



MINUTES
of the
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held in
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Secretary General Roger Holmberg

European Federation of Explosives Engineers
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PRESENT

AUSTRIA	Heinz	Berger (Treasurer)	HB	Verband der Sprengbefugten Österreichs (VSÖ)
BELGIUM & LUXEMBURG	Regis	Lorant	RL	Groupment Belge de l'Energie Explosive (GBEE)
DENMARK	Johan	Gjørdvad (President)	JFG	Danish Federation of Explosives Engineers (DSF)
ESTONIA	Viive	Tuuna	VT	Eesti Mäetööstuse Ettevõtete Liit (EMTEL)
FINLAND	Jari	Honkanen	JH	Infra Contractors' Association (Infra)
FRANCE I	Ricardo	Chavez	RC	French Group of Explosives Engineers (GFEE)
IRELAND	Alan	Dolan	AD	Irish Mining and Quarrying Society (IMQS)
NORWAY	Karl	Kure	KK	Norsk Forening for Fjellsprengningsteknikk (NFF)
PORTUGAL	José Carlos	Gois	JCG	Associação Portuguesa de Estudos e Engenharia de Explosivos (AP3E)
SPAIN	Antonio	Lucius	AL	Asociacion Nacional de Ingenieros de Minas de España (ANIM)
SWEDEN	Donald	Jonson	DJ	Bergsprängningskommittén (BK)
England	Mark	Hatt	MH	Repr. For EFEE Individual Members
Romania	Doru	Anghelache	DA	Repr. For EFEE Company Members
UK	Nigel	Taylor	NT	Institute of Explosives Engineers (IExpE)
Malta	Roger	Holmberg (<i>Secr. General</i>)	RH	EFEE

IN ATTENDANCE

Estonia	Teele	Tuuna	TT	Voglers
France	Ann-Charline	Sauvage	AS	EGIDE Environnement
Sweden	Mathias	Jern	MJ	Nitro Consult AB

ABSENT

CZECH REPUBLIC	Pavel	Krivanek	PK	Czech Federation for Blasting Technique (STTP)
FRANCE II	Jean-Philippe	Dupeyron	JPD	Syndicat National des Entrepreneurs de Travaux Publics specialises dans l'Utilisation d'Explosifs (SYNDUEX)
GERMANY	Jörg	Rennert (<i>Past President</i>)	JR	Deutscher Sprengverband e.V.(DSV)
HUNGARY	Zoltan	Kovacs	ZK	Hungarian Society for Blasting Technology (MARE)
KAZAKHSTAN	Sultan	Ryspayev	SR	Association of Blast Engineers of Kazakhstan (AEEK)
NETHERLANDS	Xander	van den Voort	XV	Nederlandse Vereniging van Springmeesters (NVvS)
POLAND	Krzysztof	Pietkiewicz	KP	Stowarzyszenie Polskich Inzynierow Stalowych (SPIS)
RUSSIA	Alexander	Efremovtsev	AE	National Organisation of Explosives Engineers (NOEE)
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	Igor	Kopál (<i>Vice President</i>)	IK	Slovenská spoločnosť pre trhacie a vrtacie práce (SSTVP)
SWITZERLAND	Alex	Burlon	ABu	Schweizer Sprengverband (SVS)
UKRAINE	Nikolay	Ischenko	NI	The Ukrainian Union of Explosives(USIV)

1. Opening by the President

The President Johan Finsteen Gjørdvad opened the meeting, welcomed all to Barcelona.

2. Apologies for absence

The President gave PK, JPD, JR, ZK, SR, XV, KP, AE, IK, ABu and NI's apologies.

Rein Voog, Eesti Mäetööstuse Ettevõtete Liit (EMTEL) could not attend but Viive Tuuna is representing EMTEL, Estonia. Vegard Olsen has left the new contact person is Espen Hugaas. He is working for Orica Mining Services in Norway but he could unfortunately not attend this council meeting and Karl Kure is the representative for Norsk Forening for Fjellsprengningsteknikk (NFF), Norway, during this council meeting.

The Audit Committee Chairman Walter Werner (WW) was absent because of illness.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

4. Minutes of the 55th Council Meeting held April 25, 2015 in Lyon.

It was proposed that the Minutes be accepted as a true record.

Decision: This was unanimously agreed.

5. Applications for membership

EFEE has 10 new individual members since last Council meeting in Lyon.

