



Spring Meeting Report 2005 to CEEES

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On the 14th of April 2004 SEES had its annual meeting.

As chairman of the board Peter Eriksson was replaced by Bengt Axelsson, Managing Director Axeb AB.

Thanks were expressed to Peter for his period as SEES President.

As to activities within SEES we like to refer to the SEES web-site, www.sees.se. It is more and more obvious that information and contacts among members are distributed via internet. To write a report with the details should not be necessary as the web-site is almost daily updated.

The biggest event this year for SEES as an organization was naturally the responsibility for the CEEES assembly and conference in September 2004. The documentation (pictures shown by the lecturers are available on a CD, distributed to the participants).

SEES has organized a conference in April with presentations from two of our Working groups "Numerical Calculation" and "Corrosion and Air pollution" with Theme "Fatigue and life length calculation - impact from climatic and chemical environmental agents" - 35 participants.

The Working Groups have had meetings and seminars within their special areas. An ad hoc group has been working during 2004 with several seminars and meetings.

The name has been "Design of Functional Units for Products by Total Cost Accounting Approach". The group got a support from VINNOVA (State research organization). The total support from the VINNOVA was 33.000 euros and the Report is ready and will be printed spring 2005.

The literature and educational material has been enlarged thanks to sponsoring and engagement from members.

Thus there have been issued two appendices to the Environmental Engineering Handbook:

Appendix A: Lifetime Technology and Chemical Stress

Appendix B: Mechanical Environmental Factors (it is a more advanced presentation than given in the main handbook)

The main problem is the difficulty for members of board and working groups to finance their participation. The defense industry is being reduced and it is very tough in above all among the sub-suppliers to the automotive industry. Everyone has to be able to indicate the (immediate) benefit of spending time, traveling and seminar costs, and more and more we experience that participation has to be budgeted (pressed) in hours and traveling expenses. The long term developing work in a not very direct product development seems to be less favored.

The next annual meeting (SEES General Assembly) will take place in Vadstena April 14th 2005.

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