

*History book of EESTEC International*  
*25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*



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## *Introduction*

As the year 2011 celebrates the 25th anniversary of EESTEC, we would like to present you the History Book of 25 years of EESTEC!

Quarter of a century has passed for our beloved EESTEC. The years have brought us all uncountable amount of never-fading memories, emotions and experience, which of course are the source of great stories to tell!

Thus, you will be able to read all the amazing stories in this book!

Taking a look into the book, you will find the development story of EESTEC, which will give you an overview of the life of EESTEC so far.

Just like a child, EESTEC has been making new steps each year and all of these have been noted down in the Timeline. As a bonus, the Timeline has been spiced up with the stories and memories of previous International Board members.

Instead of arriving to the final station, EESTEC is speeding up and moving on at full speed. Therefore we would also like to give you the future vision for EESTEC, its hopes, dreams and plans.

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Enjoy the book!

Happy 25th Anniversary, EESTEC!

*International Board 2010/2011*

*Timeline before EESTEC*



1958 - 1963

*Preliminary negotiations.*

*From ETV Yearbook 1966 article by Kees Wittebrood:*

“The first try to start a European organization of electrical engineering students was already in 1958, but this attempt failed, because the basis alone of the organization, the cooperation between Germany and France, was too instable. “

1963

Electrical engineering students from several European countries met in Paris and examined the possibilities of creating an electrical engineering student association. The main goals had to be a better cooperation in obtaining jobs during summer in companies of that sector, and organizing international student meetings. At that time it couldn't be created because French students had to create a unique national organization in order to get industry support.

1964

Preparational meeting in Paris, France. Eurielec founding in Berlin, 14th of December 1964. The founders were national committees of France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland and Yugoslavia, together representing 18 schools of technology. Mr. H.J.M. van de

Vijver, a representative of ETV Delft, is chosen to be the first chairman. The goals of the association are:

- Promoting contacts between foreign students electrical engineering;
- Exchanging information for study possibilities and excursions with other schools of technology;
- Promoting practical work in foreign countries and its possibilities;
- Coordinating activities of the members, the student guilds.

Berlin Electro technical Faculty invited 18 European universities representatives to meet in Berlin during December to discuss problems that could be arise in the face of creating an European association. In the last General Assembly EURIELEC was founded and Herman van de Vijver was elected as chairman. He organized 1st EURIELEC Congress in Delft, in November 1965. Thanks to Dutch industry generous support and board of directors and teaching staff.

1966

*Congress in Delft, The Netherlands.*

During the first congress of EURIELEC, held 5th-12th of November 1966 in Delft, the organizing committee welcomed the participants wearing a jacket, a typical students' outfit in The Netherlands. In the second meeting of the congress, the following new members were accepted: Belgium: Gent, Spain: Madrid, Germany: Karlsruhe and Stuttgart, Yugoslavia: Belgrade. The program of this first congress consisted of meetings, a series of six 'EURIELECTURES' about 'the computer and its applications' and several excursions. Of course the culture and food were also experienced by the participants. At the end of the congress Mr. Jean Niviox from Paris was elected as the new chairman.

1967

*Congress in Paris, France.*

*From ETV Yearbook 1967 article by R. van Wouwe:*

"The second congress was held in Paris, from Friday the 4th of November 1967 till ? Not much is told about the meetings, except that Scintilla, the student guild hosting LC Twente nowadays, was accepted as a new member. Strange enough only the parties were remembered, because some things are said about a French 'boum' and another party, the 'aqua boum', which was a party on a boat. The new chairman was elected from the Berlin delegation: Hanswerner Voss. "

1968

*Congress.*

*From ETV Yearbook 1968 article by T. de Long:*

"The third congress (from 21st of October 1968) had two major elements: working time and free time. The free time was mostly filled by visiting a 'bier stube'. The working time, were the meetings. One of the discussions held was about the official language of EURIELEC. In this discussion the French delegation, afraid of the loss of their culture, resisted with all their power against the use of the English language. No solution was found. Siemens, Springer (publications), A.E.G. and Conti Electro were visited, as well as the impressive university. Berlin had organized the 'EURIELEC ball', and thanks to a 'notruf' by a local radio station, eventually there were enough girls. The election of the new chairman was not hard, and José Miguel Mata Cabezón from Madrid became the new chairman."

1969

Congress in Madrid, Spain. From ETV Yearbook 1969 article by T. de Long :

“Since the first congress Czecho-Slovakia, Austria and Sweden were accepted as members. This time, the fourth congress was held in Madrid, starting 20th of April 1969. During this congress the publication of a magazine was one of the decisions made, as well as founding a bureau, to coordinate the distribution of documentation. After a long discussion, the decision about the next congress location was made. Not in Prague as planned, but in Eindhoven. “

1970

*Congress.*

*From ETV Yearbook 1970 article by H.O. Lakens:*

“Added to the members’ list of 35 connected associations from 13 countries is Finland. The congress was held from 6th-13th of July 1970. A long discussion was held about a proposition by the delegates of Munich, Karlsruhe and Harmover, who visited the congress with an assignment by their members. Their proposition was to add to the statutes to promote the exchange information about student politics and responsibility. Some members thought that this was in conflict with the being a non-political organization. Eventually a neutral formulation was chosen satisfactory to everybody, specially the three German members. Another three members joined the association:

Bratislava, Sarajevo and Helsinki. The Greek were not accepted due to a too big number of empty votes. The next congress will be held in Prague, where they can try again. The congress was concluded with a tasteful ‘diner dansant’ where some old-EURIELEC-ers founded the group ‘friends of EURIELEC’.

1972

*Congress in West-Germany.*

*From EESTIC 1986 report, IB archive:*

“After the last conference in Eindhoven the organization changed to Czecho-slovakia. They were not able to organize it that time and West-Germany took over. But the organization there only succeeded in sending invitations. The participants went home without any discussion or result: there was no congress and no further initiatives.”

1977

*Euroconn 77 in Venice, Italy.*

*From IB archive:*

The congress organized by EUREL and IEEE is held in Venice, May 1977. Three students from The Netherlands were sent to Venice by KiVI (The Dutch engineers association). A discussion is programmed on behalf of electrical engineering students about the relation engineering associations versus student/young engineer. Students are able to join this conference with financial support from the national engineering associations. EUREL offered to do the same at its next conference, but there were no new initiatives in the next years.

1984

*The birth of the EESTEC idea!*

In 1984 a discussion is raised between the boards of the three above mentioned student associations. There is a need for more contacts with students when visiting other European countries. This is thought to be a crucial point in a better understanding of a nation, its culture and technology. To improve student possibilities in gaining experience for his career is proved to be very difficult, as there is no European structure for this purpose.

1985

In 8th January, 1985, representatives of three Dutch student guilds ETV (Delft), Thor (Eindhoven) and Scintilla (Enschede) forming the Committee for International Contacts (CIC) wrote a letter to old EURIELEC NatComs. It said that "From 1966 until 1971 there has existed a European Association of Electrical Engineering Students (EURIELEC). During this time the student movement changed, the association died, according to the statutes (Chapter 6. article 34 of the statutes dated July 12, 1969). Your student association was a member of this Eurielec." They claimed in that letter to set up a new association with EURIELEC formers, "under the umbrella of an existing association like IEEE or ERUEL". They said they were thinking about: an annual meeting in one of the associated countries, assistance with the organizing of student visits abroad, assistance with creating studies for foreign students at their own university, exchange of study programs, providing practical training places for foreign students, they asked for each student guild opinion of (the board of) regarding that plan. And finally the CIC invited those students guilds to the International Congress for Electrical Engineering Students in the Netherlands from April 27th to May 3rd of 1986 where EESTEC born on Friday, May 3rd 1986 in the Peace Palace, The Hague.



## *EESTEC Timeline*

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1986

*Congress Eindhoven, The Netherlands.*

*From Aachen Archive:*

It was 1986 when the first EESTEC Congress was organized in Eindhoven, the Netherlands. It was organized for 50 participants coming from 33 different cities in 17 different European countries. It seems there were not at that time Local Committee, introduced the year after with the old name of NatCom, that is National Committee. The countries most represented were West Germany and Finland with four cities and Belgium, Italy and the Netherlands with three cities. Looking at the list of cities participating we can find which are the oldest EESTEC members: Vienna from Austria; Oulu, Tampere from Finland; Paris from France; Budapest from Hungary; Delft, Eindhoven from The Netherlands; Krakow from Poland; Zurich from Switzerland; Madrid from Spain Ljubljana from Yugoslavia; Bochum, Braunschweig, Heiligerhaus, Kaufering from Germany; Donato Milanese, Marotta, Milano from Italy.



The organisers of the EESTIC'86

# INTRODUCTION

Europe is running behind the United States and Japan in the technological field. The epicentre of world trade is shifting from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. In contrast to Europe the Far East is bustling with activity. Europe itself has recognised this and is working at the moment to strengthen its position in this cutthroat competition. The ESA establishment and the EC-projects ESPRIT, RACE, BRITE, EUREKA, and RARE are very good examples of this type of European cooperation.

Because one of the biggest reasons for the poor European position in the high-tech field is the divided European market. By means of cooperation in the precompetitive phase (ESPRIT, RACE), simplifying frontier crossings and lowering frontier barriers (EUREKA-label) and improving mutual communication (RACE, RARE), Europe is trying to establish a real common market and a convergent economic policy. In research and development we can see a trend towards making better use of the resources to increase the efficiency of the total of efforts (ESA). International exchange of information and cooperation in R&D is essential.

This European cooperation has a significant consequence for future engineers; at the start of their professional career as (electrical engineers) they have to be capable of working at an international level. Therefore it is highly desirable for students to have the opportunity to obtain some experience at an international level during their study, in preparation for their future work in industry. This will benefit the European cooperation and mutual understanding.

Improving European cooperation between students and universities and in particular in the electrical engineering field (including the spearhead technologies micro-electronics, telecommunications, automation and special purpose software): that is the goal of the EESTEC; the Electrical Engineering Students European Conference, founded on Friday, May 3rd 1986 in the Peace Palace, The Hague, the Netherlands. Delegates from 17 European countries agreed on 14 rules to improve the exchange of students and cooperation between universities and student associations. They were invited by the Committee for International Contacts, a joint organisation of the three Dutch student associations for electrical engineering at the Delft, Eindhoven and Twente Universities of Technology.

## COMMITTEE for INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS



Elektrotechnische Vereniging, Delft  
 Elektrotechnische Studievereniging Thor, Eindhoven  
 Elektrotechnische Studievereniging Scintilla, Enschede

Delft, January 8, 1985

# EESTEC

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING STUDENTS EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

Nach einiger Vorarbeit (siehe auch "trafo" Nr. 51, S. 33 ff) war es endlich soweit: Am 2. Mai 1986 wurde mit Annahme der Satzung die "Electrical Engineering Students European Conference" (EESTEC) gegründet, eine Organisation europäischer Studentenvereinigungen bzw. Fachschaften der Elektrotechnik.

Doch zunächst noch einiges zur Vorgeschichte: Es gab bereits einmal eine derartige Organisation, die EURIELEC. Sie existierte von 1964 bis 1972 und wurde dann gemäß ihren Statuten aufgelöst, da zwei Jahre lang kein Land bereit war, einen Kongreß auszurichten. Ob noch weitere Gründe für den Tod der EURIELEC eine Rolle gespielt haben, wie etwa übertriebene Formalismen in der Satzung und bei der Durchführung der Treffen, läßt sich heute nur noch schwer nachvollziehen.

Die Zielsetzungen von Eurielec, wie z.B. Vermittlung von Auslandspraktika, Informationsaustausch mit ausländischen Hochschulen und Förderung europäischer Zusammenarbeit, sind jedoch keinesfalls weniger wichtig geworden. Im Gegenteil, die Zukunft dürfte von Ingenieuren der Elektrotechnik in zunehmenden Maße ein Denken fordern, das sich nicht nur auf die eigene Nation kapriziert, sondern sie auch über die Grenzen schauen läßt. Nur wenn sie am selben Ende vom Strick ziehen, können die europäischen Staaten ihre Konkurrenzfähigkeit gegenüber den USA und Japan bewahren.

