

INEER/ICEE E-MAILS FOLLOWING 9-11-01 TERROR ATTACKS

(A)

Arlington, Virginia, USA
September 13, 2001

Dear Friends,

As we grieve for the victims of the cowardly terrorist attacks against defenseless civilians on 9/11/01, I want to thank those of you who have sent me your e-mails of support. My family and I are all OK. The Pentagon and the State Department, both attacked on Tuesday, are about 4-5 miles from my office and 15-20 miles from my house. Late Monday night, I returned home from a trip to California. On Tuesday morning, I heard the terrible news, and saw the sickening TV images, as I was stepping into my car, bound first for my office and then to take a 7:10 PM flight to Vienna/Klagenfurt, Austria for the IGIP conference. Obviously, I stayed behind and it was soon announced on TV and radio that all offices were closed and people were asked to leave the city. Yesterday and today, the offices re-opened, and some airports have started to operate but only on a limited basis.

Dr. Saul Fenster informed me that NJIT, situated in Newark, NJ just across the river from New York City, has lost three colleagues/friends. On behalf of all of us, I express our deep sorrow and extend our condolences.

This afternoon, I had an opportunity to speak with Prof. V. Roubicek. He is leading a VSB - Technical U. of Ostrava delegation in the U.S. visiting Southern Illinois U. and the U. of Missouri-Rolla. Before the tragic event of this week, we had planned to meet in Klagenfurt for the IGIP conference. We agreed today that our chances of being able to fly out there in time for the meeting is now quite remote.

It is now becoming clear that thousands of people perished in the World Trade Center. In addition to Americans, there were people from all over the world who were visiting either on business or as tourists, paying homage to one of the most visible icons of the free world. Many of you have written eloquently about your feelings against terrorism. Many of these e-mails were addressed to me in my capacity as Secretary General of iNEER. With your permission, I will share these messages with the ICEE-ISC and others in the iNEER/ICEE community. Thus, in the next few days, I will compile the messages into a Word-file and forward it to you.

Many thanks again for your e-mails.

Sincerely,

Win Aung, Ph.D., Dr.h.c., P.E.
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Secretary General, iNEER/ICEE-ISC

(B)

September 19, 2001

Dear Win:

thank you for your call and support during my stay in the U.S. Me and Vice-rector Cermak have arrived after little dramatic trip safely to Munchen (via Paris) and my driver came to pick us from there. The little drama I am mentioning has happened at Paris airport when we had to leave our plane because of a notice that there was a woman connected to the terrorist group, so they took her away from the plane and we and our luggage had to be checked again. I've noticed that European precautions and attitudes are kind of exaggerated and confused, but we did understand it. What I have admired were composure and strong sense of responsibility of American people in such a dramatical time.....

Regards,
Vaclav Roubicek [Czech Republic]

[Editor's Note: The above message was attached to an e-mail from Prof. Roubicek, Rector of Technical U. of Ostrava and Chair of iNEER and ICEE-ISC. He was leading a delegation of faculty from TUO on a cooperative visit to Southern Illinois U. and the U. of Missouri – Rolla when the terrorist attacks took place on 9-11-01]

(C)

-----Original Message-----

From: chwei@nsc.gov.tw [SMTP:chwei@nsc.gov.tw]
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2001 6:49 AM
To: Aung, Win
Subject: RE: ISC at Manchester, October 8-9

Dear Dr. Aung :

Our colleagues here in the National Science Council are deeply shocked by the horrifying images exploded on the television screens on September 11. Many of us follow the news with deep sympathies to those who have been bereaved.

We were shocked when the TV reported the terrorist attacks against the innocent civilians on Sep 11. We grieved the victims and were furious about this kind of terrorism. We hope the Americans will recover from this damage soon.....

On behalf of National Science Council as well as ICEE members in Taiwan, I express our deep sorrow and extend our condolences.

Best regards,

Che-Ho Wei
Chairman of National Science Council [Taiwan]
Vice Chair of iNEER and ICEE-ISC

(D)

-----Original Message-----

From: J.E.Newbury@open.ac.uk [SMTP:J.E.Newbury@open.ac.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2001 3:02 AM
To: waung@nsf.gov
Subject: RE: ISC at Manchester, October 8-9

Win,

.....It is very dreadful and sad to have seen all the damage when I was in New York .We are all with you to stop these deads being carried out.....

