



INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON POLYMERS IN CONCRETE

**Minutes of the ICPIC Board Meeting
at Funchal, Madeira, February 10th, 2010**

Present:

ICPIC Board Directors:

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| 1. Lech Czarnecki | 5. David Fowler | 9. Yoshihiko Ohama | 13. Dionys Van Gemert |
| 2. Anne Beeldens | 6. Andrzej Garbacz | 10. Richard Prusinski | 14. David Whitney |
| 3. Jose Aguiar | 7. Makoto Kawakami | 11. Peter Seidler | 15. Kyu-Seok Yeon |
| 4. Luc Courard | 8. Deon Kruger | 12. Atsushi Shirai | 16. Andrej Zajc |

Guests: F.H.Wittmann and Prof. P.M.Wang

1. Welcome by the president

Prof. Lech Czarnecki, the ICPIC President, welcomed all participants to the meeting; particular greetings sent to former Presidents, and greetings with respect to the former laureates of Owen Nutt Award. He sent special welcome words to guests: Prof. F. H.Wittmann and Prof. P. M. Wang.



Opening of ICPIC Board Meeting at Funchal

2. List of attendance

In the meeting attended 16 members - more than 50% of ICPIC Board members. Therefore, decisions taken during meeting are valid.

3. Acceptation of agenda

Prof. L. Czarnecki presented the meeting agenda (Enc. 1). The agenda was accepted by the participants.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted – no remarks during the meeting were announced.

5. ICPIC13th – report

A preliminary report was made by Prof. José B. Aguiar, President of the ICPIC Organization Committee. A lot of work has been done by the Organizing Committee. 129 abstracts were received, 95 papers were entered and after review, 91 are sent in and are published in the proceeding. 246 authors from 32 countries, such as Germany (44), Japan (21), Italy (20), South-Korea (12), China (17), Portugal (16). 110 participants from 23 countries were registered. The President of ICPIC, L. Czarnecki thanked Prof. J.B.Aguiar for all the perfect work done.

The additional organizing issues involved with a presentation of the Owen Nutt Award winners and organizers of next congress were discussed and accepted.

6. Acceptation of the committee for selection the top quality papers

Prof. L. Czarnecki reminded that the best ICPIC Congress papers will be published in International Journal for Restoration of Buildings and Monuments (JRBM) – 10 papers and in the Key Engineering Materials (KEM) – 30 papers. Prof. L. Czarnecki thanks to Prof. F.H.Wittman, that he has agreed to publish papers in the JRBM. He informed that according earlier decision, the following Committee members (in alphabetic order) will select the papers:

- Prof. J.B. Aguiar
- Prof. L. Czarnecki
- Prof. D. Fowler
- Prof. D. van Gemert – chairmen
- Prof. Y. Ohama
- Prof. F. H. Wittman.

Two guest editors of the journals are:

- Prof. J.B.Aguiar and Prof. L. Czarnecki for *Key engineering materials*,
- Prof. L.Czarnecki and Prof. J.B.Aguiar for *Int. Journal for Restoration of Buildings and Monuments*.

Prof. D. Van Gemert asked why the KEM was selected- it is not known among specialists. For the Congress participants, it is important to be published in well-known journal, like JRBM, or in the journal which has the impact factor. For the distribution of the papers, the Proceedings are more than sufficient. Publication of the papers will give a surplus.

Prof. F. H.Wittmann pointed out that many ICPIC Congress papers are related to material issues, while JRBM is focused on restoration problems. He stressed also that the selected papers should not be presented in the form published in the Proceedings. The authors should be informed that the paper will not be reprinted as they are. With a small effort they can be rewritten and improved with the remarks made during the conference. A letter has to be sent to the authors.

Prof. J.B.Aguiar reminded that both Journals were announced to the Congress participants. The KEM journal is more oriented to new science, new materials and will therefore take other type of papers in this journal. Prof. L.Czarnecki added that KEM has a quite high impact factor (0.224).

Mr R. Prusiński also suggested to contact American journals in the future.

To help evaluation, a letter was sent to the chairmen of each Congress Sessions, who indicated the best papers for both journals.