- ✓ Richard Hosley, Connecticut Explosives Company Inc., USA
- ✓ Mike Koehler, B.E. Consultants Inc., USA
- ✓ Oleksandr Rieznik, Unigran Service LL, Ukraine
- ✓ Andrii Bereben, Unigran Service LL, Ukraine
- ✓ Salah Alanazi, Saudi Chemical Co., Saudi Arabia
- ✓ Alberto Duro Carreño, Construction Company, Switzerland
- ✓ Maria M Nwaigwe, Dynatrac Nigeria Ltd., Nigeria
- ✓ Johan D'Hooghe, Recycling Assistance BVBA, Belgium
- ✓ Michael Williamms, Brown and Mason Ltd, United Kingdom
- ✓ Bernardo Zuniga, Servicios Mineros Tricomín S.A., Chile

EFEE has five new Company Members approved by the Board since last Council meeting in Lyon.

- ✓ Dynatrac NIG LTD, NIGERIA
- ✓ Austin Europe GmbH, AUSTRIA
- ✓ EPC-Groupe, FRANCE
- ✓ geo-konzept GmbH, GERMANY
- ✓ Ontaris GmbH & Co. KG, GERMANY
- ✓ TRANSMANUT, FRANCE

Decision: The Council had no objections regarding the new Company and Individual Members.

ARDE, Romania has applied for a National Membership.

The Board recommended the Council to approve their membership.

Decision: The Council had no objections and welcomed Romania.

Paid 2015 Memberships up to September 25 are;

- 20 out of 23 National Members
- 31 out of 31 Company Members
- 100 out of 100 Individual Members and
- 1 out of 1 Student Members and Retired Previous EFEE Members.

Slovenia has unfortunately been expelled and so have 9 Individuals for not paying their fees. We are missing payments for Y2015 from Netherlands, Ukraine and Hungary.

There were comments that EFEE needs more members as decided at the earlier strategy of EFEE. Discounted entrance fees were mentioned as well as discounted fees at the conferences.

6. Secretariat

a. Accounts Management

The Management Accounts for the period Jan 1- September 24, 2015 were presented and analysed.

Incomes € 91 443,71 and Expenditures € 25 256,51.

Net current Assets; € 248 415,27

b. Website

The website has been continuously updated with information like Newsletters, MoMs and Addresses. The 2015 Proceedings from Lyon are uploaded after solving minor problems as the WordPress did not accept the large files.

7. EFEE Board Report

a. Report from the Board meeting on 11th July 2015 and 27th February 2015

JFG reported from the Board Meetings.

8. Standing Committees

a. Finance & Audit.

Walter Werner has written the 2014 Audit Report and it was sent out to the Council 2015-08-27.

Decision: The Audit Report was unanimously approved by the Council.

b. Shottfiring

Karl Kure reported from the Committee.

The 22nd June, 2015, Archimedes Bureau sent the Project Leader an e-mail stating;

“Unfortunately the project grant nr. 2015-1-EE01-KA202-013439 “Pan-European Competency Certificate for Shottfirers/ blast designers - level 4, by European Federation of Explosive Engineers” applied by Voglers Eesti, did not get chosen to be financed in this year. The

reason for this is the insufficient funds, but also some tight spots which appeared within the application”

The Committee has received the final answer from Archimedes Bureau and at the Committee meeting it was discussed how to proceed. Main reason was that Estonia was short of money from EU. They also pointed out the confusion with the ECVET. Learning outcomes were not defined properly.

The piloting and evaluation of the project need more involvement by partners.

The Committee discussed how to proceed and agreed to continue with a new project.

Viive Tuuna will continue to work as the Project Leader. She will ask the Partners if they can continue on voluntary basis until funds are received. Application may be sent to Norway or Sweden. Contacts will be taken with the countries EU offices.

The Board proposed that € 5000 for direct expenses for writing a new application and sending it to the EU-office in Norway or Sweden.

Decision: The Council approved €5000.

c. Membership & Marketing

The Board proposed that Romania pay € 525 totally for 2015 and 2016.

Decision: The Council approved that Romania pay € 525 for 2015-2016.

The Committee established an aggressive Marketing Strategy 2014 and has sent out invitations to many potential members. This has given a good result and the number of Company and Individual Members has significantly increased. At the conference in Lyon we had 28 new individual members. Two Honorary members were assigned.

JH has purchased pins with the EFEE logo for giveaways at the conferences in Stockholm 2017 and Levi 2019.

In Lyon the Committee Chairman Igor Kopal contacted all exhibitors for Membership of EFEE and Advertisements in the Newsletter.

It was proposed that EFEE produce a video with reference to EFEE. The proposal was accepted and the Committee shall try to upload videos on YouTube or similar media.

d. Newsletter

Teela Tuuna reported about the Newsletter and what will be presented in the next issue.

