

The 49th World Federation of Engineering Organisations (WFEO) General Assembly 2017

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CORPORATE AFFAIRS (INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS)

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Ir. Yap Soon Hoe

IEM President Ir. Dr Tan Yean Chin and Honorary Secretary Ir. Yap Soon Hoe attended the 49th General Assembly of the World Federation of Engineering Organisations (WFEO), an international non-governmental organisation founded in 1968 under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organizations (UNESCO) in Paris.

IEM is a founder member of WFEO which brings together national engineering organisations from over 90 nations and represents some 20 million engineers from around the world.

WFEO held its 49th General Assembly in Rome, Italy, from 1-2 December, 2017 and before that, in Kyoto, Japan, from 3-4 December, 2015.

Prior to the General Assembly, the following Standing and Technical Committees held their meetings:

1. Committee on Education in Engineering (CEIE).
2. Committee on Engineering and the Environment (CEE).
3. Committee on Information and Communication (CIC).
4. Committee on Engineering Innovative Technologies (CEIT).
5. Committee on Engineering Capacity Building (CECB).
6. Committee on Energy (CE).
7. Women in Engineering (WIE).
8. Committee on Anti-Corruption (CAC).

9. Committee on Disaster Risk Management (CDRM).

10. Young Engineers/Future Leaders (YE/FL).

IEM Executive Committee members Ir. Dr Tan Chee Fai and Ir. Assoc. Prof. Leong Wai Yie represented IEM at the CEIT, CEIE and CE, WIE meetings on a self-funded, voluntary basis.

At the 49th General Assembly, the following office bearers were elected to the WFEO Executive Board:

President	Dr Marlene Kanga (Engineers Australia)
President-Elect	Prof. Ke Gong (Chinese Association of Science and Technology)
Past President	Eng. Jorge Spitalnik (Pan American Union of Engineers)
Exec. Vice President	Dr Reginald Vachon (American Society of Mechanical Engineers)
Exec. Vice President	Eng. Ctomir Remec (European Council of Engineers Chambers)
Treasurer	Er. Tan Seng Chuan (Institution of Engineers, Singapore)
Deputy Treasurer	Mr. Pierre de Boigne - non-voting member
Executive Director	Mr. Jacques de Mereuil - non-voting member

The WFEO Executive Council held its meeting on 30 November. IEM is not a member of the Executive Council and Ir. Dr Tan Yean Chin attended the meeting as the Secretary General of the Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and Pacific (FEIAP) which is a member of the WFEO Executive Council. Dato' Ir. (Dr) Lee Yee Chong and Ir. Yap Soon Hoe attended the meeting as observers.

During the meeting Ir. Dr Tan cast his objection vote against the proposal to increase the WFEO membership annual subscription, but nevertheless the proposal went through and was approved by the Executive Council.

The Commonwealth of Engineers Council (CEC), headed by Prof Paul Jowitt, Past President of the Institution of Civil Engineers United Kingdom, hosted a cocktail reception for the delegates on 29 November, 2017.

As FEIAP Secretary General, Ir. Dr Tan Yean Chin took the opportunity to network and foster closer rapport with the heads of other delegations such as Prof. Jose Pereira Vieira, President of European Federation of National Engineering Associations (FEANI), Mr. Carlos Mineiro Aires of the Council of Engineers Associations of Portuguese and Spanish Speaking Countries (Ordem Dos Engenheiros- CICIP), Eng. Julius Riungu of the Federation of African Engineering Organisations (FAEO), Mr. Abderrahim Handoufe of the Union Nationale Des Ingeieurs



IEM President Ir. Dr Tan Yean Chin and IEM Honorary Secretary Ir. Yap Soon Hoe took the opportunity to network. Standing next to Ir. Dr Tan is WFEO President Dr Marlene Kanga



The WFEO General Assembly, chaired by Outgoing President Jorge Spitalnik



Some 90 countries were involved in the WFEO General Assembly @ WEF2017 in Rome

Marocaines and Prof. Edemar De Souza of the Pan American Federation of Engineers Organizations (UPADI).

The discussions were held with a view for FEIAP to engage the organisations to collaborate on engineering education and the formation of a network of international engineering organisations.

Such initiatives would forge greater cooperation between such organisations and FEIAP, which will indirectly boost the image of IEM as the FEIAP Secretariat. The ultimate aim is for members of IEM to have a platform to network globally and participate in international conferences and seminars. ■

ITEM DIARY OF EVENTS

Title: 13th Malaysia Chem-e-car Competition 2018

30-31 March 2018

Organised by: Chemical Engineering
Technical Division

Time : 9.00 a.m. - 6.30 p.m.

CPD/PDP : Applying

Title: Technical Visit to German Malaysian Institute (GMI) Conjunction with Open Day

31 March 2018

Organised by: Mechanical
Engineering Technical
Division

Time : 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

CPD/PDP : Applying

Kindly note that the scheduled events are subject to change. Please visit the IEM website at www.myiem.org.my for more information on the upcoming events.