Aber internationale Zusammenarbeit will gelernt sein. Wer erst einmal etliche Jahre im Berufsleben steht und noch nie etwas mit Auslandkontakten zu tun gehabt hat, wird sich sicher sehr viel schwerer tun als derjenige, der als Student schon im Ausland war. Da nun bekanntermaßen das Angebot an Praktikantenstellen und Studienplätzen im Ausland durch Universitäten

und andere, bereits etablierte, Organisationen sehr gering ist, sollte man als Student versuchen, auch selber was "auf die Beine zu stellen".

Bevor aber über die genauen Zielsetzungen von EESTEC gesprochen wird, noch einiges zu den Rahmenbedingungen, unter denen die Organisation entstand: Vor etwa zwei Jahren begannen sich die "Elektrotechnischen Studienvereinigungen" der drei niederländischen THs mit dem Thema Internationale Kontakte zu beschäftigen und gründeten zur Koordination ihrer Bemühungen das CIC (Komitee für Internationale Kontakte). Sicher sind die Anfangsbedingungen für solche Arbeit in den Niederlanden optimal: nur drei Hochschulen, relativ kurze Entfernungen, so daß man sich öfter mal treffen kann, und vor allem auch nachhaltige Unterstützung durch die Universitäten (Bei uns bekommt man nicht einmal die Fahrtkosten zu einem internationalen Treffen erstattet). Diese Studenten setzten sich also zusammen und begannen Briefe an alle möglichen europäischen Hochschulen zu schicken. Dabei mag es ihnen wohl in vielen Fällen wohl so gegangen sein wie mit der TU München: Der Brief aus Holland kam an, wurde gelesen, im Fachschaftsausschuß mit "na ja, ist ja ganz nett" kommentiert, jemand wurde beauftragt zu antworten und auf einmal waren Brief und Adresse nicht mehr zu finden. Pleite! Doch die Holländer ließen sich durch die schwache Resonanz nicht abschrecken.

Unerwartet gab es dann Unterstützung von anderer Seite: Im Oktober 1985 lud Sähköinsinöörikilta die Studenten einiger europäischer Hochschulen zu einem Treffen nach Helsinki. Hier hatten dann auch die Niederländer Gelegenheit ihre Ideen von einer europäischen Organisation der Elektrotechnik-Fachschaften/Studentenvereinigungen vorzustellen. Ins Leben ge-

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TO HOLLAND - NATCO

Madrid, February 7, 1986.

Dear colleagues:

Our association, from the moment that EURIELEC in Europe was extinguished some years ago, now is keeping on as a local group of students found of electronics and computers, always with the hope to recreate the original spirit of EURIELEC.

In your letter, you comment us the sending of the mes-

## REASONS FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS BETWEEN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING STUDENTS.

-Electrical engineering is internationally oriented. In most curricula there is no attention to this part of the practical profession. International contacts between students is an excellent way to provide this part of the education.

-It's often said that a critical look at one's own view, by the way of comparing the own and foreign views and cultures, can wide and enrich this view.

These two 'goals' can, in general, be reached by international contacts and in particular by organizing an (annual) meeting between students.

By these contacts it's possible to:

- provide practical trainingplaces for foreign students
- get assistance with the organizing of student visits abroad
- get assistance with creating studies for foreign students at foreign universities
- have an exchange of study programs
- promote the exchange of students between universities
- promote the cooperation between universities

1987

*Congress Nova Gorica/Ljubljana, Yugoslavia.*

*From Aachen Archive:*

The second EESTEC Congress, held in Nova Gorica and in Ljubljana, seems to be the Congress of the National Committee creation. As we can read in the 1988 ETV Yearbook article, this Congress was a great success. A lot of initiatives were started, above all by the cities involved the year before. The final number of participants was 44, coming from 35 cities in 14 European countries. This is the year in which our current logo appeared. Being held in Yugoslavia a large number of participants was from one of the nine cities present at that Congress (Ljubljana, Grosuplje, Kranj, Trbovlje, Nova Gorica, Maribor, Sarajevo, Belgrad, Svetozarevo). Between them only Ljubljana became a NatCom together with Espoo (Finland), Aachen (Germany), Enschede (The Netherlands), Trondheim (Norway), Lisbon (Portugal), Zurich (Switzerland). There are two curiosities about this Congress: the first is that as in the 13th EESTEC Congress, held again in Ljubljana, again with a great success, Iskra (a Yugoslavian Company) was a sponsor with three different branches (Delta Computers, Telematika, Avtomatika); the second one is that there was also Quebec from Canada (that being a member of United Kingdom, belonged to Europe in 1987) between the participants. That year there were two workshops: in Vienna (Nov 6.-9. 1987), 25 participants from 12 countries (Germany, Czech, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Poland, Italy, Greece, Belgium, Switzerland, Canada, The Netherlands, Austria); In Madrid (Dec. 12.-14. 1987), 4 countries participated (Belgium, Portugal, Netherlands, Spain).

1988

*Congress Lisbon, Portugal.*

*From Aachen Archive:*

The number of participants (46) and the countries involved (14) are more or less the same in number of the year before, but this time the participants came from just 22 cities. This means that EESTEC started to have less NatComs, but more stable and crowded. One of the observers was Rensselaer from U.S.A. ! It's a pity see that good members as Lisbon, capable to organize a Congress, and country as Belgium, which took part to the first three Congresses with 5 different Universities (Brussels, Merksem, Gent, Roeselare, Lokern) disappeared completely during the following years. Very rich of life and energies EESTEC organized that year a lot of activities, above all in the eastern countries: Czechoslovakia and Poland. The Exchange appeared here, officially, for the first time. Exchange in February 1987 with Finland and Switzerland; Exchange with Bratislava (Czechoslovakia) and Vienna (Austria); Exchange with Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia; Workshop in October 1987 in Octaniem(?) (Finland); Workshop in November 1987 in Aachen (Germany); Exchange between The Netherlands and Finland; Exchange between Yugoslavia and The Netherlands; May 1988 national conference in Poland; May 1988 workshop in Szczecin in Poland “

*From ETV Yearbook 1988 article:*

“It is already 1,5 years ago that a first conference between European Electrical Engineering students, the EESTEC '86 (Electrical Engineering Students' European Conference), took place in The Netherlands. This conference has been the initiative of the three Dutch student guilds and had its origin in the 'European thought'. The results of this conference have been very positive. Decided was to organize an equal kind of conference in a different European country every year. The yearly character of the EESTEC has been guaranteed by now, since the EESTEC '87 in Yugoslavia has been very successful. An evaluation was done on European cooperation of the last year and some agreements have been made for the next year. Thanks to the international workshops preceding the EESTEC '87, good agreements could be made. It looks like that the EESTEC '88 to be held in Portugal will have a positive result as well. The creation of the national committees that foster the international contacts, resulted in the Netherlands in the CIC (Committee of International Contacts). In this committee students from Delft, Eindhoven and Twente operate under supervision of the three student guilds ETV, Thor and Scintilla. The committee meets often to discuss the working on the agreements made during the conference, and of course to foster the international contacts

and to gain new ones. The activities concerning the CIC right now are investigation the exchange of internship- and studies exchanges, excursion-exchanges and propaganda. On international level the CIC helps other countries to start a similar committee. Concerning the exchanges contacts have been made with the Dutch faculties and with Yugoslavia. So far, the CIC has helped Belgian students, who have started a similar committee. Also by attending the preparing workshops and corresponding with the organization the CIC helps develop the EESTEC. For all these activities good ideas have arisen. We now know, more than 1,5 years ago, where to we are headed. The organization of the EESTEC 1986 has been, with a lot of active students who have cooperated. Now, we should see to it that with the new ideas and activities, new people keep building on the Dutch initiative, the EESTEC, and make sure that the European thought remains alive in The Netherlands and in Europe”.

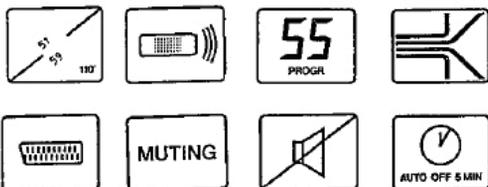
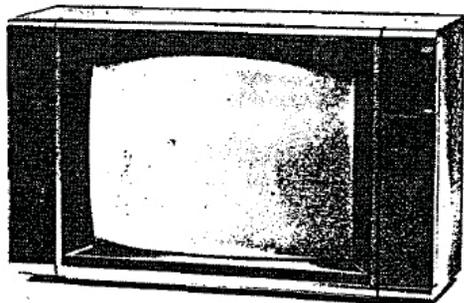
In November 1988, three Dutch students attended to the workshop in Szczecin, Poland. Topics discussed were some important suggestions to change the organizational structure of EESTEC. Furthermore, some new activities have been proposed, like making a ‘Yellow page Book’, in which information about each EESTEC NatCom and the Electrical Engineering faculties are written. A subcommittee is formed, which has the task to produce a poster, and all other countries have to as well. On the conference of Hungary this is presented to about 15 European countries, under whom for the first time the Soviet-Union.

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Dear Friends!

Here we are again, with our new Report of the activities, our excursions..., shortly, with all the most important descriptions of our work in EESTEC in the year 1988.

We are all aware of the great help of the number of the firms and institutions which helped us to realize our plans with their financial help. We are very grateful and quietly we count on your help also in this year. We sincerely hope that our co-operation will continue and that all of us will get the benefit from our "working together".

On the following pages we try to demonstrate you the main activities of our organisation, also because our plans for the year 1989 don't differ very much from the last year's ones. And these plans are: exchanging our knowledge with the students of other Universities, getting to know the world and trying to let the world to know us better.

We all wish you a happy and successful year 1989!

EESTEC Ljubljana

Ljubljana, 26.12.1988

For EESTEC: Hajda, Andrej, Marjan, Blaž, Mare, Sinifa, Katja and the others...

1989

*Congress Budapest, Hungary.*

*From Aachen Archive and Newsletter 4, volume 13 Bernie Hoeneisen's article:*

“During this Congress the name of our Association was born. In fact before it EESTEC was EESTIC (Electrical Engineering Students' International Conference), then the 'I' of International became 'E' of European, and during one of the General Assembly the 'C' of Conference started to represent the word assoCiation. The participants of this Congress were 48, from 21 committees of 14 countries. Brno (Czechoslovakia), Trondheim (Norway), Zagreb (Yugoslavia) are cities that disappeared the year after.

Because the ambiance in the Budapest conference is described as 'vague' the Dutch decided to organise another workshop in October 1989. This workshop on Mobile Telecommunication was held from 10th till 14th of October in Twente and was visited by 20 foreigners from 10 different countries. Besides the usual meetings a symposium was organised, visited by 130 people, and some excursions to Dutch industry were organised. Belgium will pick up the production again of a magazine, filled with information about the activities of the EESTEC. Furthermore, a book containing information about the important employers of Europe for electrical engineers will be produced.

*From ETV Yearbook 1990 article:*

“The congress of 1989 is held in Budapest, Hungary. The name of EESTEC is changed into Electrical Engineering Students' European assoCiation. The Netherlands has taken the task of chairman during that conference.



1990

*Congress Zurich, Switzerland.*

*From IB archive:*

This year was expected to be a promising one because of the new situation in Eastern Europe, we hoped to welcome new LC's, and NC's from Bulgaria, German Democratic Republic and Israel joined us that year. In the first general meeting there were problems with the activities of the board, because the LC's thought that they hadn't worked well, but EESTEC needed to be strongly represented in Europe due to the changing situation. There were some changes in the rules of EESTEC, first of all they accepted rule that propose that a candidate for Chairman should be nominated not later than 24 hours before the beginning of the last general meeting. 12 of 15 participants also voted that the Chairman may appoint up to two vice-chairman. There was a discussion about accepting non European countries in EESTEC, and the GA decided that the incorporation of a non European country can be accepted only on a decision of a two- third majority in favor in a secret vote at the GM. A lot of ideas were interchanged in the newsletter, some about serious tasks like women in work world and some forums, and other funnier tasks like making EESTEC t-shirts.

