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The ACCE newsletter is an informational electronic tool to report ACCE activities in a timely manner. The goal is to continuously develop and maintain communications among ACCE members and beyond. This issue of the newsletter covers an interview with our ACCE founder and provides a special coverage for the effort that ACCE took as an organization in helping victims of the Wenchuan Earthquake, which, occurred on May 12, 2008, 14:28 pm Beijing Time, was recorded as the worst disaster in China's history since the 1976 Tangshan Earthquake. The latter killed more than 242,000 people. Questions and comments should be addressed to the ACCE 2008 executive officers.

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1. Interview with the ACCE Founder – Dr. George Lai

This interview was conducted to provide an understanding of the ACCE founder's original motivation and goal of establishing ACCE, his view on the development of ACCE in the past 12 years, and his current vision of ACCE. This interview was conducted by Dr. Xihua He, current ACCE Treasurer, through email exchange with Dr. George Lai, ACCE Founder.

Q1: We know that ACCE was founded in 1996 by you and a few other Chinese corrosion/materials engineers. What was your motivation of establishing ACCE at that time and your goal? What was your vision then on ACCE after 5, 10, or more years to come?

A1: The motivation at the time in 1996 to establish ACCE (formerly CAACME - Chinese American Association of Corrosion & Materials Engineers) was to set up a network to allow Chinese engineers from US, Canada, Europe, Taiwan, China and elsewhere to have an opportunity to:

- get together during annual NACE corrosion conference, and
- interact via internet and get connected (particularly for those who did not attend the conference).

This networking through NACE annual conferences and internet would be particularly more important for those engineers working in Taiwan, China and other parts of the Asia to get connected and to obtain the latest technical information and literature that might not be as readily available as their counterparts in the US and Canada. It was hoped at the time that the internet would play an important role in our organization in promoting our vision. This was essentially our original vision and, I think, it still is our vision now.

Q2: ACCE has been growing greatly in the past 12 years and we have been meeting annually during the NACE conference. What is your observation on ACCE as an organization on its development? Is there anything significant that has been done in your opinion?

A2: For the past few years, I haven't been attending NACE conferences and thus was not aware of the progress that the organization has made. By a quick look at the current website, the organization has certainly made significant progress. I was glad to see that a well-constructed website has

been established. The website is critical in expanding our organization in pulling Chinese corrosion and materials engineers and researchers from all over the world together.

Q3: Compared to organizations such as NACE, ACCE is relatively small and running fully by volunteers and thus, has limited human resources and funding. For ACCE to grow into a well-recognized organization, what actions do you suggest that should be taken?

A3: As you indicated in your question, we are still a very small organization with limited financial resources and are totally dependent on volunteers. I think one effective approach to grow our organization is to reach to those engineers that are currently working in China, Taiwan, and other parts of Asia by enriching our website in terms of providing more technical information. A technically-enriched website can attract increasing number of engineers and researchers from all over the world. One effective way to do that is by creating a section entitled “Technical papers” in the website, where members or potential members can post the titles (only the titles along with the journal sources) of his or her recent technical papers, let’s say for the past 4-5 years. The posting also includes the author’s email address to allow members who are interested in the paper to request a copy. The establishment of a section like this will provide readers a general picture on what’s going on in different countries and different areas of corrosion and materials technologies. For me, I would love to get to ACCE website to find out what’s going on in different parts of the world in terms of corrosion and materials science and technologies. It is simple to do and will have a powerful impact in attracting more people, and thus more members.

Q4: As China’s economy continues to grow, many are seeking opportunities in China. So are engineers in the corrosion area. Do you have any specific suggestion on how to improve ACCE’s development in China?

A4: My suggestion in (3) will help people from different countries who are interested in investing in China to go to ACCE website for technical information that might help them to find out what’s going on technically in China.

Editor's comments: Clearly, Dr. Lai had a great long vision even at the birth of this organization. He strongly emphasizes the significance of using internet to communicate among ACCE members and beyond. He believes that posting titles of the most recent technical papers of ACCE members will greatly help the growth of ACCE. Although he is not as active as he used to be in ACCE activities, his early initiatives, vision and effort in making this organization exist in the first place and then let it grow to have become, to a certain degree, influential in the global corrosion community as it is now deserve appreciation from all ACCE members.

2. Special Reports on ACCE Donation on Wenchuan Earthquake

(Edited from the final report of this ACCE event)

On May 12, 2008, 14:28 pm Beijing Time, an earthquake of 8.0 magnitude, centered at Wenchuan County, strike China's Sichuan province and surrounding regions. Within 90 minutes, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao flew to the earthquake region to oversee rescue effort. Earthquake of this magnitude located in a most populous area of China could easily be visioned by many that this would be a historical disaster and could take numerous lives. It became immediately clear to the ACCE Officers that there would be tremendous need by the expected-to-be uncountable victims of the earthquake. With this understanding and realization, ACCE as an organization quickly took its actions, advocating all members to participate in donation activities to help people who were in suffer.

