preparations of the next joint fib-endure-cost winter school on FRP are ongoing.

 The possibility should be investigated for **fib secretariat to invest in expertise and software to be able to set up webinars**. I think this investment is rather limited and would allow to promote Bulletins, by launching them also with a webinar. Moreover, for such an international organization as fib, webinar training initiatives might be an important asset to provide added value to the members, given **the importance of continued education**.

 In line with the above point, the possibility should be considered **to brand the various fib ‘training and continuous education’ initiatives with a dedicated ‘fib post-academic education’ label (including logo)**. Some terms and conditions should be listed to guarantee quality, to balance the use of online versus traditional training courses, etc.; so that members look to ‘fib post-academic’ as being worthwhile.

In case a task group or steering team on the lower 2 bullets would be initiated, I am willing to bring in my thoughts and expertise in this task force.

Regards,

Stijn”

**Webinars:**

Recorded presentations sound more reasonable owing to time difference among the various member countries from the world.

**Hugo Corres (Madrid):**

What we want to do?

We have to concentrate mainly on the preparation of Model Codes and good Bulletins (that are outcomes of Com and TG Work).

New Bulletins should be disseminated in every member country.

Authors of the new Bulletins should make video recordings

Com/TG should be able to organize materials on every new Bulletin in various forms.

**György L. Balázs (Budapest):**

A President’s message would be good to record and put on the Lausanne homepage

**Gordon Clark (Southampton):**

Mentions as a good example that ***fib***-UK did recordings of designers who explain how they used ***fib*** Bulletins for their work - these recordings could be linked to Lausanne

**Terminology (all):**

There is a need to unify our terminology for the Model Code and in Bulletins.

**Joost Walraven (Delft):** Joost checks the list for Prefabrication

Closing at 17.15 o’clock, **G. L. Balázs / Budapest**