

INTERNATIONAL ERGONOMICS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Second General Assembly Held at Dortmund

On 25th September, 1964

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1. Chairman's report

Professor S. FORSSMAN, who acted as the Chairman of the meeting, gave a short report on his activities for the Association in the past three years.

2. Treasurer's and Auditors' report

Professor GRANDJEAN reported on the financial situation of the Association, stating that after return of the sum which the Association advanced to Professor LEHMANN for the organisation of the congress, the Association will dispose of a property of about SFr. 4 500.-. Professor FORSSMAN then read the report of the auditors, the Swiss firm Sallenbach & Jud, Zurich, according to which the bookkeeping was found correct. Thereupon, the Treasurer was released from responsibility by the General Assembly for the period under consideration.

Upon request of the Chairman, Professor LEHMANN gave a short report on the financial situation of the International Congress at Dortmund. He was thanked and congratulated by the Chairman upon the efficient organisation of the Congress.

For technical reasons, the order of the agenda was changed, and point 4 "New Articles" was first dealt with.

3. New Articles

Professor GRANDJEAN reports on the situation. At the Stockholm meeting he had been charged by the General Assembly to revise and complete the articles accepted by the founding members in 1959. In discussions with members of the Association as well as with other ergonomic societies he found out that it was the general wish to gradually orientate the Association, which so far was a society of individual members only, towards a federation of ergonomics societies.

As, however, an Association of society members would not include those members in whose countries such an ergonomic society does not yet exist, it was agreed upon to revise the statutes in such a way that a gradual trend towards federation would result and that individual members still be accepted to co-operate in the Association with ergonomics society members.

Professor GRANDJEAN then worked out a draft in co-operation with Messrs. DE JONG, and WISNER. This draft was sent out among the members of the Association. Suggestions made by Dr. BELDING and Mr. MURRELL were included in the draft which was finally revised, corrected and unanimously agreed upon by the Committee in their meeting of 23rd September, 1964, and distributed among the members of the Association present at the Congress.

In a detailed discussion in which the following members participated: the President, SHACKEL, FLOYD, PREUSCHEN, MURRELL, BONJER, and the General Secretary, the following proposals were voted upon and accepted by the General Assembly:

- a. The General Assembly unanimously agreed to change the Statutes of 1959.
- b. The first revision of the Statutes distributed some months ago by Professor GRANDJEAN was unanimously rejected.
- c. The new draft worked out and unanimously supported by the Committee was accepted by the General Assembly with 29 votes for, 7 against and 7 abstentions.
- d. Mr. FLOYD's suggestion to speed up the trend towards a federation of societies was accepted with 25 votes in favour of the proposal, 15 against it, and 9 abstentions, and the Committee was charged to revise the Statutes accordingly until the next General Assembly.

Dr. SHACKEL's suggestion that the Committee should be instructed to see that a majority, however slight, of representatives of societies in the Committee should be established at once, was turned down with 12 votes in favour, 21 against, and 8 abstentions.

4. Subscription fees for the period 1964-1967

The following subscription fees for the forthcoming three years were accepted by the General Assembly:

individual members	40 Swiss francs for 3 years, as before
federated ergonomics societies	1 Swiss franc per head per year
affiliated members	100 Swiss francs for 3 years, as before
subscribing members	500 Swiss francs for 3 years.

5. Election of the President and the General Secretary

In its meeting of 23rd September, the Committee proposed Professor LEHMANN to be elected President of the International Ergonomics Association for the next three years. This proposal was unanimously accepted by the General Assembly. Professor LEHMANN has accepted the election.

The Committee further suggested that Professor GRANDJEAN should continue in his office as General Secretary. This suggestion was also unanimously accepted by the General Assembly, and Professor GRANDJEAN was thanked for his hard work in the past tenure of office.

6. Election of the Committee

The General Assembly followed the suggestions by the Committee and elected the following members into the Committee for the next period of three years:

E. ASMUSSEN
H.S. BELDING
J.R. DE JONG
S. GRIEW
M. HAIDER

N. LUNDGREN
R.A. McFARLAND
B. METZ
K.F.H. MURRELL
W. ROHMERT

The four national ergonomics societies which are members of the IEA will nominate the delegates for the Committee as soon as possible.

7. Varia

Election of Auditors

The General Assembly agreed that the firm Sallenbach & Jud, Zurich, who have been controlling the finances of the Association up to now, shall be asked to continue to act as auditors for the Association.

Ergonomic Check List

Professor BURGER proposed that the Committee for Ergonomic Check List should be ordered to continue their work. They should consider the suggestions made in the Panel Discussion, possibly do some field studies, and present a revised version of the Check List at the next Congress of the Association. The General Assembly agreed to this suggestion and thanked Professor BURGER for the work done.

Congress of the IEA in 1967

Professor FORSSMAN reported that the International Ergonomics Association received three invitations, from England, Holland, and Switzerland. The Committee and the General Assembly accepted the invitation issued by the Ergonomics Research Society to hold its next congress in England. Professor FORSSMAN thanked Dr. RUFFELL SMITH, the President of the ERS, for the invitation. Dr. RUFFELL SMITH will soon inform the Committee of the place where the Congress is to be held.

Finally, thanks were expressed to the Committee, the President, and the General Secretary, and the session was closed by the President, Professor FORSSMAN, at about 8.15 p.m.

E. GRANDJEAN
General Secretary