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**From:** "Wayne Coste" <wcoste@911truthoutreach.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 27, 2015 9:28 AM  
**To:** sefi2015@univ-orleans.fr  
**Subject:** re: TR: SEFI 2015 - Censored Ethics Paper Issue

Profs. C. Léger and Hawwash et al:

I acknowledge receipt of your June 26 email.

I am surprised that a paper petition and the eventual notification of the media about the censoring of my paper (about censorship and ethical violation in the engineering profession) would be threatening to the participants.

If your decisions do not need to be approved by other bodies, then you have been entrusted with this autonomy because there is an expectation that you will carry out your duties honorably and ethically. Those that have placed their trust in your judgement may or may not agree with your decisions. If they strongly disagree with your decision, possibly they will feel betrayed. You are in the best position to decide.

Regards

Wayne H. Coste, PE

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**From:** sefi2015@univ-orleans.fr  
**Sent:** Friday, June 26, 2015 10:40 AM  
**To:** wcoste@911truthoutreach.org  
**Subject:** TR: SEFI 2015 - Censored Ethics Paper Issue

Dear Mr Coste

We acknowledge your emails dated 24 and 26 June.

We wish to confirm that the Scientific Committee has withdrawn your paper and that you and your co-authors will not be able to present it to the Conference. This decision does not require the approval of any other body. The basis on which this decision was made was communicated to you in our email of the 24th of June.

We explained in our previous email that you will be able to attend the conference but not to present your paper. However, in the light of the threats you make in your email we have now reconsidered our decision. We cannot allow any disruption to the conference which may impact on the health and safety of the participants. Your registration is therefore revoked and you and your co-authors will not be allowed to participate in the conference. Your registrations will be refunded in due course.

Chairs of the Scientific Committee  
Prof. C. Léger, Director, Polytech Orléans, France  
Prof. K. Hawwash, SEFI President, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom

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**From:** "Wayne Coste" <wcoste@911truthoutreach.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 26, 2015 4:53 AM  
**To:** sefi2015@univ-orleans.fr  
**Subject:** SEFI 2015 - Censored Ethics Paper Issue

Profs. C. Léger and Hawwash et al:

I have not received a reply to my previous e-mail - either confirming, clarifying or retracting the previous communication.

In the event that the main parts of the previous communication are not rescinded, my colleagues and I have developed the following steps.

We have developed a petition, based on the relevant parts of the your e-mail, that we will circulate among the other conference attendees. The petition will request that the organizers rescind their censorship of the presentation, "The World Trade Center Analyses: Case Study of Ethics, Public Policy and the Engineering Profession" and that it be allowed to proceed as scheduled and treated as any other paper at the conference.

In the event that the presentation is not allowed to proceed as scheduled, we have developed a press release for both the European and North American media outlets. We intend to use commercial distribution networks and will send it out no earlier than noon on Wednesday. This will be done only after the act of censorship has become an established fact.

Before you confirm that our paper is to be censored, I expect that you will have consulted with not only the larger SEFI Board, but also the academic institutions that may not be active on the SEFI Board and SEFI's sponsors. You would not want them to be surprised by - and unprepared for - this most unusual act of academic censorship.

I look forward to your reply.

Wayne H. Coste, PE

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**From:** "Wayne Coste" <wcoste@911truthoutreach.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2015 5:58 PM  
**To:** sefi2015@univ-orleans.fr  
**Subject:** re: SEFI 2015

Profs. C. Léger and Hawwash:

It is with greatest disappointment that I received the following communication from the Scientific Committee of SEFI 2015, stating that the committee decided to withdraw our paper entitled, "The World Trade Center Analyses: Case Study of Ethics, Public Policy and the Engineering Profession" from the 2015 SEFI conference.

There are four issues that you raised:

**First:** The phrase that you cited from the SEFI Copyright Agreement, " *The authors warrant that the article contains no libelous or other unlawful statements and does not infringe the rights of others*" is stated without any references to any offending material in the paper. This leaves me at a loss as to how to reply.

My coauthors and I worked carefully to prepare a paper that was objective and raised ethical issues regarding flaws in the peer review process. The paper has not made libelous or unlawful statements. It also does not infringe the right of others. I believe that the paper is fully compliant with both the letter and spirit of the copyright agreement.

**Second:** The issue that you raised about the inclusion of the SEFI logo in various internet postings is something that I do not have control over. I did not approve or endorse these postings. As is customary, authors are allowed to publicize that they will be presenting papers by e-mail and other means. Without my knowledge or approval, others have circulated the news about the paper.

Additionally, in reviewing the SEFI2015 website, I do not see any specific language restricting the use of the SEFI2015 logo that others (who did the postings) could have used for guidance. Upon a successful resolution of this issue, I will endeavor to contact any sites where I find a SEFI logo and inform them of your request to remove the logo or obtain authorization from SEFI.

**Third:** The issue of live streaming is also not something that I sought or approved of. While I was aware that the issue had been raised, I believe that a request was made to the SEFI organizing committee for permission. I understood that a reply was to be forthcoming. This letter clearly declines the request. I am in full agreement with this decision and, in fact, thankful.

**Fourth:** In regards to your request, " *You must also remove any mention of, and reference to ... your participation in the 43rd SEFI conference with immediate effect,*" this is unreasonable.

Based on the facts that are on the record, I can and will continue to claim that I submitted an abstract to SEFI 2015; the abstract was accepted; I submitted a completed final paper to SEFI 2015; the paper passed its peer review process, and that the paper was accepted. Without a successful reconsideration, I will not be able to claim a physical presentation in front of an audience explaining the paper and, more importantly for members of the academy, allowed to answer questions.

**Therefore**, I request a reconsideration of this decision. I would like to arrange an in-person meeting to discuss this matter. To allay your concerns about my presentation in Session 5 on Wednesday, I would be pleased to review the slides with you during the meeting.

Wayne H. Coste, PE

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**From:** sefi2015@univ-orleans.fr  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2015 10:13 AM  
**To:** wcoste@911TruthOutreach.org  
**Cc:** sefi2015@univ-orleans.fr  
**Subject:** SEFI 2015

Dear Sir,

We are writing to inform you that the Scientific Committee of the SEFI 2015 conference has decided to withdraw your paper entitled "The World Trade Center Analyses: Case Study of Ethics, Public Policy and the Engineering Profession" from the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual SEFI conference. On looking again at your proposed paper, the Committee was not fully convinced that you met the copyright statement below which you completed on 6 April:

"The authors warrant that the article contains no libelous or other unlawful statements and does not infringe the rights of others".

Further, neither SEFI nor Polytech Orléans gave their agreement to you to use our conference logo at <http://12160.info/group/demand911truthnow/forum/topics/world-trade-center-evidence-to-be-presented-at-major-european-eng>. Neither did they give permission to livestream the event. You will need to remove all references to the Conference on all the web sites that you included it on including the website of "Resisting the new World order".

You will not be authorized to present your paper to the conference but you will be able to attend as a fee paying registrant.

You must also remove any mention of, and reference to (especially on the web) your participation in the 43<sup>rd</sup> SEFI conference with immediate effect.

Should you decide not to attend, your conference registration fee will be refunded and that is the limit of any reimbursement of expenses the conference can offer. Neither SEFI, nor Polytech Orleans accept any further liability.

Regards

Chairs of the Scientific Committee

Prof. C Léger, Director, Polytech Orléans, France

Prof. K Hawwash, SEFI President, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom