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## **ESIS Council Meeting**

**Belgrade, Serbia**

**29<sup>th</sup> August 2018, 17:00**

### **MINUTES**

**Attendees:** There were 51 attendees, including 36 eligible voting representatives. A full list is given at the end of the minutes.

1. Welcome, Leslie Banks-Sills  
The president, Leslie Banks-Sills, chaired the meeting and thanked all the council members for coming, and the ECF organizers for providing the meeting room.
2. Minutes of the last meeting, Bamber Blackman  
The minutes of the last council meeting (Catania, ECF21) were available on the ESIS website. They were accepted as correct.
3. Establish voting members, Bamber Blackman
  - a. The voting members of Council were established by the secretary, (based upon the ESIS Statutes and memberships for 2017/2018). Proxy representation had been identified earlier by communication with the secretary. The voting members were:
    - i. Austria: O. Kolednik (for R. Pippan)
    - ii. Bulgaria: D. Angelova
    - iii. Croatia: D. Kozak (for Z. Tonkvic)
    - iv. Czech Republic: J. Pokluda
    - v. France: T. Palin-Luc (for J. Besson)
    - vi. Germany: S. Schaumder (for D. Klingbeil)
    - vii. Greece: E. Pasiou (for S. Kourkoulis)
    - viii. Hungary: P. Trampus
    - ix. Israel: L. Banks-Sills
    - x. Italy: G.Ferro (for F. Iacoviello)
    - xi. Norway: Z. Zhang
    - xii. Poland: J. Galkiewicz (for D. Kocanda)

- xiii. Portugal: P. Moreira
  - xiv. Romania: L. Marsavina
  - xv. Russia: V. Shlyannikov
  - xvi. Serbia: L. Milovic (for A. Sedmak)
  - xvii. Slovenia: N. Gubeljak
  - xviii. Spain: A. Martin-Meizoso
  - xix. Sweden: P. Ståhle (for J. Larsson)
  - xx. Switzerland: D. Firrao (for A. Brunner)
  - xxi. Ukraine: H. Nykyforchyn
  - xxii. United Kingdom: C. Davies (for G. Williams)
  - xxiii. TC1: U. Zerbst
  - xxiv. TC2: A. Jivkov
  - xxv. TC3: A. Carpinteri
  - xxvi. TC4: B. Blackman
  - xxvii. TC5: Y. Petrov
  - xxviii. TC8: J. Besson
  - xxix. TC9: L. Restuccia (for G. Ferro)
  - xxx. TC10: J. Toribio
  - xxxi. TC12: V. Moskvichev
  - xxxii. TC13: P. Yasniy
  - xxxiii. TC14: V. Silberschmidt
  - xxxiv. TC15: F. Berto
  - xxxv. Vice-President: F. Iacoviello
  - xxxvi. Vice-President: A. Sedmak
  - xxxvii. Secretary: B. Blackman (voting only as a TC chair)
- b. There were 36 eligible members present with voting rights; 22 national delegates, 12 TC chairs, 2 ExCo vice-presidents. Meeting and voting quora were thus satisfied, according to the Statutes.
4. President's Report: Leslie Banks-Sills
- a. The president reported delegate numbers for the last three ECF conferences: ECF20 (Trondheim) 536 delegates; ECF21 (Catania) about 600 delegates, and ECF22 (Belgrade) more than 500 delegates.
  - b. LBS reported that the Fellows Committee consisted two people and herself as chair. Four new fellowships were being awarded at ECF22 to Jacques Besson, Per Stahle, Zhiliang Zhang and Valery Shlyannikov.
  - c. The Awards Committee was chaired by Aleks Sedmak and included nine other members, each from a different country.
  - d. The Griffith medal was to be awarded to James Rice. The Wöhler medal was not awarded this time. The Award of Merit was to be presented to Filippo Berto.
  - e. Committee for the Support of Scientists: This committee was chaired by Aleksandar Sedmak with two other members: Per Ståhle and Valery Shlyannikov. It was reported that ESIS had supported 39 young scientists from 13 different countries to attend ECF22. ESIS paid their conference registration and each also received €200 cash.

