

INTERNATIONAL COST ENGINEERING COUNCIL
2009 Region II Meeting Minutes
Paris, France
Saturday 10th October 2009

The 2009 Region II Meeting was convened at meeting room in the first floor of Espace Turbigo, Rue de Turbigo 43, Paris. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Andrej Kerin, ICEC Director for Region II.

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Andrej Kerin welcomed the attendees. The meeting commenced at 09.15 am.

2.0 Attendance and Apologies

Present

Andrej Kerin, ICEC Director Region II & Delegate - ZPM, Slovenia
Rob van Hoeve ICEC Assistant Secretary Region II & Delegate - DACE, The Netherlands
Roger M Batten - ACostE, United Kingdom
Gianluca di Castri, Delegate AICE, Italy
Martine Miny Delegate AFITEP, France
Lionel Puntos AFITEP
Nicolas le Cam AFITEP
Vezie Gerar AFITEP
Marc Desrumaux, AFITEP
Andrew Morley Delegate ICES, United Kingdom - FIG
Peter Cox, ICEC chairman - AIQS
Carsten Wredstrøm FDP, Denmark

Apologies

Peter Smith ICEC Secretary-Treasurer, AIQS
Emanuele Bianchi, AICE, Italy
Alexia Nalewaik, ICEC Administrative Vice Chair, AACEI
Bruce Watson Delegate - ACostE, United Kingdom
Alec Ray ICEC Assistant Director Region II & ACostE, United Kingdom
NFP, Norway
PMA, Austria
PMG, Greece
PRY, Finland
RACE, Romania
SPPR, Slovakia
SPR, Czech Republic
VSF, Iceland
SPMS, Sweden

Not Represented and no apologies received

AEIPRO, Spain [non active member]
CAPQS, Cyprus
GTE/MKK, Hungary

3.0 Minutes of Previous Region Meeting

The minutes of the 2008 Region II meeting on 8th November 2008 in Rome, Italy were approved without a correction.

4.0 Matters Arising From Minutes

- Potential New Partners, will be discussed under agenda point 9.0
- Location Factors, will be discussed under agenda point 11.0
- Strategic Plan, will be discussed under agenda point 12.0
- NGO Roster, will be discussed under agenda point 21.0
- Young Professionals
- Website/skype
- Australian dollar exchange, will be discussed under agenda point 5.0
- 2014 World Congress Singapore; date has been set July 23-27, 2010
- Young Professionals see attached Region II Member Reports for actions taken by members.

5.0 Presentation by Lionel Puntos

Lionel Puntos [AFITEP gave an update on Cost Controller Competences which are used by AFITEP [see attachment] with the aim to have a reference with other members of the ICEC family by the next regional meeting.

6.0 Reports

a. Officer Reports

ICEC

ICEC executive team has set up quarterly meetings via skype. Focus in these meetings is the Strategic Plan [Carsten Wredstrøm on how do we achieve our strategy goals, fund our strategy goals and at what level, move from a reactive to a proactive organisation and communicate?] and UN engagement [Murtala Oladapo] to raise ICEC's profile with HABITAT

Peter Cox has visited to Region 3 [Dar es Salaam mainly visited by QS and found it dynamically and intelligent]. & 4 [Kuala Lumpur where ICEC/FIG/RICS/PAQS/ASAQS and CEEC discussed and agreed a pact to work for the benefit of the profession, in order to get a public faces as wealth creators] meetings. Lesson learned of both meetings a high degree of collaboration with mutual recognition of competence and accreditation.

Peter also visited and lectured at the UN HABITAT Forum in Delhi about NGO's & businesses have worked successfully together.

Region II Director – Andrej Kerin

Andrej Kerin provided a general verbal report on activities and issues since the last Region II meeting in 2008. A large effort was made by Andrej to contact all our members. A number of them responded but there are also members who don't respond at all. A discussion followed how to promote that all members are aware of the things organised and how to attack them.

Agreement/Action No 1/2009

Agreed was that a check will be made which members did pay their membership fee and who was contacted for this after this information has come available to the responsible officers [see attachment]. The responsible officers will at least once a year contact the member to check for changes of f.e. ICEC delegate and report this information before any World or Region meeting to the Region II director/ Assistant Secretary.

An alternative set-up of the regional meeting was discussed. Proposals were:

- Starting on Friday afternoon and going on Saturday with the diner either on Friday or Saturday night.
- The Friday afternoon could also be used to visit a interesting project.
- Arrange a hotel with a venue so all members are staying in the same place.
- Meetings by using Skype.
- A separate Region webpage on the ICEC website.