*From Aachen Archive:*

After the first Congress held in a country belonged to the communist area, the 5th Congress, organized in Zurich for 53 participants, saw the first two cities of the old German Democratic Republic (Potsdam, Dresden). Including them 20 cities from 16 countries were present. This was the first time for Tel-Aviv (Israel)! And it seems to be the first time also for Helsinki (Finland).

*From ETV Yearbook 1991 article:*

"In autumn 1990 a workshop in Czechoslovakia is organized, also visited by Dutch students. The next workshops will be organized in Aachen and Trondheim. The CIC Delft members are J.Huisman, R.Verboven, M.Widjaja."



NEXT NEWSLETTER T-SHIRTS

Look out, EESTEC, here we come with our newest fashion for 1990!!! We will surely conquer the world with these splendid EESTEC-T-shirts.. As you can see on the picture the international EESTEC-logo is printed on the breast.

On the back we want to draw a map of Europe, with a charming text, such as "AROUND EUROPE WITH EESTEC". But here we need your help: send us your self-made slogan; the most original one gets a "FREE" T-shirt!!!



We want to distribute them on het next conference in Switzerland, so please let us know how many T-shirts you should want. They 'll cost [15 DM.] Please reply as fast as possible (before 15 March). This gives us the appropriate time to make the orders. JOIN THE CLUB AND SHOW IT.

Remember, the deadline of all correspondence is 15 March. Please send some interesting articles for the nexsletter. We would also like to know the number of distributed newsletters in your country or at your university. This is very important for commercial advertising and sponsoring. The I.B. hopes it'll accomplish the creation of a link between all European nations.



1991

*Congress Vienna, Austria.*

*From Aachen Archive:*

In 1991 there was, instead of a Congress, a Workshop in Vienna, but with the same procedures and purposes of a real Congress. Even if we have the Congress Report we don't have, at the moment, the participants' list for this event. We just know by ETV Yearbook Article, during this Congress there was a discussion about the proposal to become a registered Association.

*From ETV Yearbook 1992 article:*

Also organized an exchange with Israel end of 1991. A discussion is held to officially register EESTEC, in order to have a bigger chance on European sponsoring. To prove that useful activities are actually organized, EESTEC starts its first project: 'Windmills for Estonia'.



1992

*Congress Madrid, Spain.*

*From Aachen Archive:*

Besides a quick appearance of Barcelona in 1988 (Lisbon Congress), Madrid has been the only Spanish Local Committee since the beginning up to now; so that in 1992 it organized its first Congress, the 7th for EESTEC: the participants were 37, coming from 15 cities of 13 countries. With this Congress it seems that Patras (Greece), after 4 years, was kicked off and the first Italian Committee came in: Bologna, together with Sofia (Bulgaria) and Tipperary (Ireland).

*From: ETV Yearbook 1993 article:*

Workshops in Aachen (2x), Budapest, Zurich, a project in Denmark.



*photos: Budapest, Dublin*

POST CARD



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1992.

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Vice Chairman:

Jurgen Tzschoppe - Aachen, Germany  
NatCom

1993

*Congress Budapest, Hungary.*

*From Aachen Archive:*

The number of participants to the EESTEC Congress, in these years, seems to become littler and littler. For the second Budapest Congress, after 4 years from the first, only 30 participants were present from some of the most stable LCs: Ljubljana, Madrid, Sofia, Zurich, Eindhoven, Twente, Delft, Bologna, Hannover, Aachen, Budapest. In the last GM Mail Manager VIP position was added to the RoP, the main task of the mail manager is holding a data file containing mail addresses and aliases. A communication protocol between NATCOMs was also developed, and the Yellow Pages were made in order to keep EESTEC people in contact. Two important texts were created, one to contact with new countries and one to present EESTEC to official bodies.





*photos: Bologna, Delft, Vienna*



1994

*Congress Aachen, Germany.*

*From Aachen Archive:*

1994 Congress was the first held in Aachen, it will be again there just two years after. This was the Congress that started to change the trend of decreasing participants' number, in fact there were 41 participants, eleven more than the year before; we do not have precise information about Finland participants cities, but we can say the participants came from 19 cities of 15 countries. There were between the participants also Dublin, Athens and Salzburg.



*photos: Aachen, Sevastopol, Madrid*



1995

*Congress Zurich, Switzerland.*

*10 years since EESTEC idea has been born!*

At the Zurich Congress, EESTEC is seated in this city as a result of that an international bank account will soon be opened. Treasurer will be a new board member. This is the year when NatComs are changed by Local Committees, so more than one committee can become a EESTEC

member in the same country. This Congress is also remembered in all the official documents as the Congress of the Official Recognition. The number of participants started again to rise, that year were 60, coming from all the LCs still active (but Stockholm and Vigo) in EESTEC. The students from Sevastopol (Ukraine) became new LC in that Congress.



*photos: Zurich, Krakow*

# The new face of EESTEC

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At the '95 Congress this April in Zürich the outlook of EESTEC changed a lot: EESTEC is now a recognised association seated in Zürich and as a result of that an international bank account will soon be opened.

The rules for using the international money were worked out. The Board got the task and the competence to administer this money and to support those students who are interested in participating in an EESTEC event, but who can not afford the travel expenses to go there.

This means that from now on more things have to be done on international level and the internal communication has to be improved. For this reason some new jobs were created. The number of boardmembers was increased by one, so that now a *Treasurer* was elected as the fourth boardmember together with the *Chairman* and the two *Vice-Chairpersons*. Besides, an *Oversight Committee* controls the

OLIVIER SUTER,  
FORMER CHAIRMAN,  
ZÜRICH

work of the Board. To improve the internal communication, the post of the *Secretary of the International Bureau* was created and each Local Committee was asked to choose one of its members as their contact person, who should work together with the *Mail Manager* and answer quickly all requests which are sent to his/her Local Committee.

In addition the General Assembly agreed at the Congress with another change concerning the member structure. Maybe this change has the greatest effect for EESTEC. The National Committees were abolished, instead only *Local Committees* are now the members of EESTEC. Practically this means that from all european countries more than one Committee can become a member and it should be easier for new interested stu-

dents to form a Local Committee. They don't have to refer anymore to a National



*The author and former chairman*

Committee as before, but they can directly become members. Thus they can also send delegates to the annual congress.

One can ask: Whow, all these changes, but what's going on now? Are these just formal changes or will all that have a real effect on our association? Yes, it will have an effect. On the one hand it increases the action on international level and the cooperation between the mem-

bers and on the other hand it makes our association growing.

The first results already show the advantages of the new structure. Jan, Edgar and me participated in a meeting of all ee-student associations of Germany which took place in Munich from April 25 to 28. There we held a workshop about EESTEC to activate new Local Committees. The students from universities other than Aachen suddenly seem to be more interested as before. They can become a member themselves, equal to all other members and not staying behind another Committee. This motivates them much more as the old structure could do. Some of them where even as enthusiastic about it, that they spontaneously promised to found a Local Committee. So I would not be surprised if students from Bremen and Berlin would show up at the next congress, but also other universities were interested. We could even convince the Berliners to organize an exchange with our Local Committee

here in Zürich this october and november.

### **In short:**

What we left behind is an old fashioned structure, with a hierarchy which kept new interested students away. Maybe it was a little bit easier to manage, but we should not forget that two years ago only

eight National Committees found the way to the Congress. What we have now and what we are about to become is a more active association with a modern structure, which has the possibility to support financially members and participants. I think we are doing a step in the right direction. □

# Let's talk about it

Oh, it's already ten to six and we only have 40 minutes to go, before another great EESTEC meeting in some place in borderless Europe starts...

Half an hour earlier than before the congress – yes, even here in Aachen a lot of things have changed since then – and not only the time of our meetings. O.K. what the hell is this article going to be about?? It's supposed to be serious, ehem, or something like it... „Let's talk about s.“, no, the congress in Zürich! We just read the article about the Aachen congress by Jean-Noël, and figured out that the amount of women is getting bigger and

ANNIKA HÖLTJE,  
MICHAEL LUTZ,  
AACHEN

bigger :-). Another thing worth noticing is the heavy impact of Vodka on EESTEC. Sometimes even literally speaking (once you hit the floor after you had too much). Thanks to the Fins, „Helicopter Technology“ is now widely spread all over Europe. Now to the „less important“ things: We have got new statutes, as you might have already found out. They were discussed hard in Oli's workshop, written down once more on the coach (some may remember Madrid...). The rest

of us was busy doing something else: sleeping, having another beer after a long (or short) night, or asking the driver for plastic bags... All the things we did the night before (hard working, too, of

still can't get over the 8,50 Fr (twice the price of one here in Aachen) we paid for a Hefeweizen and the Swiss saying „Oh, that's cheap!“. Consequently we spent some nights at the hostel. Which was, by the way, very comfortable, clean, central – just perfect! Filippo's workshop was possibly the most relaxed one, but all the same, very successful: A lot of new exchanges were arranged. We'll see if the mega-exchange (Finland-Sweden, ... oh, sh., Helsinki-Stockholm-Vienna-Aachen) will take place. Looks good at the moment. We are now thinking about how to advertise it. „Wanted: Tough drinkers – Vodka-proof“ is one idea. It would help to find people strong enough to survive two welcome- and two farewell-parties. Especially if they work out like the one in Zürich containing a lot of „books“. Nice it was, though. Hope the (g)hosts have recovered! So much for the workshops!

The visit to Oberhasli powerplant was unfortunately overshadowed by thick



*Some scandinavians, some beers*

course) were to make sure the borders are really not existing any more as we decided for the new statutes. „Money for nothing“, ehem, no, „Money makes the world go round“ – Edgar's workshop. How to get to get it and, most important, how to spend it. Oh, talking about money! It was disappearing so damn quickly in Zürich – unbelievable! I

clouds and sleepiness. Nevertheless we had an interesting day with some fun in the afternoon walking through a great gorge which inspired one of the Fins to take a bath in a nice „warm“ Swiss river. She looked quite cold afterwards, though. Back to the

beginning. Our meeting starts – we have to stop now! Thanks to the former Swiss NatCom for a great week in Zürich and to all the others for 10 years of EESTEC friendship. And let's keep our fingers crossed for the next 10 years. □

## The famous „ESTEC Hostel“

Some months ago, Andreas Hofer and I went to Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic.

EESTEC and the ESTEC hostel. Vladimir told us, that the last EESTEC guy – Vladimir's predecessor – founded a hostel called EESTEC-Hostel (at

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HARALD LUDWIG,  
VIENNA

There we were accommodated in a student's hostel on a little hill called Strahov. On the way down to the city we saw a sign having „ESTEC HOSTEL“ written on it (see picture). First we made jokes about a possible relation between the hostel and our association EESTEC.

Next day we met Vladimir, an electrical engineering student from Prague, who intends to reactivate the Czech EESTEC NatCom (oh yes, at this old times it was called NatCom). We mentioned the ESTEC Hostel sign, we had seen the day before at Strahov and we were really surprised to hear, that our suspicion turned out to be true. There is of course a relation between



*Sign to the Estec Hostel in Prague, Czech Republic*

the begining with double 'E'). By the time he scratched the first 'E' cause the people couldn't spell EEESTEC the correct way. Besides, the „ESTEC Hostel“ is mentioned in the „Let's Go - Europe“ travel guide as well. So this was the little story about what else EEESTEC is good for. □



1996

*Congress in Aachen, Germany.*

*From IB archive:*

The Congress Organizing Committee, LC Vienna, announced that they won't be able to organize the Congress due to financial problems. It is a big shock fastly spread causing confusion, bitterness and desperation in EESTEC members. The problem will be solved thanks to LC Aachen, because they offered to host the congress instead. EESTEC logo as we know was accepted during this Congress and Reggio Emilia became new member of EESTEC.



*photos: Aachen, Ljubljana, Berlin*

*From an article in 1996:*

## *EESTEC Alumni - Your chance to be forever EESTECer*

Oldies are back! And they want to be more Goldies then ever.

Yes, what you ever dreamed is going to be true: "You can be an EESTECer ... FOREVER!".

I am sure that everybody thought about it at least once, but nobody ever suggested to realize it. Finally somebody did it on an official happening (Edgar at the last Congress - thanx)and everyone immediately enthusiastically said "Yahoo! We want a search engine for EESTEC". Maybe it isn't exactly what they said, be every ex-EESTECer like me was waiting for this moment since longtime.

Every good EESTECer is always thinking "What will happen to me when I'll be graduate? I won't be an EESTECer anymore! I won't take part in any Welcome-Just arrived-Still here-Farewell Party! I won't travel anymore! I won't meet my friends anymore! I won't attend any lecture anymore (Uh! At least there's a positive aspect...)".

So, now I am pleased to announce you that we want to organize some very interesting seminar with a hard schedule just for you!

NOT REALLY.....

Well, as almost of you have already understood EESTEC - Alumni (Alumni is Latin, so please the pronunciation...) is going to become a truth and it's up to EESTEC and to the EESTECers to set up its shape and organization.

After the Congress, a Boardmeeting in Reggio Emilia (Italy is the place where the next Congress will take place - don't forget it!) and a Summer Party at Oli's this summer, some details have been fixed:

- EESTEC alumni members are all those who have been EESTEC members and are no longer active.
- EESTEC Alumni wants to help all the ex-EESTECers to keep in contact and help old friends in re-establishing links.
- EESTEC Alumni doesn't want to have a cultural aim, only to keep the EESTEC spirit alive.
- EESTEC Alumni wants to improve links and relations between EESTEC and the Companies all over the world by the help of the Alumnis.
- EESTEC Alumni will be organized as a unique association and not divided in LCs as many members are often travelling or they moved from their originary Country.
- EESTEC Alumni will have a central register, its site on Internet, its e-mail list and its E-mail Contact person (s).
- EESTEC Alumni will be invited to every relevant EESTEC event, but Alumnis have to pay for themselves.
- EESTEC Alumni will also organize events independently.
- EESTEC Alumni is... what you ex-EESTECer need!

But, first of all, EESTEC Alumni must born. At to let it born you don't need to have sex (but you are free to do it!) but just to inform every ex-EESTECer about it and tell them to write me an E-mail, or a mail, or a fax or make me a call.

*Matteo "Lemon" Lirici*

# The shock from Vienna

Tuesday, 26 March 1996, 15:29:13 +0100 (MET)

The shock message from Vienna arrives. Discreetly transmitted from Austria to our EESTEC-server in Madrid, it was then spread all over Europe, causing confusion, bitterness and desperation on the whole continent.

What happened? The EESTEC-congress '96 was just canceled. The text of the shock message was as follows:

*Dear friends of EESTEC!*

*We, the Congress Organizing Committee, are very sorry to tell you that we are NOT able to organize the Congress in April 1996 due to financial problems. As you perhaps know, the Austrian government has enforced a strict financial saving program, and it seems that also many companies have joined them in this point.*

This was a dirty attack to destroy the very foundations of our association. The enemy: A subversive and hysteric Austrian government who is trying to save us to death. And the victim: The Local Committee of Vienna who will now be put on the black list :-)

OLIVIER SUTER. ZÜRICH

Fortunately the reaction of our members on the shock message was vehement and constructive. A new solution had to be found immediately, as EESTEC would hardly survive a year without a congress. Apart from that the law of Switzerland, where our association is seated, says, that at least one general assembly must be held each year.

Thanks to our colleagues from Aachen, the problem is solved by now. They have offered to host the congress instead. So the new date is 19. - 25. May 1996 and it takes place in Aachen. Two persons per Local Committee and all the VIPs are invited.

Thus, finally a happy end to a dreadful story. EESTEC is safe again and the spirit still alive. People come and go, generations of students are changing, but the association survives. And these days it proved that it can even resist governmental attacks. Internet makes it possible: Due to our good means of communication, reaction time was very short and the congress replaced within a few days. Thank you Aachen! ☐



1997

*Congress in Tampere - Helsinki, Finland.*

*From IB archive :*

This year board makes some job with RoP concerning money handling, but EESTEC still has problems with international sponsorship. It has been tried to get some funds from Youth for Europe, but it wasn't possible as EESTEC people are not disadvantaged people. There has been cooperation between EESTEC and IEEE but just at local level by now. Concerning web pages and email addresses there will be an online EESTEC calendar, to help internal scheduling and organization, but @eestec.org addresses find out to be too expensive so it won't be available by now. A discussion about organizing workshops financed by EESTEC int. or even by participants is made, but the conclusion is that those kind of events are not in the vain of "the EESTEC spirit". Lausanne from Switzerland and Oulu from Finland are accepted as new LC's. And IB will be hosted now by Zurich.



*photos: Reggio Emilia, Tampere, Zurich, Aachen*



1998

*Congress in Reggio Emilia, Italy.*

*From IB archive:*

This is the first year after the EESTEC International Bureau relocation from Budapest to Zürich. During this year the new second level domain, eestec.org, was acquired and both web and ftp servers were set up. A guide to keep EESTEC web site up-to-date in both international and local levels is created, this is the year when EESTEC starts to exploit Information & Communications new technologies. During this year, Cosenza and Benevento from Italy, Malta from Malta and Graz from Austria applies to be observers and attends the congress. Imperial College from London also applies but they doesn't attend to. This year International Sponsoring concentrates efforts in a couple of European-wide companies. It's fixed a basic structure of EESTEC Alumni, with the creation of the alumni contact person, and Oversight Committee becomes a bigger role in supervising the Board.



*photos: Reggio Emila, Aachen*



## *Happened at the Congress in Reggio Emilia, Italy, in 1998.*

I was the EESTEC chairman at the time. Our delegation was just leaving from Finland to the Congress when I received an email from the organisers telling that I was expected to give a speech on the next morning during the official opening of the Congress. Fine as such but the notice was quite short considering the email telling that there will be mayor of the city, the rector of the university and some other high level representatives present, along with radio and TV... And the final line of the email requested to have the speech in written format in the hands of the organisers the day before - so at the very same moment I luckily checked my email five minutes before leaving for the airport.

No panic though. I had the whole duration of the flight time to write the speech. And so I did. Using small pieces of paper from here and there, overwriting things and changing the order of the paragraphs by numbering the papers I had. There were no laptops, PDAs or mobile phones with qwerty keyboard (that I am using at the moment for writing this) that would have helped the work. However, I finished the speech during the flight and was even quite satisfied with it. I was ready for the next morning. Next morning we put on the formal cloths and took off for the city hall where the ceremonies were about to take place. When we got there the organisers came to me and asked whether I had written the speech or not. I told them I have it and they requested to see it. I showed them the set of small papers I had in my pocket and they wanted to have them. I asked why and was told that they will make a translation of speech for the press. I refused to give them the papers since those were the only and unique copy of the speech. But they did not give up. So we agreed that they take the papers, make copy of those and return them to me immediately. A bit worried I gave them the papers. That was the last time I ever saw those...

I was invited to the stage together with other representatives. The city hall was quite full of people - EESTECers, some other people from the city and local university, students, media etc. While the others gave their speeches before my turn, I became every minute more convinced that I would have to hold the speech by heart. I tried to get into the eye contact with the organisers but they were avoiding my signs of "get me my papers". While listening to the others I started to write the main themes of my speech down on my palm. Just a few titles. And then it was my turn. I stood up, started to talk and made a speech touching more or less the topics that were written in paper as well. It was quite easy since I knew what I wanted to say and the leading themes were the spirit of EESTEC and all the benefits it offers to the students. What else could it have been? However, there were probably no sentence put exactly in a same way as in written version. The story does not tell whether the speech was ever translated or published anywhere. At least I did not see it. That you have to ask from the organisers back then. The morale of the story? Always, always make back-ups :-).

*Harri "Hapo" Mansikkamäki  
LC Helsinki, Finland.  
EESTEC chairman 1997-98.*

1999

*Congress in Ljubljana, Slovenia.*

*From IB archive:*

Several efforts on activation and reactivation of LC were made during that year. For example, people was involved in activating in the French EPF high school, in Trondheim (Norway) and Munich (Germany). Mails were sent to the current LC's in order to stay in touch with them. During 1999, the birth of the ESGIS (EESTEC Support Group for International Sponsoring) took place. It contacted with many companies and organizations. An example of its activity was the approach to the DICR Europe (a company for recruiting prospective employees for international companies). A new and bright future in collaboration and supporting activities was being devised. Financially, that year EESTEC made quite a bit of profit, due to the unused travel support of the last Congress and the LC donations with no disbursements. In addition, EESTEC managed to get an Euro account and to make the Euro the official currency of the organization (instead of the CHF). An internal debate was opened about the quality of the content of the Newsletters, because the fast rhythm of publication forced to include poor and short articles. Finally, a new mail alias for the observers was created, in order to make it easier to contact with future LC's.



*photo: Ljubljana*

## *Board 1999/2000*

How many EESTEC boards can vaunt the overcoming of the dangerous and scary Y2K (also known as “Millenium Bug”) problem?

Of course only one, the board 1999-2000! In fact, when EESTEC was still attending high school (it was 14 years old), 4 fearless heroes had the hazardous task to ferry it on the other shore of the new millenium. Even though they had real names, they were better known by their nicknames: Val Kilmer, Zorro, Ace Ventura and Judy.

Our heroes straddled the border between past and future, and by working in this adventurous environment they set up some of the current EESTEC traditions. They were brave enough to use ancient and unsafe locomotion systems, such as the train between Cosenza and Rome, even at night time, but also they experienced the awesomeness of this incredibly new communication system called Yahoo messenger! They awarded the glorious past of EESTEC by researching its history in old and dusty archives all around Europe to write the FIRST EESTEC Yearbook, but also they scouted the horizon of the future by moving EESTEC seat to a European Union country (where it still is!).

They used the past, by including all that EESTEC was, in the FIRST EESTEC Activation pack, and they anticipated the future by boosting EESTEC’s budget to 10 times more by new sponsorships (some of them still granting their support!).

Finally, if you consider that:

- when boardmembers switched off their computer at midnight they would have found 50 emails by other boardmembers at 2 AM
- there was no cellular signal in London’s boardmeeting room, and therefore Orange became “bloody Orange”
- eyebrows raised when receiving statements from the Swiss Bank

you would think of those times as wild times, but then you would be missing the main point: “EESTEC Spirit” was never missing and is still going strong!

## *Where are we now?*

likka “Val Kilmer” Vakiparta: I currently live in Helsinki, Finland, where I returned with my family six months ago from Johannesburg, South Africa. I have been working for Nokia in various marketing roles since I graduated and I now work as Senior Marketing Manager in Nokia’s digital marketing organization. The role is very similar into what we were trying to achieve within EESTEC, which is influencing people to do great things with technology and trying to understand technology and marketing enough to be able to make business out of it. On personal live I’m married with my wife Elisa with whom I have two lovely daughters.

*Enrico “Zorro” Natalizio:*

I currently live in Lille, France, where I work as a postdoc researcher at the INRIA (Institut Na-

tional de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique). My research focus is on controlled mobility in robotic networks and my webpage is here: <http://titan.deis.unical.it/Titan/natalizio/>. I just got married (November 2010) in Lille with my Canadian girlfriend, Kate, met during my PhD. studies in Atlanta, Georgia.

*Paul "Ace Ventura" Oudshoorn:*

I currently live in Amsterdam with my girlfriend Andrea and I work for Accenture as an Information Security Consultant. Focus areas are in smart grid and infrastructure security. My job is pretty similar to EESTEC board and congress organization in 2000.. Many different cultural dimensions, networking together and having fun while doing it :) I still sometimes share an old EESTEC's story when I'm travelling and remember a street I've already walked before.. Still in touch with some of the people I met in EESTEC years.. and still using some life lessons learned in the process.

*Alessia "Judy" Cuomo:*

I currently live in the UK and work for Accenture as a Delivery Lead and Project Manager for large scale System Integration projects. Since I graduated, I have spent 10 years with Accenture working for big organizations in several geographies. I have been part of incredible transformation programmes which made and are making an impact in various areas of the economic and political world. I had a very fast career reaching Senior Management level when I turned 30 and had exposure to great mentors and I have received a compelling training programme. If I did not join EESTEC I would have never had this amazing career and opportunities and I truly think that student societies are a preparation for your job as much as the degree you study. EESTEC was like a training programme for me: it taught me Marketing skills when I created the first Local committee in London at Imperial College; it taught me Leadership skills when I was a member of the Board and led activities at international level while at the same time I was driving my local committee on local activities; it taught me organization skills to juggle EESTEC responsibilities, organise complex international events as well as meeting my academic commitments; it taught me Sales and Entrepreneurial skills it when we managed to obtain sponsorship for our London workshop from various Blue Chip companies like IBM, Schlumberger and Nortel Networks; it prepared me for an International career when you had to adopt different styles of communica-

tion, leadership and delivery when dealing with people from different cultures and backgrounds. It was one of the most amazing and rewarding experience of my life. On a personal level I am very happily married to a previous EESTEC member Paolo Cuomo and we have two amazing children, Allegra who is 4 and Tommaso who is 2.



