



2009  
INTERNATIONAL  
GROUP  
ANNUAL REPORT



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ASCE TAIWAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP (ASCE-TWIG)**

For the Fiscal Year October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009

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**\*NOTE**

The report must be received by ASCE Headquarters, International Affairs Department, 1801 Alexander Bell Drive, Reston, Virginia 20191-4400 by December 30, 2009. You can also fax the report if you choose. Fax # +703-295-6319.

**General Information**

The Annual Report should summarize the Group's activities during the past year.

This report form will record the information that will be helpful to the ASCE Board of Direction, the Region 10 Board of Governors and Headquarters staff in evaluating International Groups. Groups may supplement the requested data with additional information and pictures if they wish.

The report may also be utilized by officers of the Group as a management tool in developing different Group programs for the upcoming year.

## 1.0 ORGANIZATION

Your Group's officers are elected during the month of January

Please list the names and titles of your Group's current officers and the terms of their service:

Officer's Name	Title	Term of Office
Edward H. Wang, Ph.D., M. ASCE	President	January 2009 to December 2011
Chu-Chieh Lin, Ph.D., M. ASCE	Vice President	January 2008 to December 2010
Wei-Tze (Aries) Chang, Ph.D.	Secretary	January 2009 to December 2011
	Treasurer	Month/Year _____ to Month/Year _____

Please list the names and titles of your Group's officers for next year and the terms of their service:

Officer's Name	Title	Term of Office
Edward H. Wang, Ph.D., M. ASCE (ewang@must.edu.tw)	President	January 2009 to December 2011
Chu-Chieh Lin, Ph.D., M. ASCE (jaylin@ncree.org)	Vice President	January 2008 to December 2010
Wei-Tze (Aries) Chang, Ph.D. (aries@iaries.net)	Secretary	January 2009 to December 2011
Chiwan Wayne Hsieh, Ph.D., F. ASCE (cwh@mail.npust.edu.tw)	Treasurer	January 2010 to December 2012

**2.0 STRUCTURE:**

<b>Does your Group sponsor International Student Groups?</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO X</b>
<b>If yes, please provide the following:</b>		
<b>1. Number of student groups: _____</b>		
<b>2. Indicate where the Student Groups exist:</b>		
<b>Name of Institution:</b>	<b>Name of Faculty Advisor:</b>	
_____	_____	
_____	_____	
_____	_____	

<b>Does your country register or license engineers?</b>	<b>YES X</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>If yes, please attach a sample application for our records.</b>		
<b>Please indicate the number of registered engineers within your Group.</b>		<b>20+/-</b>

<b>Please provide the date on which your Group was established</b>	<b>Oct/2004</b>
	<b>Month / Year</b>
<b>If your Group has existed for at least one year and functioned actively during that year, you are eligible to upgrade to become an International Section.</b>	
<b>If you are interested in receiving information on International Sections, please indicate so:</b>	
	<b>YES X NO</b>

### 3.0 MEMBERSHIP

<p>Does the Group have a Membership Program to recruit new members?          If so, please describe how you recruit new members.</p>	YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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### 4.0 MEETINGS

Please indicate when meetings were held during 2008-2009:

Month	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brief Description of Meeting
January	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New President assume office
February		
March		
April		
May		
June	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5 <sup>th</sup> ASCE-TWIG English Presentation Contest
July		
August	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Award Dinner Banquet
September		
October		
November	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Annual Convention
December		

### 5.0 PUBLICATIONS

<b>Does your Group publish newsletters, or other periodicals? If yes, please attach sample copies</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO X</b>
<b>If yes, please list those publications and indicate which, if any, are available in English.</b>		<b>In English</b>	
<b>Publication Name</b>			
1. _____		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
2. _____		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
3. _____		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>

## 6.0 LIASON WITH ENGINEERING ORGANIZATIONS

Is your group in touch with engineering organization(s) in your country? Please give us the name, address, e-mail address and the telephone and fax numbers of those societies, as well as the name of your contact person. Briefly describe each of the projects or activities in which you have been jointly involved.

