

Release to all WFEO Members

**WFEO Committees, Executive Council and General Assembly meet
in Kuwait**

The General Assembly of the World Federation of Engineering Organisations, invited by the Kuwait Society of Engineers (KSE) met in Kuwait from 1 to 6 November 2009 ending a week devoted to engineering and engineers.

Seventy two members in good standing attended the meetings in addition to several other countries that participated as observers.

Several events prepared this meeting during the first days of the week:

- The eight Standing Committees reviewed their activities during the current year and discussed their programmes to be launched next year.
- The Executive Council received their reports as well as those of the Task Forces and International Members and prepared the recommendations for the General Assembly. It also received the report of the World Engineers' Week (WEW) to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in October 2010 and World Engineers' Convention (WEC) to be held in Geneva, Switzerland in September 2011.

Simultaneously, KSE had organised an Engineering Congress on Alternative Energy Applications: Option or Necessity?

The WFEO General Assembly was opened by President Barry Grear.

It took note of the signature of the Framework Agreement between WFEO and UNESCO; it highlighted the cooperation between WFEO and the UN agencies and received the report on the development of WFEO membership.

It took in particular the following decisions:

- It approved of the Audited Accounts for 2007 and 2008 and the Internal Audit for 2008 and confirmed the budget for 2010.
- It welcomed the new members who had submitted membership applications such as Cameroun in addition to those members who decided to resume relations with the Federation such as the Dominican Republic, Morocco and Senegal.
- It called for applications to host the Committee on Education and Training (CET) to be submitted to the Executive Board in March 2010 at the latest.
- It approved the creation of a Standing Committee on Disaster Risk Management to be hosted by Japan and chaired by Dr. Yumio Ishii.

- It acknowledged the award of the WFEO Medal of Engineering Excellence to Mr. Seshadri Srinivasan (India/UK), the Medal of Excellence in Engineering Education to Mrs. Yi Qian (China), the Hassib Sabbagh Award for Engineering Construction to Mr. Qifan BAO (China) and the Saïd Khoury Award for Engineering Construction to the Team of Engineers led by Dennis R. Bilodeau (USA).
- It also acknowledged the award of the medals for outstanding services to late Mr. Hisham Malik-Al-Shehaby that was received by his wife and to Messrs. Stefanos Ioakimidis, Mihai Mihaita, Leizer Lerner and Tony Ridley.
- It elected as President Elect Mr. Adel Al Khorafi (Kuwait).
- It elected as Treasurer, Mr. Jaime Santamaria Serrano (Colombia)
- It elected as Vice President for the period 2009-2011, Mr. Konstantinos Alexopoulos (Greece)
- It elected as representatives of National Members to the Executive Council, Mrs. Rosaline Ganendra (Malaysia) and Messrs. Khalil I. Al-Hosani (United Arab Emirates), Peter Greenwood (Australia), Saad Ahmad (Syria), Mustapha Bulama (Nigeria) and Carlos R. dos Santos Moura (Brazil).
- It confirmed the holding of the next 2010 Executive Council meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina and the next 2011 General Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland..

The activities and projects of the Federation were debated including the updating Constitution and Rules of Procedure.

At the end of the General Assembly, President Barry Grear passed the presidency to Mr.s. Maria Prieto who thanked all participants and called for the co-operation and efforts of all members to help build a strong and efficient Federation to the benefit of all engineers. She then chaired the new Executive Council meeting, confirmed the nomination of Messrs. Marwan Abdelhamid and Jean-Claude Badoux to the Executive Board and allocated the tasks to the various Council members.