## OFFICIAL EESTEC PRESENTATION IN ITALY

*Enrico Natalizio, Alessia Toni and Flavio Ferrari introduce EESTEC to a branch of the Rotary Club*



On the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup> of September the current internal Vice-chairman, Enrico Natalizio, the external Vice-chairwoman, Alessia Toni and the former Chairman, Flavio Ferrari gave a presentation about EESTEC for the members of the branch of the Rotary Club of Sassuolo. Sassuolo, in the province of Modena, is Alessia's hometown and is a very industrialised town in Northern Italy, well known on a world-wide level for the production of tiles. The branch of the Rotary Club of Sassuolo is an association of industrialists, principally owners of local companies who are also interested in culture and links with universities. The purpose of the presentation was mainly to develop among this type of audience the knowledge of EESTEC, with a view of trying to get some sponsorship both on the international level and for the workshop to be held in Bologna in May 1999.

As for this purpose, the presentation was organised in the following way. Enrico introduced EESTEC using an Italian translation of the official EESTEC presentation. Then Alessia illustrated the relationship between EESTEC and companies giving examples of sponsors that have supported past EESTEC events. Finally Flavio described more in detail the idea of financing universities under an European point of view ending up with an introduction of the workshop in Bologna that next year will be 'The European City of Culture 2000' The presentation went very well and will hopefully fulfill our aim. After the speech, we were kindly offered a dinner from the club and we enjoyed the rest of the evening.

*Alessia Toni  
EESTEC Vice-Chairman for External Affairs*

## Editorial

### Did EESTEC manage its revival?

MARKUS TUMMA, LC AACHEN

When I became a member of EESTEC in November 1997 EESTEC seemed to be nearly dead - EESTEC in Aachen as well as many other LCs. A lot has changed since then.

At first together with some more new EESTECers we organised our Glühwein-Weekend, which was a start in a new era of EESTEC Aachen. Then at the Congress 1998 in Reggio Emilia more LCs seemed to get going again. Suddenly there were more events being organised and most Web-Pages were up-to-date again - just the articles for the newsletter haven't gotten more ☺.

And, what is most worth mentioning, even the new LCs are very active. At our Workshop in December 1998 here in Aachen there were some participants from Cosenza and Malta and two members of LC London even helped us organising this event. A very good example is the LC London. They have already done an exchange with Reggio Emilia and Bologna and have some nice plans for the future, including a Workshop on 'Mobile Communications' in December (have a look on their Report at page 26).

And it seems like it's going on like this. This year's Congress in Ljubljana will be the Congress with the most participants ever! And again there will be many new observers and possible new LCs. EESTEC is growing - and this will probably be one of the

main topics of the Congress, because some changes will have to be done to solve the problems coming along with this new situation.

And even more had it's beginning on last year's Congress. EESTEC Alumni was found in Reggio Emilia. Now, also the EESTECers which have finished their studies have the possibility to keep in contact with EESTEC and all their friends they have found within Europe.

But in this Newsletter you will find also some more topics. The Reports of the Boardmeetings in Reggio Emilia and Ljubljana are included (without annexes! You might get them from the IB) as well as the Reports of the General Assemblies of last year's Congress. Beneath that there is a view on Aachen and its history and - what probably nobody ever had dreamt of - a story about what else Playmate-Pictures are good for.

I hope you have fun reading through this Newsletter!



**EESTEC FUTURE**



Hello "PEOPLE"!!

This month the editor gave me the task to substitute Bernie in his monthly column, because he is very busy with his final thesis. I hope to show the same diligence and skill, talking about EESTEC's affairs.

You already know by Alessia's article that in last September me, her and Flavio Ferrari had an introduction meeting on EESTEC in Sassuolo (Italy) for the Rotary Club section of there. After the meeting a national newspaper's journalist, invited by the Rotary for the event, asked me: "What EESTEC needs in future to go on following its targets?" Now, I would like to answer again to this question on these pages:

**Creating contacts with the European Union?**

It's enough looking at the European Union's web page to see how many possibilities exist for an international association as EESTEC. In the past some LC (Bologna for its workshop and 8 LCs for the Connect Project) tried to apply to the calls for proposals, but at the moment it's really hard obtain funds by the EU, because one of the main requests is that the presenting proposal organisation must be seated in one of the European Union's countries.

EESTEC, for the future electrical engineers, has the same aims and purposes EU looks for in all the European citizens, and moreover EESTEC already has the possibility to spread out the EU message of brotherhood and co-operation towards those countries, above all in the Eastern Europe, that are waiting to come in the EU. I think in future it's important for EESTEC, at least, elect an official relationship responsible who will take care of these contacts.

**Opening (quite) totally to possible sponsors?**

In this direction the Board already made something, opening our web-page and our newsletter to the advertisers. Although it's "under construction", the official sponsorship-request letter and the offer package for the advertisers will be surely ready after the second Board

Meeting. Of course, this isn't enough, the forums with the recruiting companies, quite completely defined, and the tournament of electrical engineering, that is in the Board's intentions, could be big opportunities to show the value of associations as EESTEC.

**Making events more professional (not more? formal!!)**

Organise professional events was one of the topics during last EESTEC Congress. My idea about it is that taking part in EESTEC's workshops and congresses has to acquire an official form (depending on the different countries' statute), with certificate of participation released by the event's organisers and sponsors, so that the participation can become, for the EESTECer, a valuable privilege for his future curriculum. This, of course, doesn't mean losing our great spirit of friendship and amusement.

**Making the Board closer to EESTEC LCs and to International Events?**

During the mentioned meeting in Sassuolo, Flavio caught the opportunity to introduce the workshop his LC is going to organise in Bologna, looking for some local sponsors. In future, I think, it's important that every LC informs the Board members of any introduction (to Universities sponsors, authorities), and puts someone of them (maybe the closest geographically) in condition to take part in the introduction, so that the events acquires a more official and complete character.

About International events, EESTEC will be present to the 50th IAF-ESA Congress in Amsterdam with a stand in which we will show the first version of the official EESTEC poster and we will distribute copies of newsletter and flyer. This is just an occasional event, instead I think, we must try to enlarge our budget, in order to create the conditions for the Boarders to take part, systematically, to International events.

Ok, I have just a page to fill, so these are a part of my opinions and ideas about the future of our association, if you have further suggestions for me, don't hesitate to mail me at [enatalizio@hotmail.com](mailto:enatalizio@hotmail.com).

Ciao,  
**Enrico Natalizio**  
 EESTEC Vice-Chairman for internal affairs

2000

*Congress in Delft, Holland.*

*From IB archive:*

A great number of universities (ranging up to 30) were contacted to find new observers. As a result of that, six people was invited to the Congress. A new activation package was designed, based on a CD-ROM distributed to the LCs. The structure of the Newsletter was divided into four main sections: Political, Fun, Technical and Future Events. It was decided to be published once a month (except August) via FTP. Every member of each LC is encouraged contribute writing articles for it. The board suggested the creation of a new EESTEC event called the TEE (Tournament in management and Engineering Skills). A new procedure to select a COC was established, following a series of steps beginning two months after the previous Congress. In addition, a new GM development guide was devised, and it was the decided that a history of EESTEC should be prepared, trying to gather all the information together and having a workshop concerning this matter during the Congress. The problems of the junk mail and spam arise between the members of the mailing lists. Possible solutions are filtering the mail, forwarding it personally or implementing a majordomo. Much reorganization of the Alumni and observers mailing lists took place, as well as the birth of the new international web pages. The support and cooperation with organizations as DICR, EMDS and ESA brought many benefits not only to the financial aspects, but to the image and popularity of EESTEC.



photo: Delft



2001

*Congress in London, 20th – 27th March*

There was 56 participants from 15 different countries. Nis, Belgrade, Novi Sad were accepted, and 3 LCs got excluded so it remained 29 as number of LCs. Brochure as new publication was introduced with aim to approach potential sponsors more professionally. There was a discussion about making alumni events that current Board would visit in order to stay in touch with former members and get help regarding sponsorships.



*photo: London*



"Can the world escape recession?", "Debt trap!", "How America lost its mind and its money...". What you are reading are not the headlines from last years' magazines but from 2001. Just reading them you might realize that the world did not change much from the one we are living in today but one thing is sure: EESTEC changed and evolved. The 2001-02 Board (Marina, Bas, Gergely and I) faced huge challenges (cut on sponsorship/no money from our partners due to the "dot.com" financial crisis, lack of participation from key LCs and last but not least a too rigid statute/structure which did not allow us to keep up with other European organizations). Even though things got worst after 9-11, we did not gave up and by the end of our mandate we were able to get the new statute approved, move EESTEC HQ from Zurich to Delft, to be able to apply for the EU commission grants, and reactivate some keys LCs.

I will never forget those years because that was my very first experience in an international environment where I learnt to be innovative, entrepreneur, careful to details and how to communicate in a more direct manner especially in front of people with a different cultural background. This has been one of the best formative experience of my life which inspired me not only for the values that our association promotes like friendship and respect but because guided me in the research of my career path. Last but not least the EESTEC Spirit still alive in me and in the friends I met through EESTEC. Friends from all over Europe with different backgrounds, which share my values and beliefs...friend for a lifetime!

*Marcello Lusuardi*

2002

*Congress in Budapest, from 17th to 24th February*

Out of 31 LC, 19 were present. Murom was accepted in EESTEC, and excluded were Bologna, Prague, Turin. Webmaster became member of the Board. GA agreed to have EESTEC seat changed from Zurich to Delft in order to be able to apply for financial support from EU. Some ideas that were discussed are: having 2 Congresses per year, organizing other large scale events that involve all LC, perhaps some tournaments. Until this Congress only the Chairman and the Treasurer were elected individually, and other Board members used to be appointed by the Chairman. It was changed to the procedure of separate election of all Board members.



*photos: Budapest*



## 2003

*Congress in Cosenza, from 9th to 16th April.*

21 LCs present out of 29 LCs (Vienna, Grodno, Minsk, Rijeka, Helsinki, Oulu, Tampere, Paris, Aachen, Cottbus, Munich, Budapest, Cosenza, Reggio Emilia, Trieste, Delft, Eindhoven, Twente, Krakow, Murom, Ljubljana, Madrid, Zurich, London, Nottingham, Belgrade, Nis, Novi Sad, Podgorica). The idea of the activation award was successfully implemented. 5 observers were found: Banja Luka (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Bucharest (Romania), Skopje (Macedonia), Sofia (Bulgaria) and Wroclaw (Poland). Banja Luka were not able to travel to Cosenza due to visa problems, but others were accepted in EESTEC. Reactivation and stabilizing the existing LCs was done in Twente, Zürich and Vienna. Excluded were: Cottbus, Eindhoven, Minsk, Grodno and Nottingham. The board also prepared an EU funding request but with no success because full-time employee was required by EC. An EESTEC training week was launched in Paris, but it had to be cancelled because of lack of funds. The board discussed internships, but are not convinced EESTEC should fulfill this task. New and important contact with the IEEE has been established by signing the Memorandum of Understanding.