Agreement/Action No 2/2009

It was decided to send out inquiries to the members to ask their preferences.

Agreement/Action No 3/2009

It was agreed that the minutes of the meetings will be send directly to the member organisations and to all presently known contacts [the Ken Humpreys list] of Region II.

Agreement/Action No 4/2009

It was agreed that a pilot meeting by using Skype will be organized by Gianluca di Castri with two or three representatives of member organizations, who will express the interest to be involved.

Agreement/Action No 5/2009

It was agreed that we will ask ICEC if there is any possibility to organize a region II corner within ICEC website and upgrade of links to the Region II member associations

b. Overview of the activities of ICEC since the Toronto World Congress in June 2008

No comments were received on the currency change as decided in Toronto..

7.0 Region II Member Reports

ACostE, United Kingdom

A copy of the Annual Report 2008 -2209 was handed over to those who where present, The Introduction and Summary by President is by reference made a part of these minutes.

AICE, Italy

A written report on AICE activities was submitted via e-mail prior to the meeting by Gianluca di Castri. The report is by reference made a part of these minutes.

AFITEP

Martine Miny gave a verbal report. AFITEP has recently moved offices. Financial and juridical problems are expected to be normalised in 2010. Currently AFITEP has some 380 members of which 60 are students and 25 are company members. The past year they have organised 5 soirees and a seminar in December 2008 about project management. AFITEP will have their annual congress: "Project and sustainable management" coming week [October 13 till October 16].

DACE, The Netherlands

A written report on DACE activities was submitted via email prior to the meeting by Rob van Hoeve. The report is by reference made a part of these minutes

ICES

The Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors celebrated their 40 year anniversary and were granted its Royal Charter and at an event addressed by the Construction Industry Council 10 September 2009.

Andrew Morley gave a verbal report. ICES is a slowly growing association, which has currently approximately 3000 members of which $\frac{2}{3}$ are commercial managers and the balance surveyors. Furthermore 700 – 800 students have a free membership.

ZPM, Slovenia

A written report on AICE activities was submitted via e-mail prior to the meeting by Andrej Kerin. The report is by reference made a part of these minutes.

8.0 Reports From Other Regions

We refer to the ICEC website for the reports of the other regions.

Region 1: see Minutes Region 1 Meeting Seattle June 2009 on ICEC website

Region 3: No recent minutes issued by Region 3

Region 4: No recent minutes issued by Region 4

9.0 ICEC World Congress 2014

AICE presented their feasibility study about the World Congress in Milan 2014. The location will be the Bocconi SDA [Management School of Bocconi University], a milestone planning was presented leading to a timely finish of the organisation. The years from 2010 to 2014 will be used for a research and knowledge management project to update and integrate the body of knowledge of the ICEC and to move from a simple BOK to a real body of competence, which will be the leading subject of the congress.

Agreement/Action No 6/2009

Region 2 will support the proposal of AICE in Singapore to be awarded the organisation of the world congress in 2014.

10.0 New and Potential Members

Potential new Regional II members are:

- Quantity Surveyors International [QSi] United Kingdom. AcostE is not happy with the situation as is and most probably will object membership of QSi.

- Associação Portuguesa de Gestao de Projectos (APOGEP) was contacted by email, no reaction.
- Croatia
- Ukraine
- Latvia

Agreement/Action No 7/2009

- The representatives of member associations who took responsibility to contact the potential member associations of ICEC should report to the Region II director/ Assistant Secretary until the end of January 2010. (See attachment Region 2 division per responsible officer rev2).

11.0 Cooperation With Other Bodies:

AAQS: No news.

FIG: An annual working meeting was held in Elat, Israel

Up coming events are:

- 19-22 October, Hanoi, Vietnam;
- 11-16 April, Sydney, Australia XXIV FIG International Congress and XXXIII General Assembly

A dialogue has started between Conseil Européan des Economistes de la Construction [CEEC] and FIG.

Review the existing Memorandum of Understanding with ICEC in order to give it more body.

FIG has high level UN contacts which may be used for the UN HABITAT

IPMA: No news.

PAQS: No news.

RICS: No news.

12.0 ICEC International Cost Model / Location Factor Project

The is accessible via the AACEI web site [www.aacei.org and the to forums (at the top in the middle)-topic-specialty-icec location factor project - data collection form].

Agreement/Action No 8/2009

Every member is encouraged to fill out this questionnaire and submit it to John Hollmann. (Send a copy to the Region II director/ Assistant Secretary)

Post Scriptum: Presently no product yet!

