



September 14, 2009

Dear Colleagues:

As you may know, the ICOMES Meeting initially scheduled for October 19-20, 2009 has been cancelled. While several global issues played their part in this decision, including the world economy and the H1N1 scare, the determining factor was ultimately the increased schedule constraints on today's Association leadership. I would like to thank CMES for their offer to host the meeting and the planning that was involved.

During the discussions that led up to the cancellation, ASME, CMES and several other Societies underlined the need for cooperation on a global scale. Many of the problems the world faces today can be solved by engineers and must be solved together. We hope that we will continue to find opportunities to discuss items of mutual interest and strategies to collaborate effectively; using our time and resources to best affect positive change.

To this effect, ASME will be participating in several multi-lateral meetings in the near future including:

Pan American Federation of Engineers (UPADI)
September, 23-26, 2009 in San Juan Puerto Rico
<http://www.upadisede.org/indexingles.htm>

World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO)
November 2-6, 2009 in Kuwait City Kuwait
<http://www.wfeo.org/>

These meetings present opportunities for collaborative discussion and share themes that ASME is committed to, specifically energy and the engineering workforce. I am sure that in the coming years, additional activities like these will emerge, where our organizations may find it beneficial to meet around a focused topic or specific cause to discuss opportunities to work together.

If your organization also plans to participate in the UPADI or WFEO conferences, please let me know and I will be glad to arrange for a meeting on-site to start these discussions. In addition, should your organization be planning a trip to New York in the near future, please let us know. We welcome a visit and a discussion on how to work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Michaud', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

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