Minutes of ISMARTI annual meeting 2013 - second draft

Date/Time Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 7:30pm - 9:00pm, Tuesday, January 15,

2013

Function Name iSMARTi Annual Meeting

Hotel/Room Omni Shoreham Hotel, Senate Room

Attendance:

T. F. Fwa (ceefwatf@nus.edu.sg, left shortly to make presentation at a TRB technical session), Tom (AT.Papagiannakis@utsa.edu), Douglas Wilson (dj.wilson@auckland.ac.nz), Pappagianakis Seosamh Costello (S.Costello@auckland.ac.nz), Filippo Pratico (Filippo.pratico@unirc.it, Executive Vice-President, chair of meeting), Massimo Losa (losa@ing.unipi.it), (aloizos@central.ntua.gr), Christina Plati (cplati@central.ntua.gr), Raymond Ong (ongr@nus.edu.sg) Karim Chatti (chatti@egr.msu.edu), Alessandro Marradi (a.marradi@ing.unipi.it).

Welcome by Chairman and Introduction

Chairman (Filippo Praticò) called the meeting at 19.30 and welcomed all to the meeting.

Confirmation of last minutes of meeting (in attachment)

Last meeting minutes were briefly recalled and they were approved.

Review of 2012 iSMARTi activities

Douglas Wilson, the Chair of the MAIREPAV-7 Organizing Committee made a brief report of the MAIREPAV-7 conference.

Chairman congratulated Wilson and thanked the Conference Organizing Committee for a well organized and well attended conference.

iSMARTi Reports

A report prepared by the secretary of the ISMARTI was read. It was shown in the meeting for possible comments by members.

iSMARTi Task Force Committee

The meeting brainstormed a number of strategies to re-vitalize the society. (Praticò informed that Tien Twa said that a journal (IJPRT) is available for guesting ISMARTI important news about conferences. — Please remove this. What I meant was to ask the journal to carry a brief announcement of MAIREPAV and ICTI conferences. This is already recorded by you under the item Conferences below)

Tom Pappagianakis said that changes are needed in terms of web site (the web site is quite old; an option would be to put it on google and to this end the files are required to put them improved on google), in terms of update on how to collect fees (automated method for collecting fees – pay pal or similar), revision of the constitution (annual fee for memberships which implies a discount), possibility of the society to help to organize a conference also in economic terms, eventual site on Facebook, need for attracting young people, e-mail list.

Douglas Wilson focused on the opportunity to better understanding the value of ISMARTI.

Chatti Karim highlighted the need for having personalities from different areas.

Future iSMARTi events

Conferences

The meeting re-confirmed the following future events for iSMARTi:

- ICTI 2014 Pisa, Italy (Chair: Massimo Losa) LOSA presented the Conference and illustrated the main characteristics of the event and of the flyer. He detailed on possible publication on Procedia Elsevier and road materials and pavement design. Registration fee, Organization and other details will be provided in the future.
- MAIREPAV-8 2016 Singapore (Chair: T. F. Fwa). Raymond: Dates are going to be fixed. Probably during summer.
- ICTI-4 2018 South Africa (Chair: Wynand Stein).

As for the MAIREPAV-9 – 2020 – further information is needed on for the proposal from Portugal (Chair: Paulo Pereira), the one from Switzerland and the other from Brazil. As an option, one might consider 2024 Mairepav for Zurich or 2022 ICTI for Zurich. In the meanwhile flyer and presentation were already received from Chistiane Raab. Praticò presented the conference proposal and its corresponding flyer. Several components expressed their appreciation for the candidature of the Empa (Switzerland). It was noted (Loizos) that the process of decision needs to end before the previous event (2016), possible at the next TRB meeting (2014).

Tien Fwa sent the following information. The IJPRT, International journal of pavement research and technology, proposed a collaboration with ISMART to shortlist papers presented in ISMARTI conferences (Mairepav and ICTI) for a possible publication in IJPRT with appropriate improvement. So we seek members to approve this cooperation. The committee approved this cooperation. The committee proposed to ask the IJPRT to guest IRMARTI conference announcements.

Next iSMARTi meeting venue

The next iSMARTi meeting will be held in Washington D.C., USA during the TRB Annual Meeting, in January 2014.

Adjourn

As there were no other matters, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.