- f. Council was reminded that ESIS affiliated journals are: Engineering Failure Analysis; Engineering Fracture Mechanics: International Journal of Fatigue and the most recent addition: Theoretical and Applied Fracture Mechanics. Members were encouraged to publish in these journals.
  - g. It was reported that the contract between Elsevier and ESIS had been signed covering the two-year period January 2017 to December 2019. According to this, Elsevier pays ESIS €5,000 per Special Issue, up to a maximum for 5 Special Issues per year. ESIS supports the TCs and NCs by €1,500 per special issue that they generate.
  - h. A list of recent SIs published by Elsevier originating from ESIS activities had been prepared by Valery Shlyannikov (ExCo-Publications) and the list was presented to Council.
5. Report on ECF22, Aleks Sedmak
    - a. Aleks reported that ECF22 had attracted more than 500 delegates.
    - b. A Procedia Structural Integrity would appear.
  6. Budget, Beppe Ferro and Leslie Banks-Sills
    - a. The budget for the two-year period (2018-2019) was presented.
    - b. Income was estimated to be: Special Issue payments from Elsevier €50,000; ECF22 income €10,000; Membership fees €10,000; Total income €70,000.
    - c. Expenses were estimated to be: Support for TCs & NGs €7,500; ExCo meetings €5,000; Website €8,000; Support for scientists to attend ECF22 €22,000; Summer schools €7,000; Contingency €10,000; I-tunes-U (camera and technician) €10,000; Procedia €12,000; Total expenses €81,000.
  7. Elsevier Special Issues and Publications, Valery Shlyannikov
    - a. This item had been covered in the President's Report (4h).
  8. Membership report (2017,2018), Bamber Blackman
    - a. In 2017, ESIS had 499 members and €6,477 was received in membership fees.
    - b. In 2018, ESIS had 447 members and €5,540 was received in membership fees (to date), several of the large National Groups had yet to report membership for 2018.
    - c. The following progress had been made: Portugal had set up a national structural integrity society; Greece had rejoined ESIS; France and Germany had set up mechanisms to have at least 10 members annually; Russia had formed a national committee.
    - d. The following challenges remained: Belgium and the Netherlands had not achieved the combined membership of 10 required for a combined Benelux group to be proposed.
    - e. Members raised some questions: Why not enforce ESIS membership from attendance at ECF? (Vadim Silberschmidt). Why not use part of the fee ECF pays ESIS? (Thierry Palin-Luc). Johan Hoefnagels commented on the difficulty of raising local interest in ESIS in Belgium/Netherlands. ExCo would consider all suggestions/comments.

9. Report by Awards Committee for ECF22, Aleks Sedmak
  - a. This was reported on in the President's Report (4c).
10. Report by the Fellows Committee, ECF22, Leslie Banks-Sills  
This was reported on in the President's Report (4d).
11. Report by the Committee for Support of Scientists at ECF22, Aleksandar Sedmak
  - a. See items (4 e).
12. Summer Schools, Leslie Banks-Sills
  - a. Leslie reported that the Summer Schools were running well. The feedback from the Belgrade Summer School had been very good.
13. Proposals and vote for ECF24, venue (2022).
  - a. Zeljko Bozic presented a bid on behalf of the national committee of Croatia for hosting ECF24 in Dubrovnik, Croatia.
  - b. The proposed dates were to be 19-23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022.
  - c. The technical structure of the conference was good and the venue was very appealing.
  - d. However, there were many comments relating to the proposed registration fees which were widely considered to be too high.
  - e. After a lengthy discussion a vote on the proposal was made on the basis that a yes vote would mean Zeljko would be invited to submit a modified proposal to the ESIS ExCo in the next few months.
  - f. 33 members voted positively.
14. There was a prospective bid for hosting ECF25
  - a. Nenad Gubeljask presented a prospective bid for hosting ECF25 in Slovenia in 2024.
  - b. The location would be on the Slovenian coast at Piran Portorose.
  - c. The location offers a good range of hotels e.g. Hotel Bernardin (5\*) and some 4\* hotels close by.
  - d. Air travel would be via Trieste.
  - e. Delegate fees- it was proposed that student fees would be the same as Belgrade ECF22. Full delegate fees would be same as Madeira ECF23.
  - f. Nenad was invited to make a full presentation to Council at ECF23.
15. Election of President and Vice-Presidents
  - a. Leslie Banks-Sills nominated Francesco Iacoviello for President, seconded by Aleks Sedmak. Francesco left the room for the discussion and vote. He was elected unanimously.
  - b. Francesco Iacoviello nominated Aleks Sedmak for Vice President, seconded by Leslie Banks-Sills. Aleks left the room for the discussion and vote. He was elected unanimously.
  - c. Beppe Ferro nominated Liviu Marsavina, seconded by Vladim Silberschmidt. Liviu left the room for the discussion and vote. He was elected unanimously.
16. Miscellaneous
  - a. A vote of thanks to the retiring ESIS President, Leslie Banks-Sills was proposed by Francesco Iacoviello.

**Attendance:**

## ESIS Council Minutes (August 2018)

There were 51 attendees in total. The following signed in.

O. Kolednik, D. Angelova, D. Kozak, J. Pokluda, T. Palin-Luc, S. Schaumder , E. Pasiou, P. Trampus, L. Banks-Sills, G.Ferro, Z. Zhang, J. Galkiewicz, P. Moreira, L. Marsavina, V. Shlyannikov, L. Mizovic, N. Gubeljak, A. Martin-Meizoso, P. Stähle, D. Firrao, H. Nykyforchyn, C. Davies, U. Zerbst, A. Jivkov, A. Carpinteri, B. Blackman, Y. Petrov, J. Besson, L. Restuccia, J. Toribio, V. Moskvichev, P. Yasniy, V. Silberschmidt, F. Berto, F. Iacoviello, A. Sedmak, S. Stanislav, J. Hoefnagels, R Talem, N. Alexopoulos, P. Taverea, L. Reis, L. Susmel.