A Call for Donation event was initiated immediately by ACCE Officers on the same day of the earthquake in the U.S. time. A schedule of five milestones was put forth and executed for this event. The milestones are listed below followed by the final report that summarized the event.

Milestones – Call for Donation

- Milestone 1: Call for Donation went out to all ACCE members on May 12 afternoon.
- 1) May 12 morning, email discussion within ACCE Executive Officers to decide on Call for Donations;
 - 2) May 12 afternoon, first email went out from ACCE to call for donations;
 - 3) May 13, email responses to inquiries about the donation activity;

- 4) May 15, ACCE event update – to encourage members to participate in and promote donation-matching events, and other non-ACCE activities;
- 5) May 15, first donation check to ACCE received and some others informed their checks went out;
- 6) May 18, intermediate reports.

- Milestone 2: Progress report went out on May 20 to all ACCE members.
- Milestone 3: Progress report went out on May 27 to all ACCE members.
- Milestone 4: Progress report went out on May 30 to all ACCE members.
- Milestone 5: Final Report went out on June 8 to all ACCE members.

Final Report: ACCE Donation Program on Wenchuan Earthquake
(ACCE Executive Officers)

In the name of ACCE, a donation in a total of \$2,030 was mailed out to the Consulate General of China in Houston on June 5. This total represents the combination of contributions from eleven ACCE members (\$1,230) and from ACCE as an organization (\$800). This donation was provided to help solely the victims of Wenchuan earthquake.

With this report, an Excel file was attached (to the email of June 8) which consists of two worksheets. Worksheet 2 is a list of all the individuals who made their donations through ACCE. Their names, amounts, and the dates of their checks received are shown. Worksheet 1 shows a list of all bank account transactions within ACCE for the past two years. The ACCE bank account will have a balance of \$1,609 after the \$800 donation is withdrawn out. We have been trying to and will continue to keep the ACCE bank account fully transparent.

We would like to thank all ACCE members who have made a contribution, in an effort to help the earthquake victims. The great value of this help lies in the timing, in which a little of your give could make a huge difference to another person's life. Making a donation is, of course, one way of providing this help. Many also chose to promote, organize or participate in activities within their companies or in local communities. The matching programs

some participated in may have made their contributions more effective. We have seen many heroes in China and overseas, and many are just within us.

Although we have closed this ACCE donation program on May 30th, the people in Sichuan are still striving to survive and will still need us. Therefore, we encourage all ACCE members to continue to provide help whenever that is possible.

Below is a list of those (together with date of their check received) who pledged donation directly to ACCE:

George Wang 5/15/2008;
Hui Yu, 5/16/2008;
Shufan Wang, 5/20/2008;
Xihua He, 5/20/2008;
Hillary Yin, 5/20/2008;
Frank Song, 5/20/2008;
Zhongquan Zhou, 5/23/2008;
Jin Huang, 5/23/2008;
James Wu, 5/27/2008;
Xiu Jiang, 5/27/2008;
Dingrong Qu, 5/27/2008.

It is important to note that all those who helped earthquake victims in one way or another deserve mention of appreciation, although a complete list of those members who sent their donation not going through ACCE is not available.

Attached below is the letter and receipt received from the Consulate General of China in Houston, TX for the ACCE donation.

中华人民共和国驻休斯敦总领事馆

CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN HOUSTON
3417 MONTROSE BLVD., HOUSTON, TEXAS, USA 77006
Tel: (713)-5201462 Fax: (713)-5210759

尊敬的捐赠者:

5月12日,中国四川省发生特大地震,造成重大人员伤亡和财产损失。在此危难之际,您及时伸出援手,慷慨捐助善款,支援灾区抗震救灾,帮助民众渡过难关。您的爱心和善举,是对救灾工作的极大支援和鼓舞。

在此,谨向您致以崇高的敬意和衷心的感谢!

Jun 12, 2008

Dear donor(s),

Thank you very much for your generous donations for the relief efforts in the earthquake-hit areas in China's Sichuan province. It is certain that your benevolence and heart-felt sympathy will give great impetus to the relief work and help the people in need through the most difficult time of their lives.

Sincerely,



Qiao, Hong

Consul General of P.R.China in Houston

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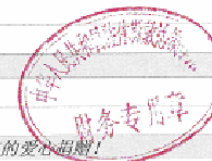
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Donation Receipt for Sichuan Earthquake Relief Effort from

Organization 机构	THE ASSOCIATION OF CHINESE CORROSION ENGINEERS(ACCE)
Name 姓名	
Address 地址	6220 CULEBRA RD. SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE
City 城市	SAN ANTONIO
State 州	TX
Zip code 邮政编码	78249
Phone 联系电话	210-522-5194
Total amount 数额	2030USD

Type of donation 类型	CHECK
Description 备注	

Thank you for your generous support! 感谢您的爱心捐赠!



