



EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION OF AGRONOMIST ASSOCIATIONS

NEWS LETTER

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EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

We are publishing our third News Letter under the new presentation. It will be the first one published in 2005, after the interruption last year 2004. Thanks to the writers and to those who have prepared and translated it

It is a good opportunity to underline the fact that the CEDIA is entirely operated on a voluntary basis by the administrators, the auditor and the general secretary.

Our participants have often to cumulate their professional activities, responsibilities in their national associations of Agronomists, and their family lives. As for a number of associations with similar organisations, it explains, at least partially, the difficulties we meet in the realisation of our program of activities. We are nevertheless progressively getting there.

I would like to mention also that we are working more and more in close collaboration with our colleagues professors in the higher studies in agriculture associated in the ICA (Interuniversity Consortium for Agricultural and related sciences in Europe) and with the students who are associated in the IAAS (International Associations of Agricultural Students).

Finally, I would like to thank our friend Oscar MEYER who is retiring this year for all what he did for us. He represented the Swiss association of Agronomists and acted during many years as treasurer of our Confederation.

You shall find in this edition a presentation of the Greek association of Agronomists as well as the minutes of our different meetings.

I urge you, dear readers, to visit our recently reconstructed internet site at www.cedia.be, and in which you can find all the links to our association members and those with whom we work with.

Enjoy the reading.

Paul Deram,
President

SUMMARY OF GEOTEE GREECE

Objectives of our association

Geotechnical Chamber of Greece (GEOTEE) is a public service, which role is to enhance and promote the scientific knowledge in the fields of agriculture, animal breeding, forestry, fishery, mining and water resources management, in order to intervene and guide the evolution in the above mentioned fields of knowledge.

GEOTEE is the advisor-by-law of the Hellenic State when it comes to matters of economic and social development of the country, always trying to take into account the environmental factor, its respect and its protection.

GEOTEE is also the scientific and professional organisation for the scientists of the above mentioned specialities, making efforts to defend and promote their economic status, their professional assuring and protection and their social acceptance and appreciation.

Members of the GEOTEE are all the agriculture and forest engineers, veterinarians, geologists and ichthyologists of Greece, consisting a total of almost 25,000 members.

In order to achieve its goals, GEOTEE co-operates with other chambers or unions in a national level, and organises itself or participates in several fairs, conferences and congresses. Furthermore, GEOTEE is a full member of CEDIA (European Confederation of Agricultural Engineers), an organisation that has as its objectives the promotion of european integration by developing co-operation between its members in the fields of information, continuing education and agri-rural development and the promotion of the general and specific interests of its members in dealing with the European Union institutions as well as with other bodies.

Our members

Members of the GEOTEE are ALL the university graduate geotechnicals (Agriculture Engineers, Forest Engineer, Veterinarians, Geologists and Ichthyologists) .

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Members must have the greek nationality or the nationality of a country - member of the European Union.

Today the number of GEOTEE members is estimated to 25,000 approximately.

The annual subscription (in EUROS) for our members

The annual subscription for our members is 15 EUROS, applied to all members, with no exceptions.

This price includes any information or consulting needed by our members, along with the subscription to GEOTECHNIKI ENIMEROSI and GEOTECHNICAL SCIENTIFIC ISSUES, which are the two periodical publications of GEOTEE. The first is published every month and the second every four months.

The organizational plan on the structure of our organization (national and regional)

At the top of the administration pyramid of GEOTEE is the Administration Board which consists of 15 members (5 agriculture engineers, 3 forest engineers, 3 veterinarians, 3 geologists and 1 ichthyologist). The Board is helped in its work by the GEOTEE Service. The Service is divided into three departments (Department of Administration, Department of Logistics & Management and Department of Studies, Publications & Public Relations), with the Manager of GEOTEE as the supervising authority. The Administration Board has the ability to constitute any committee or technical group necessary to achieve its goals.

In every one of the ten branches of GEOTEE there is an Administrative Committee at the top, consisting of 11 members (4 agriculture engineers, 2 forest engineers, 2 veterinarians, 2 geologists and 1 ichthyologist). This Committee is supported in its work by a Secretariat and five Scientific Committees (one for every scientific branch, with five members each).

The Administrative Committee may also constitute any other committee or technical group necessary for supporting its work.

Operating way

The Administration Board has the final word on all the matters concerning the GEOTEE, on a national and international level. It is elected for a three-years period, with elections held in a national level among all the members of GEOTEE.

In its work is supported by the GEOTEE. Service, which has the responsibility for carrying out all the decisions of the Administration Board.

The Administrative Committee of each regional branch is elected for the same three-years period as the central Administration Board, with elections held among the members of GEOTEE in that particular region and has a decisive role for all the matters concerning its region. The five Scientific Committees of each Administrative Committee are also elected in the same elections.

Their role is to consult and support the work of the Administrative Committee for issues concerning their own scientific field.

Our activities

Keeping in touch with our members - Our publications

Our members are kept informed via GEOTECHNIKI ENIMEROSI, a monthly publication, and GEOTECHNICAL SCIENTIFIC ISSUES, published every three months. The annual subscription to both periodical publications is 12 EUROS per year and it is included in the annual member subscription.

These publications are available to anyone (i.e. non members), as long as the subscription is paid.

For persons who are not members of the GEOTEE the annual subscription is 15 EUROS, for the companies is 30 EUROS and for the students is 7,5 EUROS.

Other types of events offered to our members

Meetings, conferences and congresses of scientific or economic interest, on regional or national level, are organised quite often, having as a goal the exchange of ideas and the suggestion of solutions for many problems concerning the economic and social development of the country.

Other information

The major question in which our efforts were focused the recent years, is the assuring by law of the professional rights of our members.

Other activities include consulting the state about various law proposals concerning the economic and social development of the country and also education and training of our members via seminars, conferences and congresses.

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SUMMARY OF THE "JOBSERVICE" MEETING

Unfortunately the minutes of this meeting didn't arrive in time to be inserted in this issue of the Newsletter

SUMARIES OF THE MEETINGS

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 20th of March 2004, at 14h00 at the "Palais des Académies" in Brussels.

The accounts of 2003 are showing a net result of more than 7000 Euros. The General Assembly approves the proposal of the Board of financing the second phase of the modernisation of the Internet site with the benefit of 2003. It approves the accounts presented by the Board for 2003.

The program of action of 2004 is re conducted in 2005 with special attention to the organisation of the meeting of the Employment Services, to the

organisation of the 2005 Conference, to the participation to the ICA Conference and to the modernisation of the Internet site.

The budget for 2005 is approved at unanimity. The fees remain unchanged.

Italy is welcome as a new member and G.BISSANTI is elected as Administrator.

The next Board Meeting shall take place the 6th of June at the same place than the Employment Services meeting.

THE BOARD MEETINGS

8th February, in Brussels.

The re activation of the Website is underway. The first step, the update of the information on the existing site by EMMA is approved without delay. The implementation of the phase 1 of the modernisation of the site is decided for a cost of 4000 Euros. This phase includes the creation of a new front page, of four static pages hosting the information about the CEDIA and two active pages to host the events of interest for the members and the visitors. This first phase shall include a better visibility in the search engines. A Task Force of four members is created for quicker decisions.

On the opposite, the request of Sweden to delay once more the date of the Conference of 2004 raises serious concern about the capacity of CEDIA to organise the Conference this year. The Board decides to hold a General Assembly the 20th of March associated with a presentation on the theme of the Life Long Training to be made by a professor from a Belgian university.

As a general comment, the repetition of meetings close to each other is difficult to justify now that the

follow up of the organisation of the Conference is removed.

The agenda of the next General Assembly in March includes a clarification of the difficulties of operating the CEDIA.

20th March, in Brussels.

The treasurer, O.MEYER reports the reduction by the EU Commission of the interests due on the financing of the ATTEA program from 12000 Euros to 9451 Euros.