13.0 ICEC Strategic Plan – Looking Forward

The Advisory Committee chaired by Roger Batten is looking into four areas of the Strategic Plan and will report in Singapore:

- How do we achieve our strategy goals;
- How do we fund our strategy goals and at what level;
- How do we move from a reactive to a proactive organisation;
- How do we communicate?

Members are strongly invited to comment and to advice.

14.0 Project Controls Vocational Qualifications (ACostE)

The Assessment Service Centre (TASC) was set up by the Association of Cost Engineers (ACostE) in 2004 to provide a “Not-for-Profit” occupational skills service to Industry.

The purpose of the TASC Organisation is to provide Project Control practitioners with the tools and facilities to attain professional qualifications.

TASC provides and assesses Project Control Vocational Qualifications using the UK National Professional, Intermediate and Foundation Occupational Standards for Project Managers, Cost Engineers and Analysts, Cost Estimators, Planning Engineers, Contract and Commercial Personnel and Multi-disciplined Project Controllers. It is accredited by the UK Engineering and Construction Industries Training Board (ECITB).

TASC also provides Training Courses in Estimating, Planning and Risk Management and a Benchmarking Service.

435 Candidates are currently going through the Assessment process in Project controls TASC is now able to deliver its programs electronically, on a World-Wide basis, utilizing the Internet.

Internationally, TASC are working with clients in Malaysia and South Africa.

TASC will be making a presentation at the International Congress in Singapore next year.

If any ICEC member would like further information on TASC services, please contact Alec Ray at ray.alec@gmail.com

15.0 Advantages and Responsibilities of ICEC Membership

Members are reminded of the advantages/responsibilities of ICEC membership and emphasized the sharing of publications, congress/event sponsorship, updating contact directories and utilizing the individual ICEC web pages for each member association.

16.0 International Standards

Member’s attention is drawn to the current listing on the ICEC web-page and encouraged associations to update and request to submit any such standard for inclusion on the ICEC listing.

17.0 Best Practices and Technical Standards

Associations are encouraged to update and request to submit any such standard for inclusion on the ICEC listing.

18.0 Calendar of Events

All member associations are asked to notify ICEC when any events are scheduled.

19.0 Continuing Professional Education and Certification

Members are encouraged to seek ICEC accreditation of their CPD and Certification programs if this had not already been done. ICEC accreditation provides CPD and Certification programs with international recognition and enhances their value to

individual association and institute members. Details and application forms appear on the ICEC web page.

20.0 International Congresses

- i) 2010 - Singapore (July 23-27)
- ii) 2010- Region 2 meeting, Copenhagen (October 30 [date and location to be confirmed by Carsten Wredstrøm], directly after Nordnet October 27-29)
- iii) 2012 - Durban, South Africa (June 23-27)
- iv) 2014 – Milan, Italy (first or second week of October)

21.0 Publications – Roundup News and the ICEC Cost Management Journal

Members are reminded the possibility for submittal of information for the Roundup News and the ICEC Cost Management Journal.

22.0 UN NGO Roster Status

For a large number of ICEC members it is not clear what the potential is and what is actually meant for firms [members] and what is involved in utilizing the NGO Roster status. Region II requests for greater clarity on this matter and request Mr. Murtala Oladapo to write a paper / report to provide this clarity.

23.0 Other Business

Rob van Hoeve will provide, to those present, information about the DACE Labournorms issued by DACE in the Netherlands.

24.0 Next Regional II meeting

Copenhagen, Denmark, October 30 [date preliminary] directly after Nordnet [October 27-29] location to be confirmed by FDP.

Agreement/Action No 9/2009

Member associations are encouraged to propose Region II members for ICEC Region Award and Distinguished International Fellow awards to be awarded at the next world congress in Singapore and inform the Region II director/ Assistant Secretary before the end of March 2010.

25.0 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 17:30 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob van Hoeve

Assistant Secretary Region II

Attachments:

- ACostE: The Introduction and Summary by President of Annual Report 2008-2009
- AICE: REPORT OF AICE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COST ENGINEERING COUNCIL MEETING October 2nd, 2009
- AFITEP: COST CONTROLLER COMPETENCES UPDATE
- DACE: REPORT OF DACE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COST ENGINEERING COUNCIL REGION 2 MEETING at Paris October 10th, 2009
- ZPM: REPORT OF ZPM Paris, 2009
- Region 2 division per responsible officer rev2