*photos: Cosenza*

When I look back into last 10 years of my life, I always found that EESTEC has been one of the best things that happened to me (besides marriage and kids of course). It was love on a first sight :)

It has completely changed my life. I would not have such number of friends all over Europe without EESTEC, I would not be so happy without EESTEC and I would not have my job without EESTEC :)

The final stage of my EESTEC career was year 2003/2004 when I became a chairman of EESTEC International. Spending time with my boardmates: Anna, Andraas, Risto and Luisca, was amazing thing. Our BOMs in Paris (probably the last event organized by LC Paris L), Helsinki, Budapest, Belgrade were great no sleeping events I always remember :)

Every last Wednesday in a month, we as founders of LC Belgrade go for dinner and remember all great time we spent with EESTEC. It is great tradition and opportunity to refresh memories on exchanges, parties, and wonderful people of EESTEC. And you know what, we miss you guys :)

I still have contacts with EESTEC LC Belgrade and I am very proud to see that LC that my friends and I founded in Belgrade in November 2000 is now one of the best LCs in EESTEC and that their performance is much much over our achievements. Reputation that LC Belgrade has in a business society is extremely high and such recognition is the best proof of great work and ideas.

The fact that I am still in regular contact with many EESTECers, that we visit each other, spend holidays together, celebrate weddings together, working together is the best description what EESTEC should actually bring to our lives.

Cheers,

*Nenad Aleksic  
EESTEC International Chairman 2003/2004  
LC Belgrade CP 2001-2003*



## 2004

*Congress in Belgrade, from 21st March to 29th March.*

Out of 28 LCs, 22 were present. Munich and Murom were reactivated and 3 observers were present: Banja Luka, Craiova, Linkoping. All of them were accepted. Istanbul was also observer but not able to come to Congress. Excluded were London and Reggio Emilia. Microsoft was considered supersponsor and .NET project was presented. On this congress new position in the Board was introduced (actually put back, as it already used to exist in some form in previous periods): Vice Chair for External Affairs with responsibilities of activation of new observers, contacts with other student organizations, EU affairs and PR in general. To remove the gap between international and local level, position of Board Assistants was introduced. Each Board member can have certain number of assistants responsible for their fields.



*photos: Belgrade*

Six years have passed since my year as Vice Chairwoman for Internal Affairs in EESTEC International Board and I'm sad to admit: I don't remember anymore in detail all the great things that we did during that year 2004-2005.

But what I do remember is that it was fun!!! We had a board meeting in Belgrade congress, in Ljubljana, the Swiss Alps, Delft, Munich and in Madrid congress and every time it was awesome (=8) to get together with Marina (LC Belgrade), Borut (LC Ljubljana), Andrew (LC Budapest) and Risto (LC Tampere). Although getting together wasn't always easy. In Delft we had to postpone the meeting a few days, because Borut was stuck at some airport after destroying his ID?!? And we weren't even surprised. After all, it was Borut.

Our board was very active and motivated. The theme of the year, so to say, was to encourage LCs to organize workshops instead of exchanges to show the professional side of EESTEC more strongly. I myself targeted in improving the communication to and between LCs and among other things I had an online meeting with the CPs. To share work and responsibilities, Board Assistant positions were introduced to each sector. That worked well, and we got a lot of help and ideas from the Assistants.

My internal affairs sector arranged a successful EESTEC Photo Contest, and diplomas were given to the winners Ionut Burloiu (LC Bucharest) and Aleksandar Petković (LC Niš) in Madrid congress. For the first time also the EESTECers of the year was elected, and Bisho, (LC Madrid) received his diploma as well as a big applause for a congress superwell-organized!

When looking back into my active years in EESTEC, I have to say: "Oh boy what an EESTEC spirit I have encountered during this time!!!" Here are some memories, one from each congress that I have attended, and I can guarantee that this is only a peak of the mountain:

-Due a little typo in Cosenza congress in 2003, Finnish LCs decided to organize a WOKSHOP. A summer event containing wok food has been organized ever since in Finland.

-I was just arriving to Belgrade congress hotel in 2004, when D from Z came to the corridor bleeding blood and having a huge piece of glass on his hand: "I just broke the mirror with my forehead!" The hotel manager was standing behind him, and he didn't look too happy...

-I lost a bet made with Luisca (LC Madrid) and had to perform a Spanish song in front of the General Assembly at the end of the Madrid congress in 2005. I survived and made two promises to myself: 1. never to make bets again and 2. to learn better Spanish. If simple lottery doesn't count, I have kept them both.

-Sarajevo congress in 2009 introduced me to EESTEC alumni action, and soon after the congress I joined the Council of the Elders of EESTEC as the Nordic Love Conductor. Inspired by the spirit in Sarajevo, I tried organizing an alumni event in summer 2009, but the timing was bad, and the get-together in Helsinki was postponed. But I haven't given in. Instead I will continue conducting love for many years in EESTEC.

Of course the most important memories relate to the wonderful people I have been lucky to meet and become friends with during these years. We have kept the contact and met whenever possible, even on a different continent. A few words of a couple of entire LCs:

-LC Ljubljana guys: last people standing, or actually jumping, or dancing reggae. How I love the Slovenians!

-LC Madrid guys (+ Chrissy): almost as outgoing as the Slovenians, but they actually know how

to dance :)

-LCs Aachen, Hamburg and Munich: perfect German organizing skills and warm hosts also outside EESTEC, Vielen Dank!

In addition to the people I miss Cerdo the Pig. And of course, the number game. You know the one, where the players choose the "forbidden" numbers and start counting from "1" in English. The forbidden numbers you have to say on your own language. What a blast we have had hundreds of times with this game! And what a great way to learn the numbers in other languages (trinaest... dreiundzwanzig...).

I want to thank EESTEC for this past decade that we have known each other, and wish him/her very happy 25th birthday as well as a good health and wellbeing. May your life be interesting with all the new challenges and fresh, enthusiastic EESTECers. I repeat what I have said in EESTEC Yearbook 2004: "It's team work guys. One big EESTEC family."

*Emmi Rautkylä,  
VC-IA 2004-2005*



2005

*Congress in Madrid, from 03rd to 11th April.*

Out of 29 LCs, 24 were present plus 6 observers: Valmiera, Athens, East Sarajevo, Koper, Hamburg, Tallin. All were accepted, except for Koper who remained observer until issue of kind of faculty degree that EESTEC requires is being discussed. 5 new LCs proved that it was a good thing to have VC External Affairs in the board, which was introduced in previous year. Excluded were Twente and Paris. In previous year EESTEC was in touch with IFISO (Informal Forum of International Student Organizations) to exchange experiences, mainly about getting EU grant. Some of the important discussions on Congress were about LC ranks (intermediate level between observer and full LC, like 'junior LC') and Headquarters in order to make work of the Board more efficient.



*photos: Madrid*

## "The origin of Cerdo"

Cerdo is the unofficial eestec pet. During 2005 Congress in Madrid participants woke up to find printed sheets entitled "Who da fuck is Cerdo" hanging on their doors. The sheets contained detailed reports of all the "events" occurred during the previous night's party, the protagonists' identity protected by showing only the first letter of their name, and that of their LC, e.g. E from B. With over 100 people around, coming from several cities which in some cases shared initials, the play detective who is who game was served every morning.

During the farewell party, Ljubljana crew finally unraveled the mystery and presented Cerdo (a pig shaped ceramic piggybank) to the eestecers. From that moment on, Cerdo makes appearance on each congress to write its daily reports in its weird accent, and to fundraise for the following COC.

As Cerdo would say, "me know u luuv me xoxoxo".

*Jorge, LC Madrid*

## "Where is the other tent?"

I remember during that same congress in Madrid. One night was dedicated to the "feria de Abril". The organizers provided some special sweet Spanish wine that is drunk during said fiesta. Allegedly, there is some special ingredient in the wine... well, obviously there was. The party was held in a tent next to the congress center where we staid. Everybody was jolly and dancing. Pretty much everybody with everybody. Early in the morning one Finish guy (I don't exactly remember his name or LC) came into tent. He was quite upset searching for something. We asked what he was looking for? Well, he said, he was very sure that there was another tent but he can't find it anymore... We were all looking at him sternly. There was quite definitely no other tent. But he was very sure went out and kept on looking...

Only the next morning we noticed what the wine had done to us. When I entered the computer room it was filled with people. They were all looking at me. "Do you remember what happened last night?" As it turns out we all only remembered a fraction of what had happened the night before. But still it definitely was a night to remember :-)

*Gion, LC Zürich*



2006

Congress in Sofia was held between 26th April and 5th May. We got 2 new LCs – Ankara and Istanbul, and one Observer - Lugano. LC Mo-rum was excluded, so in total there were 33 LCs. There were several things which happened during the year: positive response from EU regarding the grant was received, connection with IFISO was continued, construction of new web portal started as .NET project had been closed. Sponsor Package was prepared and distributed to many companies, to many of them in personal contact with Human Resources officers during the Job Fair in Hamburg that Board visited. It was found out that after all, recruiting and internships were the most interesting EESTEC offers to companies and it was expected for fund raising to improve as soon as new web portal provide CV database. Memorandum of Understanding with IEEE had been prolonged for the next 3 years. Around 10 exchanges, 20 workshops and several leisure events were organised. The tendency that started in last years with more workshops was still on and EESTEC was getting more professional. Summer activities organised by some LCs in addition to workshops made this period of year also active for EESTEC. It was also worth mentioning that many events gather 25-30 participants, 2 per LC usually, which was getting us closer to large scale international events that had been discussed some years ago.



## 2007

Congress was held in Budapest between 24th March and 1st April. There were 30 out of 33 LCs and 8 Observers from 21 countries in total. This year was special for many things. For the first time was organised new international event – EESTEC Chairpersons' meeting (ECM) in Istanbul, event which was meant for personal development of present and future chairpersons. We could see that EESTEC was becoming more professional and oriented to make quality members and leaders. For the first time was organised EESTEC Hour – an event meant for binding LCs and EESTECers to do the same things at the same time for one hour. Our organisation became bigger for 7 new Junior LCs – Tuzla, Lugano, Lisbon, Famagusta, Sarajevo, Faro and Eskisehir. As Observer only left Bitola. Unfortunately, LC Vienna was excluded. 19 events marked this year with around 300 participants. EESTEC International gained new sponsors - ESA and Statkraft. This was the good sign that companies see EESTEC as the serious organisation. Building of new web portal started and as a platform was chosen Python (Plone). This year, EESTEC Treasurer Team was established to help Treasurer and Board with application for EU grant and fund raising. Existing logo of organisation was a little bit modified - net was deleted and S letter was centralised.



I remember the day at my university when I was talking to my colleague about going to Ljubljana, on some workshop. Since I didn't have any exams at the time, I said why not... And that was the beginning of a beautiful EESTEC journey that still has a tremendous impact on my life.

Working as international board member helped me realize how people are different and, even when with different perspectives, there is always the way to find a common language. Sometimes it is very easy, sometimes hard as hell, but it is not impossible. It helped me learn about my abilities and help me realize what my strengths are and what my weaknesses are. Finally, EESTEC helped me discover so many great people that made (and are still making) my life soooooo much more beautiful. Thank you all for being there and making EESTEC what it is!

*Aleksandra Cvetkovic  
VC P&A 2007/2008*



## 2008

This year's Congress was organised by two local committees - Ljubljana and Rijeka between 4th and 14th April. Reasons for this were mostly financial. As EESTEC was becoming bigger, there were more participants and more days for Congress were necessary which was hard for one LC to organise. Present were 30 LCs, 3 JLC, 4 Observers – Osijek, Zagreb, Maribor and Patras, and one Observer Candidate – Lille. Patras and Zagreb were promoted to JLCs, Famagusta, Sarajevo and Tuzla to LCs and LC Oulu was degraded to JLC. A lot of issues were raised during general meetings. Financial situation was very bad and this year was finished with negative exploitation. All that caused that in the last general meeting, one day before departure, there were no candidates for the Board and Congress organising committee. In the end showed up two groups of people applying for the Board positions. For the first time voting was between two lists. This was strongly not recommended for future for the sake of EESTEC. In the end LC Belgrade was voted for COC with right to find coorganiser. Two workshops about Plone were organised in order to educate new IT team members. This year's ECM was organised in LC Belgrade after cancellation of LC Bucharest. The continuity of this event was crucial for its survival. During past years, many works and plans were made for establishing training system in EESTEC. The first Training for Trainers event should had been organised by LC Bucharest but unfortunately not enough participants applied. More work and promotion on this subject was required. EESTEC Newsletter was improved – it got its graphical representation and new aim – to inform members about upcoming events, what happened on previous ones and what was going on international level each month. Two internships were obtained with 8 places in total by Microsoft Serbia (Novi Sad) and Quimonda (Madrid). Official fonts and colours which EESTEC should use were chosen as well as new slogan – „Power your future!“.





