

The 2005 FEANI Annual General Assembly and the other Business Meetings, were held at the DIVANI CARAVEL HOTEL of Athens, September 28-30, 2005. A hundred Engineers, from 25 European countries, participated in the events.

During the General Assembly, the second continual triennial presidency of the FEANI President, Mr. Konstantinos Alexopoulos was completed. The two very successful presidencies of him were applauded, and he was given awards, as he was the first president who had been elected two times in a row, (1999 in Rethymno, 2002 in Larnaka), he managed to bring FEANI into a state of tranquillity and development and he reestablished FEANI's status. In addition he was declared Honorary President.

After the elections during the General Assembly, Mr. Willi Fucks, VDI General Director and FEANI Vice President for the period 2002-2005, was elected President. Dott. Alcide Gava, member of the Council for the period 2002-2005, was elected Vice President. Six new members were elected for the Executive Council: Dr J.Birch (UK), Mr. L.Olsen (DK), Prof.Marko Jagodic (SI), Mr.J.Molina (ES) and Mr. Christos Sinanis, graduate Mechanical-Electrical Engineer. The election of Mr.Sinanis was achieved despite the high quality competition of the other Mediterranean Countries. All the elected officials will serve for three years.

In the frame of the Annual Business Meetings and according to the custom, there was a symposium held, titled "Innovation as the motion force for the development of Europe".

Invited speakers of the symposium were:

Dr. Themistoklis Xanthopoulos, deputy Minister of Public Works,
Mrs Ulrike Flach, Member of the Parliament of the Federal Republic of
Mr. S.Papadopoulos, General Secretary of the Ministry of Industry, on
behalf of the Minister, Mr.D.Sioufas,
Mr.Fokion Deligiannis, graduate Engineer, representative of the
Association of Greek Industrialists.

FEANI was established in 1951 with main target, as a European Organization, to reinforce the role and the participation of engineers in social and economic growth of Europe. Today, its Headquarters are in Brussels. Members of FEANI are the National Societies of Engineers of 26 European Countries. Greece is a FEANI member since 1952 and is represented by the National Committee, which the Technical Chamber of Greece supports and participates in. The Societies of Civil Engineers, Mechanical-Electrical Engineers, Chemical Engineers, Surveying Engineers, Metallurgist Engineers and Naval Engineers also participate in the National Committee.

Nowadays FEANI represents the interests of more than 1.900.000 engineers, and is considered as official interlocutor, by the European Union, for issues concerning the engineering professions.

FEANI, nowadays, beyond its original target, aims at the accreditation of the identity and needs of European engineers, who come from different educational systems and practice under very different conditions, between various countries. It also aims at developing the mobility of engineers and the possibility of employment in Europe. Another target, is the creation of a possible united frame, within which, the high quality engineer, who lives and works in Europe, will have the capability and status, not only to “move around’ among the European countries without obstacles, but also to successfully move out of them.

The issues of European development, of sustainability, of engineers in various European countries and the ones of Society, are examined in conferences, seminars and other international events, organized by FEANI.

In addition, FEANI cooperates with other international organizations that aim in issues of interest for engineers and also represents Europe in international organizations and other decision making institutions.