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From Newsletter PWG...

Hi everyone, I imagine you have just finished the exam period. So what you need is a nice distraction, how to read the newsletter! Here you are satisfied. After a long wait, finally a new newsletter. Few contributions, but very exciting! After reading them all will be amazed! How about starting to read now? I hope you will spend a good month until the next nl!

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IB report

Dear EUROAVIANS,

In the following lines you will find the IB report of these past months. Unfortunately, this time we have to deal with the suspension of one of our members. You can find the reasons stated below.

Until next issue.

AMEAC 2011 Dresden Minutes

After several weeks of edition and thanks to the collaboration of the minute takers the preliminary version of AMEAC 2011 Dresden Minutes is completed and has been sent to the Minute Checkers and the Local Boards. These Minutes will be discussed and voted for approval during the next congress.

PRWG

Public Relations Permanent Working Group is recruiting! If you feel motivated and want to take part in EUROAVIA's international activity this is your chance to join this wonderful group of people.

For more information send an e-mail to prwg@euroavia.eu.

FoWo 2012

After a very successful Formation Workshop last year, the IB is preparing the next call for hosting this wonderful event, which you will receive soon in a more detailed mail.

Suspension of AS Torino

Following the discussions that took place in AMEAC 2011 Dresden, the International Board has sent a notification to the Local Board of AS Torino in order to notify them of their membership suspension. This has been done following the procedures established in the EUROAVIA Statutes and Bylaws.

This suspension has effect as of the 4th of December 2011 and will be in effect until the following General Meeting, which has been scheduled from the 6th until the 13th of May of 2012 in the city of Rzeszów (Poland), under the denomination of "EMEAC 2012 Rzeszów".

This suspension from membership is part of the disqualification process of AS Torino which is in preparation. The reasons that led to this decision are as follow:

- Failure to pay the membership fee of EUROAVIA during the period 2009-2011, which is an obligation for all the Affiliated Societies as stated in the EUROAVIA Bylaws under article 1.2.i.
- Failure to attend at least one full congress during two subsequent business years, as required in the EUROAVIA Bylaws under article 1.2.h.
- Failure to hand in the Local Reports when there is no physical presence during a congress, as required by the EUROAVIA Bylaws under articles 1.2.d and 1.2.g.
- Impossibility to establish communication with the Local Board of Torino, after several attempts of different International Boards.

During this Meeting, the representatives of Affiliated Society Torino will be entitled to lodge an appeal against this decision at the first meeting in the Agenda. The final decision will be voted after the discussion and will be binding.

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Happening around Europe

Pisa

Paolo Nespoli in Pisa

Presented as a hero of our times, Paolo Nespoli visited our university thanks to an invitation from a local student association, holding a conference.

But what am I saying? It all looks so boring; it was actually a wonderful meeting, spacing from pictures of the ISS and tales about his mission, with an audience of hundreds of people all greedy to know, understand, be inspired, be able even only for one minute to taste his experience.

A quote, in my opinion, represents at best the real situation:

Nespoli was the rock star, and we were the groupies Leone Maurilio Magazzù.

Obviously we couldn't lose the occasion for an interview!

Nespoli's interview

So here's for you as a special event Nespoli's interview:

EA Pisa: Are engineering studies a good starting point to become an astronaut?

P.N.: In my opinion the question is wrong, meaning that there is not a particular curriculum of studies to become an astronaut. All what is needed to become an astronaut is to have a scientific degree, may it be engineering, physics, medicine, biology, oceanography... I'm just naming few of the specializations of my colleagues. The point is that first you have to understand what does interest you, what's your passion, what you like and do it with engagement, carefully, getting results, and then maybe you can succeed in becoming an astronaut. Maybe in the future there will be a path, but not today.

EA Pisa: What is the importance of soft skills, of leadership, of the ability to present your work, over technical skills in engineering career?

P.N.: In my opinion those are very useful skills, because you can be an excellent scientist, but if

you're not able to present your work and make it stand out, if you can't move others' imagination, find funding, you won't get anywhere; you need a 360° competence. You have to be careful anyway, because someone focuses only on that and not on the rest, and ends up with no substance (as we say in Italy all smoke and no meat).

EA Pisa: Is the knowledge of English an other foreign languages critical nowadays?

P.N.: I think yes, because if you want to reach a high professional level in your career you will need to work in an international environment. English is a lingua franca from a technical point of view, so English skills, to be able to write it, speak it during conferences, be able to write papers, maybe to look for funders on international level is very important. You need to know a language not only in a scholastic way, but know also uses and traditions of a nation.

EA Pisa: Which are the most important languages, in the engineering field, beside English?

P.N.: English of course is important, but if I were to choose I would probably pick Chinese, but actually not all languages are important: English, French, German, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese. Those are the basic ones.

EA Pisa: To conclude, we're living a hard crisis, on national level but also on the international one; what do you think about our future?

P.N.: Yes, we are actually in a particular conjuncture, but I'm sure future is ours, and we have to build it. People worth it will manage to find a job, a place also in the present situation, so maybe we must understand that there are possibilities but we have to look hard for them. We have to dream and to be consistent, coherent and a bit patient, but also without any doubt strong in finding which is our passion and in carrying it on.
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AS Pisa



International schedule

Date	Place	Activity	Topics / Internet contacts
12/03 - 17/03	Hamburg	iCabin Symposium	
25/03 - 31/03	Oostende	Flying Wing Symposium	
06/05 - 13/05	Rzeszow	EMEAC Congress	
11/09 - 16/09	Berlin	ILA CareerCenter 2012	

AC	Associated Company	IB	International Board
AMEAC	Annual Meeting of the Euroavia Congress	ICM	International Contact Member
AS	Affiliated Society	IEM	International Editor Member
CA	Central Archive	LB	Local Board
DeWo	Design Workshop	NAM	News Advertisement Member
DIB	Designated International Board	NL	Newsletter
EA	Euroavia	PAS	Prospective Affiliated Society
EYE	Euroavia Young Engineers	PWG	Permanent Working Group
EMEAC	Elective Meeting of the Euroavia Congress	SM	Supporting member
FoWo	Formation Workshop	TSP	Travel Support Program
FSP	Financial Support Program	WG	Working Group



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