My bery best wishes
john
[John Newbury, UK]

(E)

-----Original Message-----

From: Luis Manuel Sanchez Ruiz [SMTP:lmsr@mat.upv.es]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2001 5:27 PM
To: Aung, Win
Subject: 9/11/01 events

Dear Win,

.....I visited Arlington cementery and the surroundings of the Penthagon last April and as thousands of visitors have been up the Twin Towers, that I have seen from outside in many other trips.

And you know how comfortable I feel in the States, which I know quite well and where I feel like at home.

Hope that all our feelings will help specially for those who have lost some of their beloved ones.

Love,

Prof. Luis M. Sanchez Ruiz
ICEE2003 Valencia General Chair

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(F)

-----Original Message-----

From: Pete Hicks [SMTP:hicks@fs5.ee.umist.ac.uk]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2001 12:34 PM
To: Aung, Win
Subject: Re: Your e-mails re 9/11/01 events

Dear Win,

.....everyone here in the UK was utterly horrified and stunned by Tuesday's events. You may have heard that the European Union declared today, Friday 14 September 2001, as an International Day of Mourning to mark the appalling loss of life. At 11am this morning the whole of Manchester (and I dare say the rest of the UK as well) came to a standstill as people observed 3-minutes silence to remember those who were caught up in this terrible tragedy.

Our thoughts are very much with our friends and colleagues in America as they struggle to come to terms with the enormity of what has taken place.

Pete Hicks
[UK]

(G)

-----Original Message-----

From: Ing. Ales Sliva, Ph.D. [SMTP:ales.sliva@post.cz]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2001 8:32 AM
To: pfeffer@adm.njit.edu; dave@adm.njit.edu; waung@nsf.gov
Subject: Message

Dear American Friends,

I cannot believe my eyes to see these scenes full of terror.

Allow me to express my deepest feeling for all those who died and for those who lost their beloved ones.

My feelings and all my heart sorrow is there with you.

Ales SLIVA
September 14, 2001.
[Czech Republic]

(H)

-----Original Message-----

From: Joel Weisz [SMTP:weisz@finep.gov.br]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2001 10:00 AM
To: waung@nsf.gov
Subject: Terrorist Attack

Dear Win,
please let us share with you our shock with the unfortunate events of this week.
I am glad to learn that you and your family are all right.
Best regards,
Joel

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(I)

-----Original Message-----

From: dvs@madi.ru [SMTP:dvs@madi.ru]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2001 6:59 AM
To: waung@nsf.gov; waung@ineer.org
Subject: Win Aung

Dear Sir!
Zoia and me express our deep sorrow and concern about the latest terrible events in the USA. Now we really understand how important it is to support each other morally in different situations. We are with you, and we are always willing to help.
Best wishes,

Michael Shatrov & Zoia Sazonova
[Romania]

(J)

-----Original Message-----

From: prokopovic.p@post.sk [SMTP:prokopovic.p@post.sk]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2001 6:06 AM
To: waung@ineer.org
Cc: ttang@mtsu.edu; ijle@swt.edu; dw26@swt.edu; waung@nsf.gov
Subject:

Dear Colleagues.

We are very sad what has happened. I am / we are feeling with you - people of USA. Attack on the USA is the attack on the democracy and freedom all over the world. We express our deep sorrow and extend our condolences.

It is exactly midday at Slovakia [12 o'clock] and all our country in the 3 minutes in silence.

Prof. Eng. PhD. Pavel Prokopovic
Technical university of Kosice, Slovakia

(K)

-----Original Message-----

From: Dr George R Burns [SMTP:g.burns@mgt.gla.ac.uk]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2001 4:26 AM
To: Aung, Win
Subject: RE: Your e-mails re 9/11/01 events

Win

.....My thoughts have been with the many people who have been affected by these terrible events.

