

MEETING ASCE / AICCP

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9AM

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MINUTES

1. Translation of publications.

- *English into Spanish:* AICCP suggested the two titles below:
 - i. ASCE Code of Ethics: Principles, Study, and Application
 - ii. Toward a Sustainable Water FutureMeggan indicated that ASCE can additionally email to AICCP other possible titles to be considered for translation into Spanish. ASCE agreed that the first option (ASCE Code of Ethics) should be the first priority as of now. Fernando from AICCP pointed out that from conversations with Mike Sanio on Wednesday October 9th this publication is a good document to be translated into Spanish from ASCE's point of view.
- *Spanish into English:* ASCE will be happy to choose among AICCP publications available. AICCP will mail to ASCE a CD with the entire catalog available for translations and in addition AICCP will select a top list of (10) titles of interest in order to narrow the search for titles by ASCE.

2. Use of meeting halls by the other organization.

Megan from ASCE pointed out that promoting international meetings and activities between societies fits very well the Global strategy from ASCE. Specifically, the reciprocal use of facilities between members of both societies in the visiting country was discussed and should be encouraged offered. Specifically:

- *AICCP assistance to ASCE:* possibility of using the installations of our headquarters by ASCE members in Spain (or nearby). AICCP offers ASCE the facilities in Madrid for any meeting of Region 10 members from ASCE or any member from ASCE visiting Spain or any nearby country. Fernando from AICCP described the different conference rooms and parts of the building that would be available.

- *ASCE assistance to AICCP*: availability of a meeting hall for the Civil engineers from Spain in the USA to hold a meeting. ASCE clarified specific possibilities to assist AICCP on this:
 - *The only facilities owned and managed from ASCE are at Washington DC and those are available for Civil Engineers from Spain as needed and coordinated with ASCE.*

3. Coordination of shared events at both countries within societies

The discussions of item 2 led to a different emphasis of the international coordination between the two societies for planning events in the visiting countries:

- AICCP events in US: it would be easier to plan the meeting of AICCP members in the US in conjunction with an ASCE conference, so the participation in both would benefit. Specifically:
 - Technical (or non-technical) presentations could be included in the ASCE conference. AICCP can propose AICCP members, topics, etc. that would fit that specific ASCE event and ASCE could incorporate them in the program
 - The meeting of AICCP members could be hold in parallel with the ASCE conference, 1-2 days sooner, or 1-2 days later.
 - ASCE could facilitate finding rooms for the AICCP meetings
 - In order to ASCE to accommodate accordingly, AICCP can choose from the ASCE future conferences (in ASCE's website) and plan one year ahead (+/-)
 - ASCE can assist AICCP in many different ways of incorporating the visiting AICCP members and events into the program if enough time is given for planning accordingly
- ASCE events in Spain:
 - AICCP has a list of venues listed in the website that Carol form ASCE found. AICCP can recommend a venue that could be of interest to ASCE to participate.
 - ASCE can select an specific speaker to present a topic of interest to the audience of that conference. That speaker could also attend multiple locations in Spain in addition to the place of the conference so they could reach more members.
 - ASCE pointed out that recently they organized a very successful participation with Civil Engineers from India, and emphasized that this matches the Global Strategy from the society.

4. Use of the websites.

- AICCP can offer an area in the website (www.ingenieria-civil.org) to use it to the ASCE and its members
- ASCE can provide an area of contact in their website for our members in United States

Both initiatives were welcome from ASCE and can be coordinated subsequently between the two societies



5. Organization of technical visits for the members of the other organization in order to visit the most important civil engineering construction sites.
 - AICCP offered ASCE members visiting Spain to contact AICCP with their areas of interest so AICCP can organize a meeting with engineering authorities related to those engineering construction sites, facilities, or historic engineering items.
 - ASCE pointed out their willingness to organize a technical visit of interest to a group of AICCP members by contacting engineers involved in those visits of interest. For example, a delegation from the Japanese Society of Civil Engineers visited the city hall of Charlotte during the ASCE national conference arranged by ASCE, and they could meet the city engineers and solve many questions about how civil engineering is managed by an American city municipality. ASCE clarified that it is best to select the time, place and description of the number of engineers interested, the specific area of interest (or engineering interest) and provide a list of questions so ASCE can plan accordingly best.

The meeting adjourned at 10AM and everybody present agreed that Fernando Moreu would distribute the minutes to all present so edits / comments could be edited and corrected as needed.