7. 6th ASPIC – report

The report was presented by Prof. M.P. Wang. 90 delegates were attend the Symposium; 76 papers were accepted and presented. The ICPIC President, Prof. L. Czarnecki expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Organizers of the 6th ASPIC Symposium.

8. Owen Nutt Award nomination, 2010

Prof. L.Czarnecki presented of the prepared plaques of two Owen Nutt Awards. The cost of plaques will be reimbursed. This will be a duty for the Treasury. Referring to the Owen Nutt Award, Prof. L.Czarnecki stressed that the list of award winners should be reestablished (Enc.2) and this list should be published in the future ICPIC Proceedings to memorize Persons meritorious in the field of polymers in concrete.

The Owen Nutt Awards for 2010 were presented to the winners: Prof. Makoto Kawakami and Prof. Kyu-Seok Yeon during the Congress Gala Dinner. The congratulation committee was created by former laureates of the Owen Nutt Award attended the 13th ICPIC Congress in Madeira.



Presentation of the Owen Nutt Award Winners in 2010: Prof. Makoto Kawakami and Prof. Kyu-Seok with the former Award winners: Prof. D.Fowler, Prof L. Czarnecki, Dr P. Seidler, Prof. Y. Ohama, Prof. D. Van Gemert

9. Committee of nomination Owen Nutt Award

ICPIC Board decided that members of the future nomination committee of the Owen Nutt Award will be former laureates and ICPIC President.

10. Organization of 14th ICPIC

Among a few propositions the only official offer for organization of 14th ICPIC in 2013 has came from the Tongji University in Shanghai. Prof. L. Czarnecki presented the official letter of the University Rector. Prof. L. Czarnecki answered also on unofficial suggestion to organize next ICPIC in Warsaw. He thanks for this distinction. He presented the opinion that after Congress in Europe the next Congress should be organized outside Europe and he supported the Tongji University offer. Prof. L. Czarnecki will consider organization in 2011 of the European Symposium on Polymers in Construction - ESPIC in Warsaw. The ESPIC would be organized in the framework of Conference of European Research Materials Society and also be enlarged to application of polymers in constructions. The next ASPIC, which will take place in Istanbul in 2012, was also announced.

After the discussions, the offer of the Tongji University has been accepted. The possible dates was considered by ICPIC Directors. Two dates: May and October 2013 were under consideration. Prof. P. M. Wang invited the people to the next ICPIC in Shanghai at the Congress Gala dinner.



Prof. P. M. Wang invited participants to attend next ICPIC Congress in 2013, which will be organized by Tongji University in Shanghai

Mr R.Prusinski asked how many new faces attend the ICPIC Congress in Madeira. Prof. L.Czarnecki estimated this number at 30% (of the total participants).

11. Future of the ICPIC

11.1. Changes of ICPIC name

The change of ICPIC name was discussed considering transformation the International **Congress** on Polymers in **Concrete** to the International **Council** (*or community, corporation, congregation, committee*) on Polymers in **Construction**. Prof. L. Czarnecki stressed that by keeping the ICPIC acronym the continuity is expressed. Finally, two changes were considered:

- Congress” into “Council” to confirm permanent activity of the ICPIC board not only from Congress to Congress,
- “Concrete” into “Construction” to show a wider application of polymers in concrete structures.

It was pointed out that Congress has the wider meaning that commonly used. The term “construction” allows to enlarge the field of interest presented during ICPIC Congresses and in some extent justify the subject changes observed during last congresses, eg., presentation of application of FRP for strengthening of the concrete structures. Every member of the ICPIC Board presented own opinion on the above issues. Majority of them (75%) presented the opinions to keep “Congress” and change “Concrete” into “Construction”. However, the decision has not be done. Prof. L.Czarnecki stressed that all changes should be done in evolutionary way and discussion will continue until next Congress.

Prof. F.H.Wittmann said that ICPIC could be treated as an umbrella organization, but most important, is to make necessary efforts to find experts active in the field of practical application of polymers in concrete and invite them for cooperation in the framework of ICPIC.

