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Younger Engineer/Future Leader Task Group

The Committee on Engineering Capacity Building has been actively assisting in the formation of a Younger Engineer/Future Leader Task Group, as endorsed in the Executive Board Meeting in Paris in 2009 and discussed at the Committee meeting in Kuwait. In Kuwait we met with the Younger Engineers and established the framework for the Younger Engineer/Future Leader Task Group within the CECB. CECB has since gained the support of the Kuwait Society of Engineers for support of the YE/FL Task Group for four years, under the able leadership of Eng. Zainab Lari. CECB is currently soliciting nominees to the YE/FL Task Group from the respective National Members. We encourage all National Members to designate a younger engineer to participate in the Task Group.

Eng. Zainab Lari is present today, and I would ask her to expand on the goals of the YE/FL Task Group.

Guidebook on Building Engineering Capacity

The guidebook has been a major task for those involved. We are proceeding with the editing of a final version, by Kevin Wall of South Africa, which we hope to have ready this month – March 2010 – for final comments. We plan to publish the “Guidebook” this summer and present it at the Conference in Buenos Aires in October.

5th Annual Reconstruction & Stabilization Conference, Washington, D.C., Feb. 9-11, 2010

CECB was able to present two papers at the Conference. Dan Clinton, CECB Chair, was to present a paper outlining the “Guidebook on Capacity Development,” but was unable to attend due to a severe snow storm and cancellation of flights into Washington. As a result, Mike Sanio did double duty and presented Dan Clinton’s paper and another on the ASCE Perspective of Lessons Learned in Iraq and Afghanistan. The papers were well received, and several were interested in obtaining copies of the “Guidebook.”

United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development – UN-CSD-18

CECB will be represented by Dan Clinton and Mike Sanio at the UN-CSD-18 Session in New York City May 2-14, 2010; along with representatives from WFEO-CEE, WFEO-Energy, and WFEO-ComTech. The topic for the conference is Sustainable Consumption and Production: Transport, Chemicals, Waste Management, and Mining.

WEC 2010, Buenos Aires, Argentina

CECB is working with the UPADI Education Committee to sponsor a one-day program in Buenos Aires. This program is still being formulated.