<b>Name of Organization</b>	<b>Address and Telephone</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<b>Chinese Institute of Civil and Hydraulic Engineering (CICHE)</b>	<b>No. 1 4F Sec. 2, Ren-Ai Road Taipei, Taiwan 100 Tel: 886-2-2392-6325 Fax:886-2-2396-4260</b>	<b>Mr. Kam-Kui Ho, M. ASCE kkho@ciche.org.tw</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> ASCE-TWIG English Presentation Contest 2009 CICHE Annual Convention</b>
<b>Sinotech Engineering Consultants, Ltd. <a href="http://www.sinotech.com.tw/">http://www.sinotech.com.tw/</a></b>	<b>No. 171, 14 FL, Nan-Jin E. Road Taipei, Taiwan 105 Tel: 886-2-2769-8388 Fax:886-2-2763-4555</b>	<b>Dr. Nelson Chou, F. ASCE chou@msa.hinet.net</b>	<b>Award Dinner Banquet</b>
<b>Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE), U.K.</b>	<b>Project Services Division, HBO, CTCI Corporation, No. 89 Zhongshan North Rd, Sec.6 Taipei 11155</b>	<b>Mr. Nigel Schofield, MICE n.schofield@ctci.com.tw</b>	<b>ICE member Meeting</b>

## 7.0 GENERAL

**Brief description of other programs, activities, projects, meetings, studies conducted by the Group during the past year:**

**1. The 2008 ASCE-TWIG Annual Convention (November 6, 2008)**

The 2008 ASCE-TWIG Annual Meeting was scheduled at 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the National Chen-Kung University, Tainan on November 6, 2008. Several winners from the 4<sup>th</sup> ASCE-TWIG English Presentation Contest presented their papers at the Convention. All of the past presidents, Dr. Nelson Chou, Dr. Min Teh Wang gathered together to discuss the future plan and nominated the fourth president to serve on the ASCE-TWIG.

**2. Presidential Election (December 2008)**

Dr. Edward Wang was elected to serve as the ASCE-TWIG president. The news was announced in December 2009.

**3. Announcing the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual English Presentation Contest (February 28, 2009)**

The poster was sent out to all the universities in Taiwan to promote the contest. The registration started in March and ended in May 30, 2009.

**4. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual English Presentation Contest (June 13, 2009)**

The ASCE-TWIG organized the 5th Annual English Presentation Contest on June 13, 2009. The main goal of the contest was to elevate the international competitiveness of civil engineers in Taiwan. The contest broadens the vision of local practitioners, encourages students at both undergraduate and graduate levels to make presentations or to present technical papers at international conferences. Participants receive the unique experience of learning from judges and their peers. From analytical research to real world project case study, a proposed presentation outline must be submitted by the individual candidate prior to the presentation contest. Contestants are judged solely based on their oral presentation skills instead of the technical content of their presentations.

The winners of each level will receive an award certificate along with a cash prize. Meanwhile, the winners of the undergraduate and graduate levels will also become representatives of the group to various international functions. For instance, the winner of the fourth Annual English Presentation Contest was invited by the Japanese Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE) to a ten-day trip to Japan in 2009. Contests of this kind become an excellent way to select international civil engineer ambassadors from the local chapter. Since there is no specific requirement on the nationality of an individual, first place in the graduate level this year went to Paola Valdivia, a native-Spanish speaker from Bolivia. She is currently registered as a graduate student at the Chen-Kuo University of Science and Technology.

**5. Applying Funding for the 6<sup>th</sup> ASCE-TWIG English Presentation Contest (July 30, 2009)**

A written proposal was prepared by the group and sent to the Ministry of Education (MOE) in Taiwan to seek financial support to run the annual event. The MOE finally approved the application on October 8, 2009 and will offer U.S. \$1,700 dollars for the contest in 2010.

**6. Award Dinner Banquet (August 14, 2009)**

On Friday August 14, 2009, all of the winners from the last three years of the Annual ASCE-TWIG English Presentation Contest were invited to come to a dinner party held at the Cosmos Hotel near

the Taipei Railroad Station. The program started with a semiformal social at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. The highlight of the program featured a speech on “International Career Opportunities and Professional Development of Civil Engineers in Taiwan “by the founding father of the group, Dr. Nelson Chou. F. ASCE. It was well received event and deemed valuable to all the participants. More than 30 participants showed up that night. Special thanks go to the Sinotech Cooperation who sponsored the program.