11.2. Unification of ICPIC logo

At present time, there are two versions of logo (compare the Agenda): the traditional and developed ones on the 12th ICPIC. Majority of Directors accepted the traditional ICPIC logo:



11.3. Management of ICPIC as the non-profit organization

Prof. L. Czarnecki described challenges for the ICPIC activity. He presented advantages and disadvantages of two options: cooperation with COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) and RILEM. He proposed to elaborate action in the framework of COST and ask Prof. L. Courard to represent the ICPIC in this activity. Prof. L. Courard said that is not easy to receive a research project in the framework of COST and it necessary to formulate suitable and innovative subject.

According to Prof. F. H. Wittmann's opinion COST and RILEM are not good solutions. The best one is to accept a rule that the ICPIC member will pay higher conference fee and surplus will be transferred to ICPIC Board to cover its activity between congresses. Prof. L. Czarnecki remained that this way of support was used until Congress in Berlin in 2004. It was decided to reestablish this form of the support.

Prof. L. Courard considered if ICPIC need a budget. Prof. D. Fowler explain that some budget is necessary to cover expenses involved with the ICPIC Board activity between congresses, eg. travel expenses of visit to next congress places, cost of plaques, etc. Finally, it was decided that Prof. L. Courard will make scouting job on the activity in the framework of COST.

11.4. ICPIC website

All ICPIC members agreed and stressed necessity to organize a website of ICPIC. This is important to dissipate information on ICPIC activity and create forum of idea exchange. Prof. L. Czarnecki offered to organize this website at Warsaw University of Technology.

12. Election of ICPIC authorities for term 2010-2013

12.1. Election of the president, (this point has been in – charge of Prof. J. B. Aguir – Chairmen of the Congress)

Two candidates were officially nominated by the letters of ICPIC Board members:

- Prof. Lech Czarnecki
- Prof. Anne Beeldens

Prof. A. Beeldens thanked for nomination but she stressed that Prof. L. Czarnecki is the best candidate for ICPIC President for next term 2010-2013. Prof. L. Czarnecki thanked for nomination and agreed to be candidate. Mr R. Prusiński said that candidate is well-known and there is no need to vote for

that candidature. Prof. Lech Czarnecki was elected by acclamation for the ICPIC President position for term 2010-2013. Prof. L. Czarnecki thanked all for confidence and declare further activity to promote ICPIC.

12.2. Election of the ICPIC officers:

Newly elected ICPIC President Prof. Lech Czarnecki, proposed the candidates for other positions:

- vice-presidents – prof. A. Beeldens (she agreed) and prof. A. Shirai (he thanked for proposition but he did not agree to be candidate)
- treasury – Tony Murray (he agreed by e-mail contact)
- secretary – prof. David Whitney (he agreed).

The ICPIC directors accepted above candidates for the ICPIC officers.

Prof. L. Courard suggested that second Vice-President would be organizer of next ICPIC Congress – in present case Prof. M. P. Wang from Tongji University. Prof. L. Czarnecki said that in this case was formal problem – Prof. M. P. Wang is not member of the ICPIC Board of Directors.

12.3. Election of new members of ICPIC Board:

Two new candidates was nominated: prof. M. P. Wang from Tongji University and Dr Jakob Sustersic from IRMA, Slovenia. The both Candidates were accepted for the position of ICPIC Board members.

13. Miscellaneous

Mr R. Prusinski suggested to create Award for person who has achievements in practical application of polymers in concrete. Prof. D. van Gemert said that it would be not easy to find this kind of candidates usually they not attend congresses and conferences. Prof. D. Fowler pointed out that ICPIC members know experts with a significant practical application. Dr P. Seidler agreed that it could be good idea. This allows to enlarge a group of people interested in application of polymers in building industry. Prof. F. Wittmann added that it is close to his earlier suggestion on ICPIC activity enlargement. There were no other remarks and comments. Prof. L. Czarnecki, President of ICPIC closed the ICPIC meeting at that moment.

Andrzej Garbacz

Meeting secretary

Lech Czarnecki

ICPIC President