George Burns
[United Kingdom]

(L)

-----Original Message-----

From: Vojislav Ilic [SMTP:v.ilic@uws.edu.au]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2001 3:55 AM
To: waung@nsf.gov
Cc: YUENHE@housing.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Good News!

Dear Win

.....We are all shocked not only by the barbarism of it all but by the devastation it caused. It is a major calamity on a global scale. The enormity of personal pain and suffering is immeasurable and we in Australia join the rest of the world in assuring you of our support, good wishes and empathy.

Somehow I feel that these events have forced upon us a new epoch in which we have to safeguard and treasure democracy with a barbed wire!

Best wishes

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(M)

-----Original Message-----

From: Pashinski V.V. [SMTP:foreign@pop.dgtu.donetsk.ua]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2001 3:10 AM
To: Aung, Win
Subject: from Donetsk, Ukraine

Dear Mr. Win Aung,

All of us in Donetsk were deeply shocked by terrible events of September, 11. All Ukrainian people express sympathy with American people. Yesterday was the Day of Sorrow in Ukraine, devoted to memory of terrorist act victims and at 12 a.m. was the Minute of Silence (it is custom: to stop all business and events for short time simultaneously in memory of victims).

We are very glad to know that You are all right.

We hope that all civilized countries together will find the adequate answer for this impertinent crime.

Sincerely Yours, Vladimir Pashynsky and my family
[Ukraine]

(N)

-----Original Message-----

From: gurus [SMTP:gurus@annauniv.edu]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2001 8:24 AM
To: Aung, Win
Subject: Re: Your e-mails re 9/11/01 events

Dear Prof Win Aung,

We thank the Lord for protecting you and the iNEER fraternity from the shocking, terrible , tragic event that happened this week on 11th Sept' 2001 in USA. Today, the whole USA and the global citizens pray for the departed souls that left the Earth so suddenly with no prior indication to their beloved family. We also join them in the mass prayer that they rest in peace under the divine care; At this hour, we may not know the bereaved families but our prayers may console and guide them for the rest of their lives with the holy unseen positive vibrations around them .

As one associated with the engineering profession for 4+ decades, I feel that such an unfortunate mad activity needs to be addressed effectively from the education point of view. We concentrate only on the so-called material- based EDUCATION and on human value-based EDUCARE. The basic concept of the very purpose of one's Life appears to be missing as we experience such inhuman incidents. It is high time the rudiments of love, global brotherhood, service to society , spiritual approach need to be highlighted in the education system continuously from the primary to the tertiary levels; The philosophy has to be continued through some mechanism in one's workspot also with view to moderate and focus their emotions in the positive side..

If the individual's inbuilt mechanism is well trained towards self-realisation and ' Ever - Help and Never- Hurt instincts and goodwill characters, the society and the nations / globe will be a harmonious peaceful abode to live in . the Holistic Educare, that is, the value-added education system approach seems to be solution for the purposeless chaotic self-centred inhuman behaviours present in large proportion in time and space.

With warm and kindest regards,
Yours Sincerely,
V.Guruswamy
Director, Intl. Dn
Anna University, Chennai, India,

(O)

-----Original Message-----

From: Jane P. Chang [SMTP:jpchang@seas.ucla.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2001 11:45 PM
To: Aung, Win
Subject: Re: Your e-mails re 9/11/01 events

Dear Dr. Aung:I can not begin to say how shocked and saddened I am with the news. It's time to unite and to heal, and please let me know if there anything I can do to help. Jane
[UCLA, USA]

(P)

-----Original Message-----

From: Margaret E. Winters [SMTP:mew1@siu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2001 10:45 PM
To: Aung, Win
Subject: Re: Your e-mails re 9/11/01 events

Dear Win,

.....My concentration was on New York (my sister and many friends live there), but I very much appreciated knowing that you and your family were safe as well.

I went to the beginning of the workshop here on Tuesday morning, to give an official welcome to the group from Ostrava. It was good to see Rector Roubicek and Professor Weiss (both of whom I had met several times before) as well as the other members of the delegation. Such international comings and goings warm my heart (I have conference colleagues and friends in Linguistics at Klagenfort and elsewhere in Austria) - we must keep international understanding and communication despite (or because of) the horrors of the few in the world.

