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FEES: Future aspects

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I - THE CONTEXT

*FEES tenth anniversary:

- An event warmly received by some members;
- Some colleagues was concerned but the format of the meeting may be too ambitious;
- Some societies have expressed some doubts.

II – QUESTIONS AND HYPOTHESIS (1/2)

*FEES's legitimacy:

- A statement questioned due to European's economic, social and political difficulties;
- Secondary's impact on business companies, consultants ergonomists, academics, OSH experts in public bodies;

*FEES's difficulties:

- Some consequences come from the suitability of European level as a common project.

II – QUESTIONS AND HYPOTHESIS (2/2)

*Doubts on the relevance of FEES:

- As frame for reflections and exchanges;
- Between ergonomists living and working in Europe.

*Other infra European assemblies?

- Nordic countries;
- Mediterranean part of Europe;
- “New Europe”;
- Technical groups more suitable?
- Groups based on professional interests, such as researchers, consultants?
- OSH prevention groups?

III – ACHIEVEMENTS: First effective actions (1/2)

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- Topics on ergonomics in Europe;
- Information to support national societies in their missions (e. g. EME materials);
- Ranking in progress (from 0 to level 3 in less than 2 years).

*Congresses and symposia:

- Conference on applied ergonomics (May 2013, Budapest);
- Joint symposium IEA / FEES on the issue “ergonomics and sustainable development” (SELF Conference, August 2013, Paris);
- SIE National conference endorsement (November 2013, Torino);
- Symposium on welding and ergonomics (January 2014, Budapest);
- Indexation and publication of the Bruges Conference proceedings (June 2014, EBSCO Host).

III – ACHIEVEMENTS: First effective actions (2/2)

*FEES attendance at European level:

- ETUI conference (March 2013, Brussels);
- OSHA seminars (June & November 2013, Bilbao);
- PPE & Machinery Working Group (2013, Brussels);
- European parliament (2013, Brussels).

*FEES intervention:

- European Commission on OSH issues (Summer 2013, Brussels).

*Close cooperation:

- With CREE in order to enrich and to promote the actions and project of both societies.

*Coming soon:

- European electronic journal on ergonomics.

IV – FEES proposal (1/2)

*European Frame:

- Relevance level for the development and promotion of Ergonomics;
- General OSH Directives and specific for machines and PPE;
- Qualification requirements of ergonomists (CREE).

*Sharing conceptual point of view:

- Based upon both practical and academic knowledges;
- Open to other related disciplines;
- Oriented on the work situation transformation.

IV – FEES proposal (2/2)

- *To enhance dialogue...**
- *To meet together...**
- *To mobilize different disciplinary...**
- *To create a dynamic of exchange...**

V – ISSUES TO WORK TOGETHER

- * **Working environments studies...**
- * **Work and the main related issues...**
- * **Methodological approaches...**



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