



European Association of Surface Heating and Cooling

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Members and fees

No member left, no member entered. But Chemidro as part of WAVIN Group was cancelled as an individual member by her mother company.

The discussion with some candidates is still going on.

Until now the General Assembly was always partly sponsored. It seems to be unjustified to base too much on this sponsoring. We have to discuss whether we will continue this way or we will raise the member fees in order to finance the total event.

Also we have to see the context with national association. Country by country we should see the possibility to combine national and European memberships.

Meetings

Our last year General Assembly took place in Amsterdam (Netherland) on June 19th. Wouter Wijma, from WAVN BV, did a fantastic job and we thank him to have organised a superb and interesting General Assembly. We thank WAVIN BV and RETTIG ICC bv having sponsored the witty sightseeing and the spectacular "RUNNING DINNER".

The information given by Mr. Wijma and Mr. Struyf about the Benelux and European market gave us an interesting view of specialities in Europe. Prof. Bjarne W. Olesen and Mr. Michele De Carli made an upgrade of the knowledge of EN-eu-ray2005 project. Changes of European standards made it not possible to bring the project to an end in 2006. As the project is finished now (presentation during General Meeting 2007) you will receive the invoice of fee 2006 and participation of the project in summer 2007.

September 2006 we had a Workshop for an upgrade of the Project EN-eu-ray2005 in Padova (ITALY). This has given the possibility to visit the business-center of Professor Roberto Zecchin, which he presented as a project simulation at the General Assembly 2003 in Venice. It represents an impressing building by its architecture, energy efficiency and room lightening.

The Board met once since last assembly, in March 2007 in Francfort and had a call conference on September 2006

Markets and National Associations

In 2006 we had a strong growth in practically all Europe. After a longer time we faced a growth also in Germany. East European markets showed an overage growth in the general heating business, while underfloorheating here is still in the beginning.

The extreme rising of the raw material prices could only partly be charged to the markets.

The communication with national Associations is still difficult.

Cochebat: The French association could still not decide whether they will be integrated or not. But we will continue to keep in contact.

bvf : With bvf we had discussions about industrial point of view and communication methods.

In general we should have as one of the next steps a meeting with the heads of the National associations and try to bring them more together.

We should also aim to bring the national mirror-committee of the most important EN concerning surface heating and cooling in a list on our website.

Standardisation and technical issues

- Energy performance directive (EPD)

We have the first experience with this work item. We see the advantage in saving energy and we see different application in different countries and even in different building characters in reason of different software use.

- TC130 WG 9: the renew of EN1264 as a new EN1264 testing standard turns out to a new general standard for surface heating and cooling
- TC228 WG 5 prEN15377 Surface heating and cooling, system application and calculation basics. Part 2 turns out as an intermediate part unless EN 1264 part 2 and 3 is not coming out yet.

The change of the target during the work of EN 1264 comes to a conflict with the EN15377 on the way. And on the other hand with the two WG treating this two new items the meetings for industries has doubled. And as eu-ray tried to solve intensively to cool down the conflict, the General Manger had high travelling costs.

Finally it was the wisdom of TC 228 to offer a generous solution. It was agreed by a common minutes that TC 228 will retire part 2 of EN 15377 when new part 2 and 3 of EN 1264 become valid. This agreement calmed down the conflict for the moment. In long terms we have to see how it will work because it seems the related parts will be structured differently.

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