With best wishes,
Margaret

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(Q)

-----Original Message-----

From: Larry G. Richards [SMTP:lgr@virginia.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2001 9:31 PM
To: Aung, Win; Larry G. Richards
Subject: Re:NJIT Faculty

Win

Do you know who from NJIT was lost?
Larry
[U. Virginia, USA]

(R)

-----Original Message-----

From: Randy Hinrichs [SMTP:randyh@microsoft.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2001 9:11 PM
To: Aung, Win
Subject: RE: Your e-mails re 9/11/01 events

Thank goodness you're okay. I'm sorry and I send my condolences for all those lost.

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(S)

-----Original Message-----

From: Kazuo Hatakeyama [SMTP:kazuo@ppgte.ainfo.cefetpr.br]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2001 5:37 PM
To: Aung, Win
Subject: Re: Your e-mails re 9/11/01 events

Dear Dr. Aung

Thank you for your message to all of us passionate for ICEE. Myself as a

lover of free World, I express a deep sorrow to all honest citizens died in this brutal attack on 9/11/01.

I'm happy to hear that, you working in Washington area was luck to stay out of the reach of Pentagon's attack.

Good luck and best regards.

Sincerely yours

Prof. Kazuo Hatakeyama
[Brazil]

(T)

-----Original Message-----

From: Vega, Angela [SMTP:vega@ADM.NJIT.EDU]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2001 1:53 PM
To: 'WAUNG@NSF.GOV'
Subject:

Dr. Aung,
Just wondering if you were ok due to the recent tragedies. I suspect you had another trip so I am hoping that you were out of the country. Please respond to let me know everything is ok.

Angela

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(U)

-----Original Message-----

From: HGurgulino@aol.com [SMTP:HGurgulino@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2001 5:57 PM
To: waung@nsf.gov
Subject: Re: Your e-mails re 9/11/01 events

Dear Win,

I had been away from my computer these last three days, but on TV we have seen these terrible terrorists attacks on thousands of innocent people, senseless crimes against americans and against humanity. We have to work together, now more than ever, all around the world, to identify, fight, punish and eliminate all acts of terrorism.

There are no words that I can use to convey the reaction of all in my family and our sorrow for the victims and their families (some "brazilians" were also working regularly at the WTC buildings in N. York).

But I am glad that you and your family are well although your travel plans to Vienna had to be cancelled. Let us hope that lives can soon return to normality, although I honestly think that our world will not be the same from now on.

Let's keep working together to confort those that suffered these terrible events with our prayers and hard efforts, so that we can build a better humankind for our children and grandchildren.

Warmest regards, Heitor Gurgulino de Souza
[Brazil]

(V)

-----Original Message-----

From: Ana Pavani [SMTP:apavani@lambda.ele.puc-rio.br]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2001 4:41 PM
To: Aung, Win
Subject: Re: ?Check_Subject

Win,

.....We are very sorry and sympathetic with the people of the US. What happened was horrible....

Ana (Pavani)
[Brazil]

(W)

-----Original Message-----

From: Nagamangala K. Anand [SMTP:nkanand@mengr.tamu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2001 4:03 PM
To: waung@nsf.gov
Subject: Hello!

Dear Aung:

Hope you and your family members are safe and well. I was at NSF last thursday (9/6) for a SBIR panel review. I stopped by your office.

Regards.

N.K. Anand

[Texas A&M, USA]

(X)

-----Original Message-----

From: Kazuo Hatakeyama [SMTP:kazuo@ppgte.ainfo.cefetpr.br]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2001 2:06 PM
To: waung@nsf.gov
Subject: ICEE

Dear Dr. Aung

First of all my deep resentment for what hapenned yesterday in USA. The World is getting crazy!

By the way, where and when will be the next ICEE? have you the site for the call for papers?