**METU EESTEC, Ankara, Turkey:**

## Robots follow the lines

'LET'S FOLLOW The Lines', organized by IEEE METU EESTEC Committee-EESTEC LC Ankara on 21-29 September 2007, was a workshop about robotics and line-followers. This workshop was the result of cooperation between EESTEC, EESTEC LC Ankara and IEEE METU Student Branch. 12 people from other local committees of EESTEC (Belgrade, Athens, Kaunas, Budapest and Aachen) and six from IEEE Student Branches (Sarajevo and Eskisehir) participated. The main sponsor was Microsoft Turkey.

Microsoft Robotics Studio Training was conducted to the participants and members of IEEE Student Branches in Ankara. ISBIR training was

conducted by IEEE METU VC Gokhan Celebi and two representatives from Gate Electronic and Labris Technology attended the round table meeting. The event was also supported by METU, Kebbapci, EMO, Cezzve, Minister of Culture and Tourism and IEEE Turkey Section.

Sightseeing in Ankara was also included.

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EESTEC LC Ankara Chair  
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Well..

I don't really feel like telling my memories yet, but the promise of a bottle of Unicum closed the deal, and so I will play the grandpa and tell you some random memories you don't really care about. Gather around kids.

So I was new to our guild, which is called EURIELEC (ancient name for EESTEC that we keep for historical reasons, a.k.a. laziness), and some guys were discussing about who should go to Belgrade's EESTEC Congress. It was 2004, and the first time I heard about EESTEC. It was somehow prophetic since my cycle would pretty much finish on the following Belgrade congress, but let's not get ahead of ourselves. Our guild got mail from our delegation in Belgrade, asking for our permission to accept the duty that many pretty girls (this is what we imagined from it) were asking them to take: Congress 2005. We finally accepted, Madrid was the new COC, it was my first event as an organizer.

That summer I went to my first event, a reggae festival in Slovenia's mountains that made the EESTEC spirit really get to me. The "with the calm" motto of the trip defined it pretty well, 24/7 reggae, good friends, utopian nature, and no worries, a dream. The funniest moments, the hour and a half of laughter after trying some funny tasting cookies, and the secret nightly raids to the food tent, starving, in search for that super caloric meat cans that kept us alive.

Congress came after a year of hard work by a small number of people in LC Madrid, most of the previous delegation dispersed, it was a few members (especially Guille, Miguel, Rebe, Cris, Mario..) who took over and made it the success it was. The event was held mostly in a gorgeous residence our university has up in the mountains north of Madrid. In order not to ruin the jewel of the university, we decided to place a huge marquee in the grounds of the residence, and make the parties there. The "tent", as it is remembered, was witness of crazy wild orgies with fine mind-erasing wines, flamenco and jamón, eestecvision contests, dirty dancing and finnish nudity as well as famous paranormal phenomena such as the apparition of a second tent out of nowhere, where parties were so mind blowing that people who went there never fully came back to their own selves. After daily reports on the nastiness of our participants (boosted by the single rooms) signed by some "Cerdo", our worshiped pig was disclosed in the farewell party, and Cerdo was forever kept as the ancient tradition it is today (i'm hoping), passing from COC to COC, full of money raised for the following congress.

That unforgettable year LC Madrid started the saga of the 4 "Sunny Spain" summer events, incredibly fun beach-side camping weeks in the spanish mediterranean coast where "hot" was the recurring word in all conversations. I made good friends there, some of whom are still in touch, and had a lot of fun with the crazy Slovenians that drove huge vans all the way down there, the widsurfing days and the guitar bonfire nights by the beach.

Congress in Sofia in 2006 was my first time as a full LC representative. My biggest memory from that Congress is the amazing work of the outgoing board, for whom I remember I felt great respect. Room parties with all the great people there were awesome. During the last GM, everybody was hoping to get to use the pool (every day sessions had finished way out of the opening hours). There was a motion to pause for a group bath, that the board didn't like very much since GM was running way behind schedule, but finally they gave in. That GM finished at 3am, but we all enjoyed the pool break like little children. In Sofia I met a young Tagi, whom I rescued from a bad sandy hangover on the beach by the Black Sea, and since then our destiny became somehow connected.

Many events came after that, some as organizer apart from CP, like the New Generation

Telecommunications or the E-Health workshops, and as participant workshops in Ljubljana and Cosenza among others, amazing time in Technologies Behind Videogames, lovely Italian friends and memories there, my team won the pizza contest, and learnt a good motto to live by: se in paradiso non c'è cioccolato, non ci vado!

I wasn't even going to go to Congress in Ljubljana & Rijeka, in 2008. I finally decided to go as an unofficial participant to the first part in Slovenia, and then fly back. However GMs were so interesting that I got hooked and started sleeping on the floor, sofas, and pretty much where I could with participants, instead of the nice bed Elena kindly provided for us unofficials at her place. Got deeply involved in some matters and finally, the last night in Ljubljana, after huge pressure and not without guilt, I decided I had to stay for the part in Rijeka and candidate for IA. The problems started right there, because after loosing my flight I realized I hadn't brought my passport, since I didn't plan to go to Croatia, so I wouldn't be able to cross the border. In the few hours left before the following morning's bus trip, I tried to contact the spanish consulate in Ljubljana, with no luck. In the morning i took the bus with the others, resigned to the fact that I would be bounced in the border. While on the road people tried to help me, specially Elena with her diplomatic contacts, who by the way said there was no way I would make it through. Even Mehmet, my seatmate, moved away from me while the policeman came inside the bus: he wanted nothing to do with outcasts. Finally the policeman reached the end of the bus and asked for my passport, gave him my ID, uncertain like if walking on thin ice, and after looking at it for what seemed like an eternity, he smiled at me and said "Spanish hah?... Fernando Alonso!!" to which I mumbled "whaa.. YEAH!". Mehmet finally had more issues than me to cross the border, which made me think how unfair citizenship and origin discrimination is, while I drank from two bottles of vodka at once. Anyways, the rest was pretty straightforward, except for the panic the night before the elections because of the lack of candidates. Finally the critical situation lead to the elections between two teams instead of individual candidates, and the board for 08-09 was elected, Tagi, Husam, Carlos, Stevan and me: dream team!

The year in the board was very tiring, but very challenging. I really enjoyed the team at that time, everyone was quite good on their part, and complementary in the group dynamics, we were a neat piece of clockwork. Tagi was an intelligent leader, Carlos simply genius, Stevan a hard worker and Husam the exact extrovert. I was just a CP with a clear view of what I wanted in IA. I made a huge effort in planning at the very beginning, and was lucky enough to have people on my team that were very responsive to motivation and responsible on their tasks, which were assigned trying to match their interests and capabilities, their strengths. I had a great time with them and can only be thankful for what we built together, still a lot of it in use and improved by my successors.

ECM in Tallinn was one of my favourite events in EESTEC. Not only because of the sweet organizers, always caring and smiling despite our continuous demands, but because of the participants there, their commitment and professionalism, it was very impressive for me. I met people there I will never forget.

Congress in Belgrade and Sarajevo finally was here, and somehow the end of my life as an active EESTECer. I lived too many emotions probably there, it was exhausting by all means. The board was there for 15 days, some prep days before congress, during which we became the most effective working group I have ever been a part of, finishing the guides, closing the projects of the year and planning every bit of the congress schedule. It was one of these days, all 5 of us working side by side, that we received the best possible news: after a couple of years of no luck for EESTEC, our application for the EACEA Youth in Action Programme, Action 4.1 (the so called EU Grant) had been accepted, with a coverage of 47% of our 38.000€ budget

for the following year. The hard work and thorough planning in Madrid, where we gathered for a week only for this purpose, had paid off and the following board would have a good chance to make big things with that funds. The congress went on quite smoothly and the optimistic atmosphere helped to make a great outcome of it, thanks to our dear double COC. In the end, 3 of us decided to be the Oversight Committee for the following Board, in order to ensure proper handover and continuity.

During the following year as OC, I must admit I felt out of my element, not always I could resist the temptation to step in in board discussions, but luckily everything went fine. I participated in the HOBOM, held in Madrid, and the rest of my work up untill congress was online. Congress in Athens was my last event as an EESTECer, at least on the records. I still have an EESTECer inside, still feel the spirit, and I don't expect this feeling to go away in a very long time, not until I'm at least a 111 year old child.

*Jorge, LC Madrid*



2009

Following the trend from the last year, Congress was organised by two LCs. The first five days was held in Belgrade and the second five in Sarajevo. For the first time the number of participants reached 120. Impressive was the effort of the organisers who even made possible electronic voting system which made things much easier. EESTEC became bigger for 3 new LCs – Maribor, Zagreba and Patras, one JLC Riga and as Observers stayed Gliwice, Baku, Lille and as Observer Candidates London, Chinisau, Galati and Warsawa. JLC Faro, LC Valmiera and JLC Oulu were excluded so in total 39 LCs and JLCs left. New event was introduced during the part in Belgrade - Open Day. This one day event was an opportunity for universities and companies to introduce their internships, master and phd programmes to students. The present were Hamburg University of Applied Science, King Abdulah University of Science and Technology, University of Madrid, University of Lugano and next companies: Microsoft, ABSOft and P&G. This year's Board main mission was: "Reconstruction of structure and activities of EESTEC". The structure of web page was finished and the content was filled. EU grant was received for this year. This was the big income for EESTEC. ECM was held in Tallinn where also LC Fair took place. All LCs brought their and their university's promotional materials and presented themselves to local students. For the first time Training for trainers was held in Sarajevo. This time, lectures and working sessions were held from professional trainer. In the end, EESTEC got 33 trainers together with honorable ones. Fund raising was really good. Many new personal contacts were established as well as new sponsors - ESA and ISBIR. Agreement with ETH Zurich was reached and migration to their server was done. New project Lykeion was introduced, an online Job Fair, still as an idea. EESTEC Topic introduced on previous Congress was accepted for international project by Board this year. It presented the seria of workshops with the same topic which for this year was – Electrical Energy Independence of Europe. Magazine was published 2 times and hardcopies had very good quality. EESTEC Treasurer Team and Internship coordinator position were cancelled. Cooperation with IFISO was continued not by attending the meetings but also through organising Leadership Summer School. As we could see, EESTEC was developing rapidly. Many new ideas, many new events were making EESTEC better organisation.



I am aware of the fact that I was invited to write an article for EESTEC History Book due to my Board membership in 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. No doubt, it is an absolute honor to be a part of the history of EESTEC and this book, but what makes me actually proud is not the positions I have achieved in EESTEC, but my humble involvement in EESTEC as a member since 2006, as I always felt proud to be a member of this association and a comrade to everyone in EESTEC.

Thinking back how it started, it is quite a string of coincidences which put me to this endless path and therefore, quite easy to imagine that there could be no EESTEC in my life. But it would definitely be an honest confession to state that my life would not be the way it is right now if those coincidences which guided me to EESTEC did not happen. From the personal development perspective, starting from September 2006 as a regular member in LC Ankara till the Congress 2010 in Athens as the Chairman, all my positive and negative actions in EESTEC trained me and changed me in absolute way. Looking back to myself 4.5 years ago who is about to get on the bus to attend first EESTEC meeting and looking myself right now, no one but I can feel the massive positive difference between two as a result of EESTEC involvement.

Needless to say, my time in EESTEC has not always been as bright as the sun. Endless arguments, fragile moments and big disappointments have also been a part of my life in EESTEC. Nevertheless, looking back right now, all I remember are the joyful moments and laughters that I shared with my friends in EESTEC. And of course, when I try to understand the reason why I am so much bounded to EESTEC, the answer lies beyond: People. I learned from EESTECers how to work super efficiently and how to party until I drop dead. I found myself buying drinks and getting drunk with the person that I was having a deadly discussion on the same day, I experienced all kind of feelings with the people in EESTEC(some of them unfortunately I do not remember!). But I have got to say this: Thanks to EESTECers, my life has been much more sophisticated than it would be.

