

Indian Society of Engineering Geology (ISEG)

Minutes of the 4th Executive Council Meeting of ISEG, IIT Delhi, 15.03.2019

The 4th ISEG Executive Council (2018-2019) meeting was held on March 15, 2019 at 18.30 hrs under the chairmanship of Prof. K.S. Rao, President-ISEG at IIT Delhi. The complete list of council members participated in the meeting is presented in Annexure-I.

04.01: Welcome note by ISEG President.

The EC meeting started with the welcome note by ISEG President to the council members present in the meeting.

04.02: Successful organization of EGCON-2018

At the onset, President appreciated the successful organization of EGCON-2018, the annual conference of ISEG held at Hyderabad from 3-5th December, 2019. The President appreciated the overwhelming response in terms of submission of technical abstracts and papers in the conference. Out of ninety accepted abstracts, sixty papers were presented in the conference. Fifty keynote lectures were delivered by eminent personalities from Engineering Geology fraternity. Annual General Meeting was also held at the beginning of the conference. During EGCON-2018, a technical excursion was successfully undertaken to Srisaïlam in AMRP-SLBC TBM tunnel project. In the technical session, a felicitation ceremony was held where all the stalwarts and distinguished guests were felicitated by President, ISEG. During EGCON-2018, the Southern Chapter of ISEG was inaugurated by the President, ISEG. The President, ISEG and all the Executive Council Members express their sincere thanks and gratitude to Shri M. Raju, Vice President, ISEG and Chairman, Organising Committee EGCON-2018, Shri B. Ajaya Kumar, Organising Secretary, EGCON-2018, Geological Survey of India, Southern Region, GSI Training Institute, Hyderabad and all the sponsors for successful completion of EGCON-2018 at Hyderabad.

04.03: From Treasurer's end.

The Treasurer, ISEG formalized the expenditure and balance sheet of ISEG in proper shape. From the consolidated statement submitted by Sh. B. Ajaya Kumar, Organising Secretary, EGCON-2018, it was found that out of total estimated amount of Rs. 20,25,000/- (including GST+TDS), the amount received as on date as sponsorship is Rs. 11,84,600/- only and from registration charges as Rs. 2,01,500/-. For organising EGCON-2018, till date, Rs. 12,67,596/- has already been spent. Shri R.N. Mishra, past President, ISEG stressed on the need of proper approach and correspondence with concerned organizations to expedite the process of collection of balance sponsorship amount. It was also observed that nearly Rs. 35 lakh of corpus are present in ISEG fund in the form of fixed deposits.

04.04: Planning of GOP-2019 at Delhi-NCR

Since no Geo-Orientation Program (GOP) could be held after the year 2017, President, ISEG stressed the need for organization of GOP in the year 2019. The Executive Council unanimously decided to conduct ISEG's Geotechnical Orientation Programme (GOP) in IIT Delhi. The President opined that required infrastructure of IIT Delhi shall be utilised to conduct the same. ISEG Delhi-NCR chapter is requested to organise this event on a suitable date in forthcoming months in consultation with IIT Delhi. As elaborated in the past EC meeting, at least 25-30 candidates are to be considered for the Programme and the required Sponsorship and other financial details will be decided in due course of time for the event. The GOP would include broadly, as per earlier practice, theoretical classes as well as a half day field trip near Delhi-NCR and some laboratory exposure at IIT Delhi for Rock Mechanics. The trainees can make use of this facility and can have an all-round orientation befitting to the industry requirement. The President further advised that the Delhi-NCR Chapter shall also take services of Shri N. K. Mathur, Vice President, ISEG, and all the young ISEG functionaries who were involved in last year's GOP Programme to organise this year's event. A tentative budget and detailed planning may be finalised shortly.

04.05: Status of Publication of Pending Journals and Conference Proceedings

During the EC meeting, it was appraised to President, ISEG that the October, 2018 issue of ISEG newsletter has been circulated amongst the ISEG members. Based on the information submitted by Sh. Rahul Khanna, Editor, ISEG, President, ISEG informed the council that publication of next pending issue of Journal of Engineering Geology as well as conference proceedings/papers dating back to EGCON-2017 are under progress. President also advised that 15-20 good quality papers presented in the annual conference of ISEG should be shortlisted and published in the forthcoming journals of JoEG. As informed by Editor, President conveyed that all the Journals published after the year 2004 are getting uploaded in ISEG website electronically. President also informed that from the next volume of JoEG (Volume-42) onwards, all the upcoming volumes shall be uploaded electronically in ISEG website. President, ISEG conveyed to Council members that by May, 2019, volume 42 of JoEG shall be released. It was felt by the council that, to improve technical quality of the ISEG journal, a lot is still to be done.

04.06: Status of ISEG Building Fund

In continuation to the discussion held in the last EC meeting on ISEG building fund, further discussion and suggestions were made by the council. President suggested that within next 3-4 months, a suitable location for purchasing a 2-BHK ready to move flat for permanent ISEG office building may be finalized. President, ISEG advised to form a building fund committee to expedite this work and proposed the name of past president Sh. R.N. Mishra as Chairman of the Building fund committee. Sh. R.N. Mishra also suggested to appeal for voluntary contributions for ISEG Building fund to all existing ISEG members.

04.07: Honorary Fellowship to distinguished members and office bearers of ISEG

Citing the example of IGS (Indian Geotechnical Society), where Sh. K. S. Rao, President, ISEG was past office bearer, President proposed to fix some criteria for deciding Honorary Fellowship to the distinguished members and office bearers of ISEG. President and past President Sh. R.N. Mishra also proposed different forms of reward that may be conferred to the selected Honorary Fellow like Lifetime exemption of Participation fee in all future ISEG conferences, as Honorary lecturer in the inaugural session of forthcoming ISEG National conferences etc. President advised that all council members of ISEG should suggest some selection criteria for deciding Honorary Fellowship.

04.08: Finalisation of venues, dates, themes & Programmes of EGCON 2019

The President, ISEG advised the council members for advance planning of next EGCON-2019. President explored the possibility of selecting Corporate Office of NHPC Ltd. at Faridabad as venue for EGCON-2019 and requested Sh. Imran Sayeed, Chief General Manager, NHPC and Past Secretary, ISEG to seek permission from competent authority of NHPC for arrangement of the same.

04.09: Status of the representation in IAEG from ISEG

President mentioned about the lack of adequate communication between the office bearers of ISEG and IAEG (International association of Engineering Geology) citing non representation of ISEG in the election programme of IAEG. President suggested that an official mail should be conveyed to IAEG secretariat detailing the mail and address of Office bearers of ISEG for all future correspondences.

The meeting was finally ended with President thanking the EC members who gave time to attend the meeting. A Presidential Dinner followed the meeting.

Annexure-I

List of Participants in 4th EC meeting of ISEG (15.03.2019)

Sl No.	Name
1.	Prof. K.S. Rao, President
2.	Sh. R.N. Mishra, Past President
3.	Sh. Imran Sayeed, Past Secretary
4.	Sh. Vachaspati Pandey, Council Member
5.	Sh. Vivek Sharma, Council Member
6.	Sh. A.P. Singh, Council Member
7.	Sh. Mainak Ghosh Roy, Council Member
8.	Sh. Ankesh Kumar, Invited Guest