Dear Mr VIEJO FRAILE,

Subject: Your letter of 28 May 2014

First of all let me thank you for having drawn my attention to the article in « The Voice of Galicia » of 12 February 2014 in which « FEANI » is mentioned.

If I recall correctly, the issue has indeed previously been introduced by your delegate, Mr J. DELPON, at the most recent EMC-meeting in Madrid on 27/28 March 2014. As it would appear, your delegate was not satisfied with the wording in the Draft Minutes of that EMC-meeting relating to that press-article, in which it was stated that the article was « noted ».

Bearing in mind that « FEANI » as the leading European Federation of Engineers, and the profession of engineer in general, is getting much exposure in various national newspapers, you will sympathize with our strategy that we can impossibly monitor every single publication, nor take systematic position to the correctness of every single communication which appears in the national or regional press of our 32 member countries. I therefore support the EMC in having « noted » the article, especially as the author of it seems to be unknown and therefore no accountability can be allocated.

With regard to the content of the article, which seems to be the major concern, I can only amplify – for as far as I understand the argumentation – that FEANI accepts all type of engineers with three or more years of academic studies, whether they are pre- or post-Bologna graduated. FEANI does not favour neither the short- nor the long-cycle engineers, but sees both as equally valuable and complementary to each other. The allocation of titles and the appropriate or inappropriate use of them, remains however an issue of national rules and legislation in which we as FEANI do not wish to interfere, nor have a role to play.

I am copying the EMC-Chair, Mr J-W. PROPER, the FEANI President, Mr R.FERNANDEZ-ALLER and your EMC-delegate, Mr J. DELPON in this letter to ensure that they are equally fully informed. I believe all of them will support and subscribe to the correctness of the above which I hope answers your request and eases your concern.

Yours sincerely,

Dirk BOCHAR
Secretary General

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