

Minutes of Sheffield meeting 2 Sep 2021, 12:45-14:00

Location: held remotely via Google Meet

1. Opening

Prof. František Wald opened the meeting while waiting for Chairman Prof. Jeppe Jönsson to join the video call.

2. Selection of the next place of the conference

Proposal from Delft/ETH Zurich was presented by Prof Andreas Taras, in the absence of Prof. Milan Veljkovic. Proposal from Rzeszow was presented by Prof Alek Kozlowski and Prof Tomasz Siwowski. The Steering Committee considered both proposals well thought-out and thorough. Both candidates had produced detailed costings and considered potential sponsors and income to help cover the costs of the conference.

A Doodle poll had been set up by Prof František Wald. This was to close at midnight on Thursday 2nd September, and the results would be announced during the closing ceremony of the virtual Sheffield Eurosteel conference at 15:50 (UTC+1 London time) on Friday 3rd September.

3. Ideas for Improvement and upgrade of the next Eurosteel Conference

In discussion it was decided that it would be worthwhile to hold the next conference in 2023 and the following one in 2025. The second-placed proposal would by default be assigned the Eurosteel conference in 2025. However the team would have to present an updated proposal at the Steering Committee meeting at Eurosteel 2023. An interim meeting would be scheduled for September 2022 to determine whether the second-placed candidate is still interested in hosting Eurosteel 2025.

Whether Proceedings should be on paper or electronic media was discussed. The members expressed different opinions, but it was agreed that the best scenario would be to hold them digitally but give the option to self-publish. For the conference itself a printed collection of extended abstracts could be considered.

4. Co-operation with structural steel industry and ECCS

If possible, the conference could be scheduled to coordinate with ECCS committee meetings to be held immediately before or after Eurosteel.

5. Other business

Dr Rene Oly highlighted that with the upcoming changes to Eurocode the SC should foresee extra sessions by committee experts.

6. Closure of the meeting by new Chair, Prof. Ian Burgess

The meeting was closed.

In Sheffield Sep 2, 2021

Ian Burges

Evaluation of Doodle secret ballot

The doodle evaluation of the secret ballot was prepared by the secretary on the morning of September 3, 2021. The result is Delft 10 votes and Krakow 8 votes. It is therefore planned to Delft / Zurich 2023 and Krakow / Rzeszow 2025.

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