

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD AT STOCKHOLM ON 20TH AND 23RD AUGUST, 1961

PROFESSOR G. C. E. BURGER (Holland) acted as Chairman of two administrative meetings of the first General Assembly of the International Ergonomics Association.

At the first meeting, the principal points of discussion were the general activity of the Association and the way it should be organized in future.

At the second meeting, the Articles were discussed, a new Committee elected and several proposals accepted. The decisions of general importance are as follows:

### 1. *Articles*

The Articles prepared and accepted by the founding members at the Oxford meeting on 6th April, 1959, were accepted in a general way by the Assembly. Some members proposed changes, and it was agreed that changes on which the majority were agreed in principle should be carefully examined and included in revised articles by the new Committee. The revised articles should then be presented for approval to the next general assembly.

The proposals generally accepted by the majority of the assembly were:

- (a) A modification of Art. 2 in order to include "approaches" as well as "problems", and "work environment" as well as "work", among the interests of persons the Association is intended to bring together; to include "engineering organizations" among those with whom it was desired to co-operate and to include "encouraging research by qualified persons" among the aims of the Association.
- (b) A modification of Art. 4 in order to provide four categories of members:  
(1) individual members; (2) affiliated members (i.e. scientific organizations);  
(3) subscribing members (i.e. industrial or other commercial organizations);  
(4) honorary members.
- (c) A new article in order to prohibit subscribing members from using their membership for any kind of commercial publicity.
- (d) A modification of Art. 8 in order to prevent re-election of more than half the Committee.

### 2. *President and Vice-President*

The General Assembly accepted as a general rule that the chairman responsible for the organization of an international congress of the Association shall be elected as President of the Association for the period up to the next congress, and that the chairman responsible for the next congress shall be elected as Vice-President for the same period. These rules were not to be included in the statutes, but were to be regarded as a customary practice.

### 3. *Election of the New Committee*

For the next period, the following members were elected to the Committee:

PROF. S. FORSSMAN	Stockholm, Sweden	<i>President</i>
PROF. G. LEHMANN	Dortmund, Germany	<i>Vice-President</i>
PROF. H. S. BELDING	Pittsburgh, U.S.A.	
DR. O. G. EDHOLM	London, Great Britain	
DR. C. FRIEBERGER	Vienna, Austria	
PROF. E. GRANDJEAN	Zurich, Switzerland	
DR. J. DE JONG	Bilthoven, Holland	
DR. N. P. V. LUNDGREN	Stockholm, Sweden	

(Election of the New Committee contd.)

PROF. B. METZ	Strasbourg, France
PROF. R. A. McFARLAND	Boston, Mass., U.S.A.
K. F. H. MURRELL	Bristol, Great Britain
DR. A. M. SMALL	Fullerton, Calif., U.S.A.
PROF. J. SCHOUTEN	Eindhoven, Holland
A. T. WELFORD	Cambridge, Great Britain

The Secretary and Treasurer were to be nominated by the Committee from among its members.

#### 4. *The Second International Congress on Ergonomics*

The General Assembly accepted with acclamation the proposal to charge Prof. LEHMANN with the organization of the next international congress at Dortmund, Germany. The next congress should, if possible, take place in 1964.

#### 5. *Official Journal of the I.E.A.*

The General Assembly nominated the journal *Ergonomics* as the official publication of the Association, and accepted an offer by the publishers to make the journal available to individual and honorary members at a reduced rate.

#### 6. *Membership Fees and reduction of fees to Members for the next International Congress*

The following fees were accepted by the General Assembly to cover membership for a period of three years beginning in 1961. If, as is hoped, the second International Congress takes place in 1964, these fees will cover the period up to that Congress.

(a) Individual Members .. .. 40.- Swiss francs

(b) Associate Members .. .. 100.- Swiss francs

It was agreed that the organizing Committee of any International Ergonomics Congress held under the Association's auspices shall fix reduced participation fees for the members of the Association.

#### 7. *Ergonomic Checklist for Work Study*

It was agreed that the Committee shall nominate a small working group to prepare an ergonomic checklist designed for work study, job evaluation and similar activities. This checklist shall be submitted to the next International Congress, which may afterwards recommend its use in industry.

#### 8. *Honorary Members*

The General Assembly nominated with acclamation MRS. GILBRETH, U.S.A. and, PROF. G. C. E. BURGER, Holland, honorary members of the I.E.A.

E. GRANDJEAN, *Secretary.*

After the meeting of the General Assembly, the Committee nominated Prof. E. GRANDJEAN Secretary and Treasurer.

A circular letter will inform all members how and where they should pay their membership fees.

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