

Protocols of the Steering Committee  
for International Association of Work Scientists  
Meeting of 4th March, 1959

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Present

Prof. G.C.E. Burger, President  
Prof. B. Metz  
Prof. G. Lehmann  
Mr. R.G. Stansfield  
Prof. H.S. Belding  
Prof. A.P. Welford  
Dr. H. Schmidtke  
Prof. E.H. Christensen  
Prof. N.P.V. Lundgren  
Miss D. Lecoultre  
Prof. E. Grandjean

- 1 Prof. Burger asks whether we need some statement. The Committee decides to make a short statement which would be especially useful for Prof. Christensen for the organisation of the first international congress. This statement should include first a short historical introduction.

- 2 Which field should be included in the activity of the future organisation? - It should include the biological sciences applied to human work (especially anatomy, physiology and experimental psychology).

Furthermore, the statement could use the ideas written by Prof. Welford in Ergonomics 1 (1957). The statement should point out that some international organisations already deal with some part of the field but no organisation until now takes care of the whole inter-disciplinary field.

The statement should also include as an aim the spread-out (diffusion) of the knowledge, and this in collaboration with management and workers organisations.

The statement should be sent to several scientific papers such as Journal of applied Physiology, Nature, etc.

- 3 For the first congress a translation seems not to be necessary.

- 4 The statement is to be drafted by E. Grandjean and sent to all members.

- 5 The statement should also mention the names of the responsible members.
- 6 The members will meet at the Oxford Meeting of the Ergonomics Research Society.
- 7 The first international congress should be organised in August 1961.
- 8 The Paper of Prof. K. Smith. The Committee would be in favour of a shorter statement which would also limitate more the field of future activities. Prof. Burger writes to Prof. Smith in this sense.
- 9 The Foundation of the International Organisation. The Committee decides to act as the founder-organisation and to create the international organisation at the meeting in Oxford.

The international organisation shall have one kind of membership: only individual members. Besides supporting members, the supporting members would have no rights.

The following names are proposed:

- a International Association for Biological Sciences of Human Work
- b International Committee for Ergonomics
- c International Association for Ergonomics
- d International Ergonomics Association

The Committee decides to take the name d.

- 10 The seat of the Association should be in Switzerland.
- 11 The Committee should have to take the responsibility of the congresses. It nominates the members responsible for the organisation of the congresses.

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