



Committee on Engineering Capacity Building

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1. Introduction

The following report is hereby submitted in compliance with the need for quarterly reporting from all STC's following a resolution taken during the September 2012 Council Meeting in Slovenia. The report will follow the recommended outline and will attempt to address all issues raised as best as possible according to decisions and undertaking at the Committee Meeting held on 17 September 2012.

2. Strategic Action Plan

The Committee Strategic Action Plan for 2013 is attached as **Annexure 1** and will be updated quarterly. The Year Plan 2013 for scheduled meetings is attached as **Annexure 2**. Progress to date on these Action Plans is as follows:

1. Chinese translation of the Guidebook has been done and is in the process of being uploaded;
2. Commitment has been obtained from various persons who attended the CECB Meeting in Slovenia for further translations into Arabic, French and Portuguese. Follow up of this has been done and the best estimate for completion is as reflected on the programme.
3. The Capacity Building Compendium Website structure was demonstrated at the meeting in Slovenia. It is in the process of being finalized and once done, will be linked to the WFEO CECB Website. We anticipate this happening by mid December 2012. Further actions related to this will be as per project programme. The Compendium will provide further opportunity to upload material or create linkages with various organisations that have programmes related to Capacity Building.
4. Discussions at the Slovenia meeting highlighted the need to establish Regional Capacity Building Sub-Committees with a Regional Chair who would give feedback to the main Committee. This would create opportunity for broadening the Committee as well as for making provision for communication amongst interested organisations without the difficulty of working across too many time zones.

Additional actions proposed to fulfill the requirements as agreed in the Council Meeting are as follows:

1. Participation of members of the WIE as well as the YE/YL Committee will be further encouraged and whilst in-person participation may be a challenge, names will be added to our list of corresponding members;

2. Linkages with UNESCO are ongoing and we have been informed that Mr Dawie Botha, a member of the CECB, will be seconded to UNESCO to work on their Engineering Initiatives. This provides an excellent opportunity to strengthen the Committee linkages with UNESCO; Feedback on interaction with other international organisations will be provided as and when these occur.
 3. We intend using the Compendium as a facility to enhance co-operation and eliminate any duplication which may occur between STC's especially where Capacity Building issues are concerned. An example of this would be to make the Compendium facility available for posting of articles such as the one on Capacity Building from the Committee of Women in Engineering currently posted on their Committee publications;
 3. We continue to look at how we can encourage new members to the Committee to encourage their own organisations to become members of WFEO. The evidence of this is evident from the enquiry received by a member of a Beirut based member of a regional organisation, who is already involved in FIDIC Capacity Building, now also a member of the CECB. This activity is ongoing.
 4. The Capacity Building Guidebook which was published in 2010 is our template for all our projects and whilst we learn from this, we will also explore ways of refining the template for future projects.
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