3. Great Examples of ACCE Members – Stories of George Wang and Hillary Yin

Below are two personal stories contributed by Frank Song during the ACCE donation event. They are edited and presented below.

The Little I Know about George Wang

I know little about George. I have never met with him face to face, and never spoken with him directly. However, for the past three years, when I served as an executive officer of ACCE (Treasurer in 2006, Vice President in 2007, and President this year), I have known very well that he has consistently maintained his ACCE membership, even when he was unable to attend the ACCE annual dinner where the membership fees are collected.

In 2006 as the ACCE Treasurer, I remembered well that George was the only one among all who did not participate in the ACCE dinner but paid his membership fee. *George was also the first to make his donation through ACCE on the Wenchuan earthquake and his pledge was the largest among all.* Within my limited experience with ACCE (a five year member), I do not know if any others have done as what George did. Unless we truly pay respect to ACCE, it would be hard to convince even ourselves to make a strong commitment to it. George has set a great example to all ACCE members.

About Hillary Yin

I want to thank Hillary and thank her family for their collective effort that they have made to help the earthquake victims. This is a great time to let our kids to learn where we were from and how to help them to involve into the local community.

For those who may not know about Hillary, here is a little story I have about her.

Like George Wang, I have never seen Hillary, but I did have spoken with her on phone a couple or more times. This was during the time in 2006 when under Ben Chang and ACCE, I helped to organize for NACE the review of the Chinese translation of nine NACE Standards. When my message went

out for recruiting reviewers, she was the first among a very few who had responded. She told me on phone that she had quite a number of years of experience working with Mobil Oil's technical centers for upstream and down stream operations. She left the oil industry when Mobil merged with Exxon. She wanted to review several standards, which was the most among all. Although in the end, like all of us, her time commitment to her profession as a manager and to her family and kids could only allow her to complete two by the deadline, which were still perhaps the most standards reviewed by one individual.

Although we rarely see her at NACE due to the type of job she is working on now, not very related to corrosion, she has been very active with ACCE. She was also one of those who responded to this request of donation by ACCE.

We do have dedicated ACCE members. It is them and the active participation of all of us that keep this organization staying active. A big heart can make a great difference at this time!

4. Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2008

Total balance as of December 14, 2008: \$1,618.28

Donation to WenChuan Earthquake: \$800

Total balance as of March 15, 2008: \$2566.05

Spending for 2008 dinner (3/18/08): \$1,533

Spending for 2008 gifts and awards: \$168.5

Income from membership fee and dinner fee received from attendees by April 21, 2008: \$1,295

Sponsor from Corr Instruments: \$250

Total balance as of April 28, 2008: \$2,409.55

5. Closing Remarks of the President

Dear ACCE Members,

2008 has been an exciting year of ACCE, and I am proud to have been a part of it. In this year, so many have demonstrated their great courage and love. Their generosity may have saved, changed or improved lives of many.

George Wang and Hillary Yin are examples of those. On the Wenchuan Earthquake donation event, I cannot speak it without mention of the great effort of Dr. Xihua He, our current treasurer. She was a driver of this event. She put forward great ideas and had always been available whenever there was a need of her.

I see great hope with ACCE, along with challenges. The hope is that all our members are great, and together, we can make any great thing happen. Meanwhile, all members must be willing to spare time for ACCE in order to make something happen. Although encouragements and great leadership are essential, it is the accumulation of the participation and contribution of all ACCE members that will make the organization strong and great. ACCE is an organization of our own, and thus, we, all, must build it up by ourselves and together!

The future success of ACCE must go beyond the annual dinner. We need to improve the design of ACCE website that will allow for effective dialogues among members (as suggested by Dr. George Lai), we need to encourage periodic regional activities and organize, independently or as partnership, meetings or conferences, we need to continue expanding membership by ways including through the establishment of offices in Asia, Europe or other regions. All these are important steps to increase ACCE's influence in the global corrosion community and in other business sectors. This will eventually lead to ACCE becoming an organization that may be registered as a formal entity and run with full-time staff, like NACE. I am glad to mention that, responding to the idea of Beijing office, Prof. Mingxu Lu would like to assist by providing staff and space. To do it, a detailed plan must be worked out and any possible future conflict of interest must be avoided.

I am thankful to all who have provided their assistance and support to this term. If there is any, the success belongs to all members of ACCE and its executive officers. I have a great hope with the future of ACCE. Tomorrow, ACCE will be one that all members can be proud of.

With best regards,

Frank Song
ACCE President - 2008

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