**7. Introducing the ASCE-TWIG website (August 20, 2009)**

The ASCE-TWIG website was designed by Dr. Wei-Tze (Aries) Chang and opened to public by the end of August, 2009. Visit our website <http://asce-twig.iaries.net/>

**8. ICE Taipei Members Meeting 2009 (August 28, 2009)**

The ASCE-TWIG was invited by the Institute of Civil Engineers, U.K. to explore several joint projects. It was suggested that a meeting should be set each year to monitor and measure progress of targets and activities set by the members group. Activities discussed included establishing programs of presentation contests, for both students and professional civil engineers, to boost ICE, CICHE and ASCE ties. Potential for visits by Civil Engineering groups to UK universities and institutions was discussed.

**9. Receiving the latest member list from ASCE headquarter (September 1, 2009)**

The updated member list was provided by the ASCE headquarter and was translated to Chinese immediately for mailing purposes. The ASCE-TWIG consists of 103 active members (10 ASCE Fellows; 56 full member; 27 Associate members; 4 Affiliate members; 6 Student members) as of September 2009. A mailing list was compiled and the invitation of the annual convention was sent to all members through e-mail.

**10. Provided a Letter Expressing Interest in Sponsoring the First GSI-Asia Conference (September 26, 2009)**

Taiwan International Group (ASCE-TWIG) was asked to provide support letter on co-sponsor the 1st GSI-Asia Conference in Taichung from November 16-18, 2010.

**11. President Edward Wang attended the ASCE 2nd Region 10 Assembly Training Conference in Costa Rica (September 28-30)**

Due to the lack of communication, the Notice regarding the 1st ASCE Region 10 Assembly Training Conference held in Manila was not received by ASCE-TWIG. The ASCE Region 10 Officers organized the ASCE 2nd Region 10 Assembly Training Conference on Monday and Tuesday September 28-29, 2009 at the CFIA Building in San Jose, Costa Rica. Current President, Dr. Edward Wang went and joined the conference and brought back lots of encouraging words from the ASCE Headquarter.

**12. Provided a Letter Expressing Interest in Sponsoring the IALCCE 2010 Conference (October 26, 2009)**

Taiwan International Group (ASCE-TWIG) was invited to offer a letter of endorsement in sponsoring the Second International Conference on Life-Cycle Cost Engineering organized by the International Association for Life-Cycle Civil Engineering. A letter was prepared and sent to express our sincere interest on co-sponsor the International Conference that will be held in the National



Taiwan University of Science and Technology October 27-30, 2010.

**13. The 2009 ASCE-TWIG Annual Convention (November 20, 2009)**

The convention this year was held at Minghsin University of Science and Technology on Friday November 20, 2009 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.. The program included award ceremony and outstanding speakers as follows: Dr. Albert T. Yeung from the University of Hong Kong spoke on "Slope Disaster Prevention in Hong Kong: Past, Present and Future". Then, the ASCE Region 10 Director, Mr. Potenciano A. Leoncio, Jr. from Philippines addressed "the Sister-Section Program and how ASCE-Taiwan can partner/collaborate with a domestic section/s in the U.S." The third speaker, Mr. Nigel B. Schofield C Eng, MICE representing the Institute of Civil Engineers U.K. presented "Civil Engineers International Guide". More than 30 people showed up that day.

**14. Nominated Dr. Chiwan Wayne Hsieh as a new ASCE Fellow (December 21, 2009)**

It is a pleasure and great honor to announce that one of our outstanding members, Dr. Chiwan Wayne Hsieh from the National Pingtung University of Science and Technology (NPUST), Taiwan received the approval letter of Fellow Grade from the ASCE Headquarter few days ago. Dr. Chiwan Wayne Hsieh is a prominent scholar currently in charge of the Office of Research & Development at the NPUST. His dedication and work ethics is truly a road model for young engineers and professionals. His academic achievement and proactive involvement in the local society are well recognized by local colleagues and ASCE Taiwan Section officers. His promotion will certainly help bringing the ASCE-TWIG into next level of success in the future.

**15. Submission of Annual Report (December 30, 2009)**

Signed (may be signed electronically)

President of ASCE \_\_\_\_\_ International Group      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President of ASCE \_\_\_\_\_ International Group      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary of ASCE \_\_\_\_\_ International Group      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer of ASCE \_\_\_\_\_ International Group      Date: \_\_\_\_\_