

Minutes

120 members (present or represented) and observers attended the 2011 SEFI General Assembly held in Lisbon, Portugal (Pavilion Atlantico, Business Centre) on 30 September 2011.

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Kolmos, SEFI President.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Profs. Pecell, Gudmunson, Rompelman, Steinbach, Zbicinski, Bernhard, Jingmann, Legait, Rutkowski, Pereira, Sainz, Lis, Wolff, Larsson, Patko, Ferrari, Kauppi, Wunderli-Allenspach, Menzel, Ihsen, Altman, Ruprecht, Wolf, Zandvoort, Sjoer, Langie, Alpers, Kurz, Alpay, Mittinen and Froyen.

3. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2010 (Trnava)

The Minutes of the 2010 General Assembly held in Trnava and circulated as SEFI/GA/10/11/13 were unanimously approved, with the special thanks of the President to the Secretary General.

4. MATTERS ARISING from the Minutes other than those itemized below

None.

5. PRESIDENT' S REPORT

Prof. Kolmos presented her report that was available also on www.sefi.be, members only, General Assembly 2011, as SEFI/GA/11/3.

She said that the report was based on the Work and Action Plans, and that the overall priority of SEFI during the year had been to promote and enhance the role of SEFI as the largest European network for engineering education, both as a profession body as well as an important player in the process at the European and international level. In this context, many meetings have been organised, initiatives and activities have been developed, with corporate representatives, students, other European and international educational and professional organizations. She also provided an overview of the situation of the membership, the projects, the working groups and Tfs, and she cordially thanked the Headquarters and all those who have been actively involved in the SEFI's life over the last year. The report was unanimously approved.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1. Report of the Treasurer

Prof. Francesco Maffioli presented his report that was circulated as SEFI/GA/11/4.

He thanked the Headquarters for their efforts in the daily management of the Society. He also cordially thanked Prof. Robert Gobin and Prof. Auguste Laloux, auditors of the 2010 accounts.

The report was unanimously accepted by the members and the President thanked Prof. Maffioli for his very good and detailed report.

6.2. Approval of 2010 Balance/Running Accounts /Auditor's report

The members approved by unanimity the 2010 balance sheet and running accounts that had been audited in accordance with the Belgian legislation.

Both documents, together with the Auditors' report, had been circulated as SEFI/GA/11/5.

6.3. Discharge of Administrative Officers

In accordance with the Belgian Law, the members discharged the administrative officers from their responsibilities for the 2010 accounts.

6.4. Approval of the 2012 membership fees

The members unanimously approved the proposal of the Administrative Council to not increase the fees for 2012 (see SEFI/GA/11/6).

6.5. Approval of the 2012 Budget

The proposal for the 2012 budget had been circulated as SEFI/GA/11/7.

The budget was unanimously approved by the members, with special thanks to the Treasurer and the Secretary General who had prepared it.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

7.1. Appointment of scrutineers

Prof. Musilek (Czech Technical University in Prague, CS) and Moravcik (Slovak Technical University, Bratislava) were appointed as scrutineers for the 2011 Administrative Council election.

7.2. Election of Vice-President 2011-2014

The members approved by acclamation the nomination of

Mr. Xavier Fouger (F), Dassault Systems,

as the SEFI Vice-President 2011-2014.

In accordance with Article 19 of the Statutes “*the Vice-President elected in an odd year shall serve a three-year mandate as Vice-President*”.

The CV and letter of motivation of Mr. Fouger had been circulated as SEFI/GA/11/8.

Mr. Fouger cordially thanked the members for their confidence and support and he said a few words about his future commitment towards the Society.

7.3. Election to Administrative Council

As mentioned under SEFI/GA/11/9, there were in total 10 candidates for 8 vacancies (corresponding to seven three-year mandates and one one-year mandate resulting from the election of Mr. Fouger as Vice-President).

The Secretary General then informed the members that Prof. Surygin, St Petersburg State Polytechnic University (Russia) had decided to withdraw his candidature due to internal financial constraints.

Prof. Janusz Szpytko from AGH University of Science and Technology (PL) asked for the correction of the spelling of his name and of his university that were misspelled on the voting paper. The President apologized for this mistake and said that the spelling was right on the other documents (CV and motivation letter) circulated.

The candidates were then invited to briefly introduce themselves.

The list of candidates and of CVs/Letters of motivation had been circulated as SEFI/GA/10/9.

Were elected for a second three-year mandate:

- Prof. Anne-Marie Jolly, Polytech'Orléans (F)
- Prof. Angela Varadi, University of Miskolc (H)
- Prof. Jan-Uwe Wolff, VIA University College (PL)

Were elected for a first three-year mandate:

- Prof. Enrica Caporali, University of Florence (I)
- Prof. Ludo Froyen, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (B)
- Prof. Mike Murphy, Dublin Institute of Technology (IER)
- Prof. Katriina Nordström, University of Aalto (FIN)

Was elected for a one-year mandate:

- Prof. Daiva Dumciuvienė, Kaunas University of Technology (LT)

The President announced the results of the vote providing the scores of all the candidates.

On behalf of the Society, the President congratulated the elected members and she expressed her sincere thanks to the outgoing AC members, namely Profs. Steinbach, Ruprecht, Boev, Jeren, Korhonen.

8. WORKING GROUPS

8.1. Appointment of new officers if any

The members approved the following changes:

- Prof. Esat Alpay, Imperial College London (UK) was appointed as the new Chairperson of the WG on Ethics, succeeding Prof. Henk Zandvoort, TU Delft (NL).

- Prof. Kirsti Mittinen, University of Aalto (FIN) was appointed as the new Chairperson of the WG on CEE, succeeding Prof. Markku Markkula, University of Aalto (FIN).

The President cordially thanked the outgoing chairpersons, namely Prof. Zandvoort and Prof. Markkula, for their outstanding contributions towards SEFI over the last 6 years.

8.2. Creation of new Working Groups

None

8.3. Dissolution of working groups if any

None

8.4. Reports from the Working groups

The WGs Chairpersons were invited to report on the activities of their groups and to add possible information on the reports they had submitted under SEFI/GA/11/10.

9. TRANSFER OF PRESIDENTIAL POWERS

On the occasion of this General Assembly, Prof. Anette Kolmos, University of Aalborg (DK) finished her mandate as SEFI President. She therefore gave the presidential powers to her successor, elected in Trnava in September 2010 as SEFI President-Elect, namely, Prof. Wim Van Petegem, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (B).

Prof. Van Petegem thanked Prof. Kolmos for her outstanding contributions and her continuous dedication towards SEFI, and for her excellent work over the last years.

Prof. Kolmos thanked the members of the Society for their support and cooperation during the time of her presidency and she particularly thanked the Headquarters, in the person of the Secretary General, Françoise Côme.

Prof. Van Petegem then added a few words, informing the members that a new Work Plan entitled "Towards SEFI 2020" was under preparation and will be discussed in depth on the occasion of the next SEFI Administrative Council meeting to be held in December.

10. CLOSING

The outgoing and the incoming Presidents closed together the 2011 General Assembly and they invited all the members to attend the 2012 General Assembly that will be held in Thessaloniki in September 2012.

The 2011 General Assembly was followed by the 2011 SEFI Fellowship Ceremony.

This year, the award went to Prof. Pierre Padilla (ENIM, France), Prof. Michael Auer (IGIP, A) and Prof. Bohdan Macukow (Warsaw University of Technology, PL). The laudation speeches were given by Mr. Fouger, Prof. Van Petegem and Prof. Maffioli.

*Françoise Côme
Secretary General
Brussels, 15 October 2011*