



Balkan Tribological Association
MANAGING BOARD MEETING

Thursday, 30th October 2014

Sinaia, Romania

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BALKANTRIB'14 Conference

Thursday, 30 October 2014, 18.30 – 20.00 h

Sinaia, Romania

Minutes

1. The Balkan Tribological Association Board Meeting took place in Sinaia, Romania, on October 30th 2014, at 11.15.

Chairman: Prof. Konstantinos-Dionysios Bouzakis

Present: Prof. Athanassios Mihailidis (Greece)

Prof. Aleksandar Vencel (Serbia)

Prof. Mehmet-Baki Karamiş (Turkey)

Prof. Andrei Tudor, Prof. Razvan G. Ripeanu, Prof. Spiridon Cretu, Prof. Minodora Ripa (Romania)

Prof. Emilia Assenova, Prof. Slavi Ivanov, Prof. Mara Kandeveva, Prof. Zhecho Kalitchin, Prof. Vyara Pozhidaeva (Bulgaria)

2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the last Council minutes

The last Council minutes were approved.

4. Membership of Croatia in BTA

During the 15th International Tribological Conference MATRIB 2014 in Vela Luka, Croatia, organized by the Croatian Society for Materials and Tribology, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gojko Marić -President of the Croatian Society for Materials and Tribology and other members of the Society, had affirmed in conversations their request and decision for membership of Croatia in the BTA. Gojko Marić had sent a message-

application to Prof. K.-D. Bouzakis and Prof. Emilia Assenova exposing their request in writing. After discussion during the BTA Board Meeting, the **membership of Croatia** in the Balkan Tribological Association **was approved** unanimously, under the following conditions:

- Being member-country, Croatia should send the names of the contact persons, as well as more information about their tribological activities
- Croatia should organize as host country the Conference Balkantrib at the loop termination, i.e. after the hosting of Serbia in 2020.
- Croatia, as a member country of BTA, will participate in the sponsorship of the Journal of BTA amounting to 1000 € per year.

Croatia should be informed about these decisions by a message sent to Prof. Gojko Marić.

5. Tribological research activities in the Balkan countries, 2011 – 2014

Reports from all countries have to be gathered, unified and then be published.

Member countries, which have not sent, until now, activities for the period 2011 – 2014 to Emilia Assenova, are kindly requested to do that until end of November 2014.

6. Report about the Journal of BTA

- Prof. Slavi Ivanov and Prof. Zhecho Kalitchin reported on the last 3 years development of the Journal of the BTA. Since 2009, the Impact factor of BTA Journal has increased from 0.103 to 0.321. The editing and printing of the Journal of BTA is favorable for all Tribological Societies, members of BTA, because against 1000 EUR they receive 8-10 subscriptions, which otherwise cost 3200-4000 EUR. Also the authors from these countries are publishing their papers free of charge without any restrictions. The Tribological Societies have the right to distribute against payment the copies of the Journal in their own countries. The publishing of papers in the JBTA is associated with a fee for authors from non-Balkan countries. Authors from Balkan countries, which do not pay the contribution for JBTA, have also to pay for publishing in JBTA.
- Prof. Alexandar Vencl expressed concerns on the quality of JBTA and on the orthological use of the BTA member countries contributions for supporting the publishing of this journal. He also declared the intention of Serbia to stop paying this contribution.

- Prof. Bouzakis stated that the publishing of the BTA Journal has to be considered as a common activity of the BTA-countries “family”. For strengthening the “family spirit”, during the difficult period of the bombardments of Serbia, Greece paid the Serbian contribution for several years. A solution has to be found satisfying all BTA member countries.

These issues were extensively discussed and the following decisions were made:

- The **quality** of the Journal as well as the website of the Journal should be improved. The Bulgarian Colleagues have to suggest in writing, measures for obtaining this target.
- According to the decisions of the previous Minutes of BTA Board Meeting in 2011 in Thessaloniki, Aleksandar VencI and Slobodan Mitrović have created a first version of the **website of BTA**. Prof. A. VencI proposed to finish the Website after gathering the opinions of the member-countries on the first version; the maintenance of the Website has to be assigned to Serbia. The Board Meeting approved this proposal.
- Regarding the financial matters of the Journal, a letter to the Publishing House has to be sent, requiring a **financial report** for the last two financially reviewed fiscal years. Moreover, the BTA Board has to be informed in written by Prof. S. Ivanov and Prof. Z. Kalitchin on the use of the selected publications fees and BTA countries contributions.

7. Proposal for the establishment of MSc in Triboengineering by BTA

On behalf of the Society of Bulgarian Tribologists, Prof. M. KandeVA introduced a proposal, which was approved in the Conference BULTRIB 2013 in Sofia and sent by e-mail to the members of the Board on 14.10.2014. According to this proposal, a MSc in TRIBOENGINEERING has to be established as an educational contact network in tribology in the Balkans. This has to be set up by the Balkan Tribological Association during the mandate of Romania.

The proposal includes briefly the following issues:

- Teaching of MSc-students in the BTA member-countries according to syllabuses and programs created by the respective country-teams and approved by Managing Board of BTA.
- A project has to be prepared aiming at financial support, in the frame of European or Regional Programs. The source for gathering information on financial issues

could be the EU Horizon 2020 (Prof. M. Ripa) and the EU Erasmus+ (Prof. A. VencI).

Written supports for this proposal were obtained by Prof. Aleksandar Rac, Serbia and Dr. Ljiljana Pedišić, company INA Maziva Ltd, Croatia.

The Board **supports the proposal** and waits for more detailed description and information from Prof. Ripa and Prof. VencI.

8. New BALKANTRIB authorities

Romania chairs BTA for the period of 2014 – 2017. The new BTA President is Prof. Niculae Napoleon Antonescu with Vice-President Prof. Andrei Tudor. Prof. Konstantinos-Dionysios Bouzakis was nominated past President and Prof. Mehmet-Baki Karamiş next President.

BTA representatives from the member countries are: Minodora Ripa (RO), Athanassios Mihailidis (GR), Mehmet-Baki Karamiş (TR), Aleksandar VencI (RS), Emilia Assenova (BG).

1. The Board Meeting accepted the proposal of Prof. M. Kandeve, that **Professor Nyagol Manolov**, founder and first Chairman of the BTA, with outstanding achievements in the field of Tribology, **to be Honorary President of the BTA**.
2. Past Presidents, after their retirement in their countries, could be nominated by the Board as Emeritus Presidents of BTA.

9. Any other business

1. In connection with the cyber criminals attack against the logo of JBTA, it was suggested that the BTA Journal has to be registered as a Trade mark in Bulgaria, which will be valid in EU. The Tribological Societies, which have sponsored the Journal for the last 20 years will become co-owners of this trade mark.

A cost proposal for the related legal procedure has to be submitted by the Bulgarian Colleagues to the BTA Board.

2. The next Balkantrib Conference will be in Turkey in 2017. The place has to be confirmed by the Turkish Delegation.

10. Closure

The Board Meeting was terminated at approximately 20 h.