After 4.5 years and 2 years in Int. Board, having been almost everywhere, speaking basic "Balkan" language, with million of memories, I just have one sentence: Becoming an EESTEC member was one of the biggest achievements in my life.

Once an EESTECer, always an EESTECer.

*Huseyin (Husam) Ozcan*



## *A quarter of a century*

25 years, a quarter of a century. Kind of the quarter of a human life, the age of becoming an adult and the age to finish studies and start working (average, let's say). It may look like an eternity, thinking of 25 years of our life, but certainly not thinking of the life of an association. Such an association as EESTEC.

During these 25 years, a lot of people has contributed to our association, has been part of EESTEC. Just like raising a child, a lot of people have contributed to raise this association, to improve it, to educate it. Furthermore, during these years 25 boards have been entrusted the task of "parenting" this association.

And I had the opportunity to be part of one of them.

I can assure EESTEC has been a big part of my life as a student. The most important learning happens, indeed, out of the classrooms and the faculties; and associations like EESTEC bring an incredibly unique opportunity to empower this learning. EESTEC gives the opportunity to learn things that can't be taught, that need to be experienced. The opportunity to experience international life, meet foreign cultures and embrace yourself in big international projects.

I was elected Vice Chairman for External Affairs in 2009, which gave me and my four beloved co-boardies the opportunity to take a further step in our involvement in EESTEC. It brought probably such big responsibilities and obligations for the first time in my life, and with them, the chance to prove myself, to know myself.

Just like a child, EESTEC required constant attention. It brought some moments of tiredness, stress and infinite business; but also thousands of moments of happiness, learning and pride for the good work. Our association is much like a living creature, which needs a huge amount of care and time, but pays it back in experience and knowledge which is really worth it.

Having the opportunity to work with my co-boardies Husam, Evelin, Snezana and Emine was something really invaluable for me, and something I will for sure never forget. All the places we met at, all the topics we discussed about, all the nights we had to stay awake attending everlasting online meetings... is something that can't be explained with words, and for sure I wouldn't be who I am today if I hadn't lived all those moments.

During these 25 years, we all have in fact managed to bring our association to a very distinguished position. Every single person who has contributed to this development can be proud of how we have risen EESTEC to become what it is today. Now it's time for new generations to come and keep relieving us in our work. To keep EESTEC growing and living for many more dozens or hundreds of years.

The responsibility of choosing the ways for EESTEC to grow and to keep operating it for forthcoming years will be our legacy, and probably one of the best gifts they will receive in their lives.

Every moment is crucial for the development of our association as it is for the development of a human being, and every generation of members is an invaluable contribution to the enrichment of EESTEC.

Let's make it live for a whole century... at least!

*Adrián Pérez Orozco*  
*Vice Chairman for External Affairs 2009-2010*

## 2010

Congress was held in Athens between 21st and 28th March. Main goals this year were: continuity of the projects, strengthening the internal structure and increasing the external reputation. New JLCs became Gliwice, Lille, Sheffield and Observers Iasi and Izmir. LC Linkoping and Lugano were degraded to JLC. Open Day was organised again and participating universities and companies were: Aalborg University, Coca Cola Hellas, ABB, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Piraeus Bank, Schneider Electric, Positive Energy. ECM was organised this year in Skopje. It showed up to be very crucial for international improvements. The structure was kept from previous year and in total 7 different trainings and 10 working sessions were held. Web page was restructured this year and content was prepared and copied from existing site. Parallel with ECM and Congress were IT sprints where several IT team's members gathered and made event and user management system. This was the big step for EESTEC. Two Trainings for Trainers were organised by LC Zagreb and LC Zurich, so trainers pool got 24 potential trainers. Two issues of Magazine were made with increased printing and content quality. Cooperation with EUROAVIA (European Association of Aerospace Students) was made in a way of exchanging articles. EESTEC Hour had its 5th anniversary this year with the biggest number of LC participating. Due to world economic crisis which happened this year, fund raising wasn't as planned but due to received EU grant from last year, the year ended up with positive exploitation. EU grant was received this year also. Expansion was done via snail mail with new improved and redesigned booklets and info paper. This showed to be very efficient and a lot of new contacts were reached. Cooperation with IFISO was continued. EBIOS – Engineering and Biomedical Informal Organisation of Students was a new projects who gather students of these field in order to cooperatin in fields of Biomedical Engineering and Telemedicine.



## 2011

We are approaching the next Congress in Craiova with 38 LCs and 6 JLCs. Since last year's Congress, Board has right to promote JLCs and the newest one is Izmir. We have 6 Observers (Antwerp, Coventry, Vienna, Warwick, Xanthi) left for which we hope will soon become JLCs. This year is 25th birthday of EESTEC which we are going to mark with big ceremony and fancy party. At this occasion, History book is going to be published with overview of last years as well as beginnings of the organisation. ECM was held in Novi Sad. During Edu Day (similar to Open Day just oriented to Universities) KAUST (King Abdulah University of Science and Technology) presented its master and PhD programme. Parallel to it, the second IT sprint happened after the one in Helsinki. A lot of improvements was done on eestec.net, but still a lot to go. Good news is that more and more LCs are using event management system for announcing its events. Forum was finished to ease up constructive discussions among members. Board revived cooperation with Petrus Communication through promotion of Airbus competition and EADS internships via web page, mailing lists, Newsletter and Magazine. Cooperation was also established with IIE, worldsalestickets.com and scholarships.com portals. This year was no T4T, but Trainers' meeting held in Banja Luka. This was very good for establishing strong training system in EESTEC. Cooperation with IFISO was continued. EESTEC was responsible for building the IFISO web page which is successfully finished. Leadership Summer School was organised in Ljubljana with quite help from EESTEC LC. Two issues of Magazine were published. A lot was changed comparing with previous year in terms of font and structure. From this year, LCs were able to buy Magazines. International motivation weekends were organised two times – by LC Munich and LC Ljubljana. As very important part of every organisation, strategic plan is prepared and will be presented during general meeting. Project which started last year finally has started to be implemented. Lykeion web page is finished and it is possible now to gather student's CVs. We really see the future of fund raising here. After 25 years, EESTEC has grown and developed as none could forecast that at the beginning. It became one of the most respected students' organisation full of young and devoted members. Long live EESTEC!



## *Developing story: Where is EESTEC 25 years later And where is it going to be years from now*

Jubilee occasions are moments engulfed by nostalgic memories and past achievements. In EESTEC, this Anniversary represents the 25 years of overcoming obstacles in the academic and industry world, proving that EESTEC deserves to be an established student organisation. Now that we are recognized, we cannot stop, but instead continue the hard work, while never for an instance forgetting to smile, enjoy every day and have fun. EESTECers are students who cherish friendship, and the EESTEC spirit, and they all belong to LC EESTEC, not to countries, not to universities, or religions, but to EESTEC as a whole. We appreciate individuality, differences and opinions, and still manage to show creativity and inventions working together in international teams. EESTEC is an institution, an education, that the university can not provide, it is an experience that can not be described, a Spirit that can only be felt. EESTECers devote to EESTEC a piece of their hearts, never regretting any moment, because apart from the work, they have EESTEC to thank for cherishing friendships, and everlasting moments from trips and events, to technical and soft skills, discovering cultures and travelling. Today, 25 generations of EESTECers who live around the globe prove this right!

EESTEC started 25 years ago, on 3 May 1986, at the Peace Palace in The Hague, The Netherlands, when a group of delegates from 33 cities, representing 17 European countries came together and agreed to improve the cooperation between student associations in Electrical Engineering departments across Europe. Since then, over 80 Universities around Europe were part of EESTEC, and the countless number of EESTECers have organized over 300 events. If excellence is measured by achievements, and devotion, EESTEC is no doubt the example that should be followed, and looked up to, and the past accomplishments speak for that. EESTEC is proud of its Heads of international companies, professors and academics, researchers, PhD students, engineers spread around the whole world who are involved in every niche of technology. As EESTEC, we make a difference both in universities and companies because our experiences in EESTEC gives us a more open-minded attitude towards life. That is EESTEC nowadays. Something we can all be proud of, something we have created ourselves, and will continue evolving and improving in the future.

EESTEC's potential is growing as the days go by. In 25 years, the beginners steps were made, EESTEC grew, learned from the mistakes, and improved, now it's time to look into the future, because EESTEC is the key for technical and personal development of students, for a better world, lead by technology. We started with congresses, twin-exchanges, workshops, continued with internships, exchanges, trainings, carnivals, Chairpersons' meetings, job fairs, Open Days, soft-skills

academies, EESTEC hour, motivational weekends... EESTEC managed to connect Industry, Universities and students, and find a mutual language for cooperation. Nowadays, companies are willing to present world's leading technology projects, in EESTEC workshops, because they know the potential that EESTEC students have, and the impact they will have in the future of technology. The field of Electrical Engineers and Computer Scientists is beyond large. Renewable energy sources, telecommunications and next generation networks, electronics, robotics, automation, e-technologies, software development, and implementation of all these engineering branches in basically every point of life. Technology is weaved in our daily lives, people can not live without it, and we are the ones who have been creating it. The leaders of development, the leaders of the more organised and better world, the leaders of the future. That's why EESTEC makes us special, besides our technical knowledge we also gain other abilities that make every EESTECer stand out and succeed in life despite the highly competitive world of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Expansion to other countries and reaching more students across Europe while strengthening the inner structure should definitely be the direction towards which EESTEC should be guided by future International Boards. This is the only way to make EESTEC reach excellence and the recognition it deserves. The organisation which started 25 years ago with only 33 Universities, now reaches over 50000 students, at various Universities across Europe. A dream dating from 1986, is now reality, because EESTECers tried. EESTEC is here to stay and will keep making a difference.

*Elena Manceva  
David Pérez Delgado*

## *Vision and future plans*

From year to year there were ups and downs but we always managed to find the light in the dark. We can be very proud on EESTEC because many generations gain so much from it. The most important thing that makes EESTEC so special is “EESTEC Spirit”. EESTEC Spirit can’t be explained, but lived.

The EESTEC Spirit is the feeling of having something in common with different people from different countries, a shared language that comes out in a tavern in Budapest, a sauna in Helsinki, or a bus in Ankara, a language that suddenly realize you are speaking with everyone around you. People two days ago were strangers, now are colleagues, tomorrow friends and who knows the day after.

Today the meaning of EESTEC for more than 5000 electrical engineering students all over Europe is a whole new world of experiences and opportunities. EESTEC today offers to students what they can’t find anywhere else, to fill the gaps that their education, career and social life can bring to one another.

As every day EESTEC is becoming bigger and bigger, new goals and directions are being established. Looking from this point, EESTEC should put focus in upcoming years in straightening internal structure and expanding itself to the countries where we still don’t have any local committees.

As well with structure goals, EESTEC needs to established strong financial support every year. EESTEC intend to establish annual partnership with some international companies, as well with institutions and organisations from which we can benefit not only in financial way but also operational and administration.

When it comes to the quality of our workshops, we will give big effort for improving the quality of our workshops all over the Europe, in order to gain positive image in the eyes of electrical engineering and computes science students, as well in front of Universities and Companies.

The opportunity for establishing strong connection with companies and universities which is provided with organising EduDAY and OpenDay will be continued and improved through the years. Till now EduDAY and OpenDAY became strong point of ECM and Congress, and a great chance for Companies and Universities to reach their target groups.

As addition to EduDAY and OpenDAY, a web portal Lykeion will be promoted and used as a great platform for joining highly qualified and motivated students, companies and universities in Europe, allowing them to advertise themselves, search the database for published information and as a result, establishing a new com-

munication channel between all three.

In last three years training system in EESTEC became a brand. We can be proud on 3 generations of EESTEC trainers who were excellent ambassadors and promoters of EESTEC in front of other organisations, institutions and universities in Europe. Our goal is to keep the quality of our training system and extend the quantity of international EESTEC trainers.

As for promotional service we plan to present all our activities through our magazine and yearbook, as well to establish promotional cooperation with other organisations and institutions, where we can benefit in the field of promotion. As good promotional field we will use promotion over social networks more constantly since we have huge number of members who joined our social network channels and groups.

In the end our vision lies in uniting electrical engineering and computer science students all over Europe in order to reach their full potential in academic and social life.

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