Best regards

Sincerely yours

Prof. Dr. Kazuo hatakeyama
[Brazil]

(Y)

-----Original Message-----

From: PUC-RJ [SMTP:scavarda@vrd.puc-rio.br]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2001 10:34 AM
To: 'waung@nsf.gov'; 'vkschutz@email.msn.com'; 'emarsh@nsf.gov';
'mroco@nsf.gov'; 'esmerdon@nsf.gov'
Subject: My sougths to you all. Luiz Scavarda.

Dear friends.

I am still choked with the facts of yesterday. To call the US is now almost impossible. All the telephone circuits are saturated.

I hope that you did not have any familiar problem and also no consequences to the property of the NSF.

The lack of civilized behavior by several individuals and whole populations underlines the necessity for a vast international program on education. This program on education does not suffice, but it is at least a necessary start. OK. We are doing our part of this on Engineering.

Hope the best for you and your family members.

With my profound sympathy,

Luiz Scavarda.
[Brazil]

(Z)

-----Original Message-----

From: Rolf Palmgren [SMTP:Rolf.Palmgren@hit.no]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2001 3:02 AM
To: Mau@NJIT.EDU
Cc: trondc@epost.hit.no; halvor.austena@hive.no; waung@nsf.gov
Subject: iNEER MOU

Dear Dr. Mau.

Let me first ekspress my deepest sympathy with you and your fellow Americans regarding the terrible terrorist attacks yesterday. I hope that you, your family and friends are all safe, even though you are close to the scenes that we all watched in disbelief on the TV-screens last evening.

Please accept my sincere condolence!

Yours truly
Rolf Palmgren
[Norway]

(AA)

-----Original Message-----

From: girkai@pht.univer.kharkov.ua [SMTP:girkai@pht.univer.kharkov.ua]
Sent: None
To: waung@nsf.gov
Subject: condolences

Dear Dr. Win Aung,
I condemn terrorists who are responsible for the tragic affairs of yesterday.
Get please my condolences. I hope your relatives are O.K.
Sincerely yours, Igor Girka, Kharkiv University
[Ukraine]

(AB)

-----Original Message-----

From: Danuta Kowol [SMTP:kowol@polsl.gliwice.pl]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2001 5:22 AM
To: Aung, Win
Subject: condolences

Gliwice, 12.09.2001

Win Aung Ph. D., P.E.
General Secretary of ICEE

Dear Professor,

On behalf of myself and the staff of Silesian University of Technology I convey my profound condolences to you, your family, friends and compatriots.

I wish to express deep sadness for the loss of so many innocent lives, victims of multiple terrorist attacks.

We are shocked by the brutal act of terrorism. We feel regret due to the one of the biggest tragedies in the history and sympathy with the victims. We would like to declare our solidarity with Americans.

With kind regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Wojciech Zieliński

Vice- Rector for Didactics
Silesian University of Technology
[Poland]

(AC)

-----Original Message-----

From: Chin-Hsiang Cheng [SMTP:cheng@ttu.edu.tw]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2001 9:28 PM
To: Aung, Win
Subject: Wish you well!

Dear Dr. Aung:

Judy and I saw from TV that terrorists crashed two planes into the World Trade Center and the twin towers collapsed Tuesday morning.

It was really amazing. How is your situation? We wish you and Annie are all right. Judy suggested me to call you by phone. But, it seems that the international call toward US is currently extremely busy so I was not able to make it.

Cheng, 912
[Taiwan]

(AD)

-----Original Message-----

From: F.K. Tsou [SMTP:fksou@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2001 9:11 PM
To: Dr. Win Aung
Subject: safe

Win Aung: Sept. 11,01
I understand that you arrived at home safely last night. Hope you everything is fine for you today. Best wishes.
Fu-Kang
[Drexel U., USA]

(AE)

-----Original Message-----

From: Dr. Max Yen [SMTP:myen@siu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2001 2:54 PM
To: Win Aung (E-mail 2); Win Aung (E-mail 2)
Subject: Are you OK?

Win,

Hope that you are in town and away from the areas attack by the terrorists.

Max
[Southern Illinois U., USA]

(AF)

-----Original Message-----

From: Trond.Clausen@hit.no [SMTP:Trond.Clausen@hit.no]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2001 2:44 PM
To: waung@nsf.gov
Subject: No words

Dear Anne and Win,

