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“CAETS Going Forward”

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Suggestions Received from Member Academies

- a. Make better use of CAETS to develop cooperative activities among the willing.
- b. In the Council Meeting, it would be necessary to keep good enough time for discussing important issues. It is a good-faith effort to encourage each academy to internally discuss in advance a couple of issues that should be discussed at the Council Meeting. However, it tends to be lack of time for in-depth discussion. Effective time allocation (balance between introductory explanations and in-depth discussion) could facilitate much more meaningful discussion.
The completion of the statement immediately after the symposium or convocation is meaningful, and this works smoothly. More time for discussion might allow the member academies to think about how to shape and follow up the idea in cooperation with other international organizations in addition to fine-tuning of the statement.
- c. The CAETS should have a system that would support its sustainable development. Encouraging the participation of younger generations could help them understand the significance of the CAETS activities and could help smooth generation change in the CAETS. Preparing a firm foothold for the future CAETS would be a pressing matter.
- d. In consideration of the position and mission of the CAETS, the themes/topics of the symposium/convocation and WGs shall be what the member academies would find common interest. Specific topics should come only after identifying the major challenges.
- e. In depth discussion on important issues is needed. However, the subject for discussion needs to be selected with more common interests among member academies. And hopefully the subject would be more timely, meaning that CAETS be more proactive.
- f. To be proactive, would suggest to design “The year of **subject**” type activity similar to what UN has been doing. CAETS may select important technology or engineering issue for near future. By going this way, we could focus our discussion, and would spend debriefing session the next year.
- g. Continue “Issues of Concern” & “Activities of interest”, with improved format. Member society can learn from friends. In the past there has not been enough time in the Council meeting to describe and run Q/A during the Council Meeting. As an alternative, each member society could prepare an activity report (as has been doing) in much advance, and assemble as a year book or booklet for distribution at the annual convocation. We may deal with highlight during the session. This suggestion requires more work from members in advance, and someone needs to select highlight topics of the year.
- h. Review potential new member academies and develop agreed approach.
- i. Identify potential benefits and procedures for collaboration with engineering/science-related international organizations, such as WMO, UNESCO, IAP, and WFEO.

j. Facilitate sharing of best practices: short reports on best practices on topics such as communicating with the members, the public and government, fund raising, governance policies, etc....

k. Maintain a list of “experts” from various academies, listed by area of expertise; have experience working on government sponsored studies.

l. Consider getting funding from International organizations, e.g. the World Bank or the UN to help smaller countries participate in CAETS activities?

m. Council discussion topics: Source of topics; preparation.

n. “Issues of Concern” and “Activities of Interest:” Purpose, Format.

o. Become the 4th division of the InterAcademy Partnership. The InterAcademy Panel will transform itself into the InterAcademy Partnership.

p. Make use of the professional secretarial support of the IAP. Back office sharing will increase the operational power of CAETS.

q. Make use of the opportunities the IAP will offer to promote the worldwide academies of engineering and to deliver first class engineering and technology expertise, and upgrade the ex officio membership in IAC.