Next issue will be in October 2015. Newsletters will be sent out as a link and not as a pdf-file. The EFEE website will have both the link and the pdf-file.

Teela will be happy if she gets some feedback regarding the Newsletter.

e. EU-Directives

Joerg Rennert, EFEE attended as an observer in the Forum of Notified Bodies for Explosives in Sofia May 11-12, 2015. JR could not attend this Council meeting but sent a report;

Meeting of the Notified Bodies for Explosives

On 11th and 12th May 2015 the Notified Bodies for Explosives came together for their annual meeting in Sofia. Thanks to the good cooperation and talks with Federico Musso, Head of the Explosives Working Group, the EFEE was given the chance to attend this meeting as a

permanent observer. Our organisation made use of this opportunity to attend and was represented by Jörg Rennert.

Topics such as current issues regarding the implementation of the EU Directive about Track and Trace as well as EU Directive 2014/28 were covered. This Directive is going to replace the Directive 93/15 from 20th April 2016 onwards. It covers the required methods for evaluating compliance and the Notified Bodies in charge. The Directive defines which requirements must be met by the Notified Bodies in order to be able to evaluate compliance. This not only helps to achieve comparability of the single Notified Bodies. The EU Directive 2014/28 also contains numerous advices for market surveillance.

While the EFEE took part at a Notified Bodies' meeting for the first time, it became clear that this opportunity is seen as quite helpful and constructive for both sides. The bilateral exchange and sharing practical experiences and reports form an important basis for supporting the work of the Notified Bodies for adapting explosives test methods to the practical requirements and to actively contribute to establishing rules and regulations.

The EFEE is going to use these workshops to represent the interests of its members on a bigger platform. So if any Council Members have any questions, wishes or issues in connection with the evaluation methods for explosives, please let us know. We will be pleased to address them when working together with the Notified Bodies.

Action: It was requested by the Council that JR shall send out info to the Council members before the meetings he attend so the Council members can comment or raise important questions.

f. Constitution and By-Laws

In Lyon our new Chairman Mark Hatt went through the changes proposed to the Constitution and the By-laws and these were approved by AGM

They have now been edited and are uploaded to the website.

Mark Hatt reviewed the committee work and mentioned that a single shorter Constitution document will be produced by merging the existing Constitution and Bylaw documents. A presentation will be presented at the 2017 AGM.

g. Election

JCG reported about the planned activities. The nomination procedure will be followed so the elections can be performed at 2016 AGM.

h. Conference

See paragraph 9 below.

i. Environmental

JH reported from the Environmental Committee.

The committee has set up a system for incident reports from various countries. Each Council member was asked to report all 2015 incidents at the next meeting in spring 2016.

Action: The Council Members will send their input to JH.

Mathias Jern will handle the database regarding Global Standards.

9. Conference

a. Results and reflections for the 8th EFEE World Conference in Lyon, France 2015

The conference was a success and the Board received many compliments for the arrangements. The only complain heard was about the food at the Gala Dinner.

The Board audited the conference at the Board meeting held 12th July in Vienna, Thereafter TylerEvents were invoiced with following sums;

	Amount Due: (EUROS)
Memberships Fees from 28 people registering at the Lyon Conference 2015.	2100
Newsletter and Workshops	3107
Cost for 500 Polo Shirts purchased from ToffeTshirts in Netherlands.	3319
EFEE's profit for the 8 th EFEEE Conference on Blasting held at Lyon, April 2015.	55540
TOTAL (EUROS)	64066

b. News regarding the 9th EFEE World Conference in Stockholm, Sweden 2017

In September 17 James Tyler, Donald Jonson and Roger Holmberg visited Stockholm and met people from Hilton, the Brewery, Scandinavian Perspective and Winterviken. The hotel and conference facility as well as the localities for the workshop, meetings, conference and exhibition were versatile, well designed and welcoming.

c. News regarding the 10th EFEE World Conference in Levi, Finland 2019

JH reported that the Levi or Helsinki will host the conference. It is suggested to have the conference in April 2019 or September 2019.

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Future Meetings, dates and places Committees and Council.

- a. 11th -12th April 2016. Telford Hotel and Golf Resort, in Telford, UK. (IExpE is having a conference at same time.) (AGM)
- b. 16th -17th September 2016. Stockholm.
- c. Spring 2017. Bucharest, Romania. (AGM)
- d. 8th-9th September 2017. Stockholm. (Conference is 10th -12th Sept., 2017.)

12. Adjourn

The President thanked all participants and closed the meeting.

Signed

President /Johan Gjødvad /

Date