The News Letter is suffering from a lack of articles and the members are requested to contribute more. More specifically, articles are expected from several countries about the organisation of their Associations.

The company EMMA presents the new Web site. Of the three options proposed, the Board chooses the one offering the greatest flexibility for the presentation of the topics and the handling of the active pages. The Board proposes to use part of the benefits of 2003 for the implementation of the second phase of the project before the end of 2003.

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The 7th of June is proposed to hold the Employment Services meeting. The topics proposed for the meeting are covering the update of the existing information on the Employment Services, the employment market trends and the adaptation of the new graduates, the presentation of the German "Agrijob" Web site and the publication on the CEDIA site of the jobs offering an international profile.

The Board proposes that the General Assembly meeting the following day endorses its proposals concerning the 2004 budget.

6th June, in Bonn

Place: VDL Office, Kasernenstrasse

After the presentation of Bjorn FORSS, the new representative of Sweden to the CEDIA and new President of the Swedish Association, the Board is informed by the treasurer that the different with the EU Commission concerning the ATTEA project has been resolved.

The preparation of the next Newsletter is underway. The presentations of the Greek, German, Swiss and Swedish Associations are expected. The other events worth mentioning are the ICA Conference in Copenhagen and the next Board Meeting that shall take place the 23d of October in Rome.

The new Internet site proposed by EMMA is available as a project on Internet. The comments of the Administrators are expected shortly. This new site shall improve the communication of the CEDIA.

The participation of the CEDIA to the ICA conference in Copenhagen shall be on the theme: "Present and future jobs in Agriculture and the related activities". The members are requested to propose speakers for the working sessions.

The meeting of the Employment Services shall take place the following day. Eight countries shall participate. The purpose of this meeting is to share experience and the reciprocity of the services offered

to the members of all the Associations making the CEDIA.

C.VERHEYDEN suggests that a year of free membership to the CEDIA shall be offered to the associations of the new members of the EU Community. It is requested to P. DERAM to address the ICA in order to obtain contacts in the schools and universities that may provide the references of these associations.

Board Meeting of the 13th of November 2004

A certain number of activities took place since the last Board Meeting of June.

Most of the Associations members met after the Board Meeting of June to discuss of the Job Services. Germany introduced its program "Agrijob" that enables an efficient presentation and search of the jobs offers. The CEDIA has also participated to the ICA Conference held in Copenhagen in August.

It treated of "Future and present jobs in the European agriculture and in the related activities" to everybody's satisfaction.

This Conference has been an opportunity for meetings between the President of the CEDIA, P.Deram and representatives of other European Associations like of course the ICA but also the IAAS and the CLAUI.

No Information Letter has been published in 2004 so far. This unfortunate situation should be corrected by the end of the year.

The renovation of the Website of the CEDIA is progressing well and the first phase should be completed by the end of the year.

The search of new members, especially in the countries that just joined the E.U. is going on. A list of contacts shall be distributed to all the members who shall actively participate in this search.

Finally, in 2005, the CEDIA shall elect a new President and it is requested that the candidates make themselves known.

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Germany	VDL	www.vdl.de	vdlbv.bonn@t-online.de
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AGENDA

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Board meetings:

The next Board Meeting shall take place as planned the 26th of February in Paris in the office space of the French Association, Les Ingénieurs de l'Agro, 5 Quai Voltaire, Paris 75 007.

General Assembly

Scheduled for May 2005, for Rome, the exact date is still not available.

Other:

NOTE FROM THE REDACTOR OF THE NEWS LETTER

I took the responsibility of producing the News Letter under its new format in 2003.

In spite of our efforts, it has been very difficult to get the cooperation needed from our colleagues of the board.

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In fact, just as the President says in his editorial, we all have other occupations and it is very difficult to spare the time required by this task.

For this reason the News Letter has not been published in 2004.

I hope that in 2005 we will have at least an issue every four months making a total of 3 publications per year.

We also encourage our readers to subscribe to this newsletter in our site just by submitting the email address in its home page in the registration box.

Thank you and enjoy the reading.

Alberto Krohn
Vice-President

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