

## INTERNATIONAL ERGONOMICS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Third General Assembly Held at Birmingham  
on 12th September, 1967

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Chairman: Dr. J. R. De Jong

Excused absent: Prof. Lehmann, Dr. Haider, Prof. Belding, Col. Ostrom.

### Agenda

- 1 Minutes of the 2nd General Assembly 1964
- 2 Chairman's report
- 3 Treasurer's and Auditors' reports
- 4 New articles
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- 5 Election of the President, the Secretary general,  
the Treasurer, and of seven Council members
- 6 Subscription fees for the period 1967-1970
- 7 Election of Auditors
- 8 Election of Honorary Members
- 9 4th International Congress on Ergonomics 1970
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### First Part of the General Assembly

- 1 Minutes of the 2nd General Assembly 1964

The minutes of the 2nd General Assembly held at Dortmund in 1964 are accepted.

- 2 Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Dr. De Jong, gives a survey of some events and activities of the Association during the past three-years' period:

A subcommittee prepared the programme of the 3rd International Congress together with the representative of the Ergonomics Research Society.

The hardest work was the elaboration of new articles. This was first done by a subcommittee and later discussed and revised by the Council in a special meeting in October 1965 in Paris. The result of this meeting was the proposal for new articles on which the General Assembly has to decide to-day.

In the three-years' period the number of Federated ergonomics societies increased from 4 to 7. This is considered by the Chairman as an important and characteristic shift. The Chairman expresses the special satisfaction of the I.E.A. about the joining to the Association of the most important ergonomics societies (Gesellschaft für Arbeitswissenschaft, Ergonomics Research Society, Human Factors Society).

### 3 Treasurer's and Auditors' Reports

The Secretary general first gives a short survey on the present composition of the I.E.A.:

The Federated ergonomics societies are:

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| Ergonomics Research Society             | 475 active members |
| Gesellschaft für Arbeitswissenschaft    | 162 "              |
| Human Factors Society, Inc., U.S.A.     | 1247 "             |
| Japan Ergonomics Research Society       | 208 "              |
| Nederlandse Vereniging voor Ergonomie   | 119 "              |
| Società Italiana di Ergonomia           | 60 "               |
| Société d'Ergonomie de Langue Française | 121 "              |

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7 Federated ergonomics societies have 2392 active members

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The I.E.A. has to-day 161 individual members who belong to 22 countries. 54 of these members belong to countries without a national society.

The I.E.A. has further 2 Honorary members, 1 Subscribing member, and 1 Affiliate member.

The Secretary general who is also acting as Treasurer gives a summary of the Auditors' report. This report was made by a professional institution, Messrs. Sallenbach & Jud, Zurich, according to the decision taken by the 2nd General Assembly.

The financial report was summarized as follows:

#### Entries

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| Membership fees                                    | SFr. 8 460.06 |
| Benefit of 1st International Congress in Stockholm | 1 663.30      |
| Benefit of 2nd International Congress at Dortmund  | 7 818.--      |
| Interests  | 715.15        |

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Total entries SFr. 18 656.51

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Expenses

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|------------------------------------|------|----------|
| Government and bank taxes          | SFr. | 212.56   |
| Fees for administrative work       |      | 1 900.-- |
| Travel expenses of Council members |      | 1 481.50 |
| Postage and stamps                 |      | 1 423.35 |
| Office stationery                  |      | 127.40   |
| Auditors' bill                     |      | 265.--   |
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| Total expenses                     | SFr. | 5 409.81 |
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| Benefit                 | SFr. | 13 246.70 |
| Capital per 2 July 1964 |      | 1 006.60  |
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| Capital per 11 July 1967 | SFr. | 14 253.30   |
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The Auditors' report certifies that the bookkeeping was found correct. Thereupon the Treasurer is released from responsibility by the General Assembly for the period under consideration.

4 New Articles

The new articles proposed by the Council are accepted with the following amendments:

- a) The amendment to Article 2 by the Gesellschaft für Arbeitswissenschaft, Dortmund.
- b) The first part of the amendment to Article 4 by the Ergonomics Research Society: "Corresponding members shall be persons who have a professional interest in ergonomics, and who are not members of a federated ergonomics society."
- c) The amendment to Article 5 by Prof. Belding, with the following modification: "A delegate serves from the beginning of the regular General Assembly to which he has been nominated to the beginning of the next General Assembly, or until he is replaced by the group of members whom he represents. Delegates may serve more than one term."
- d) The amendment to Article 8 by Dr. Murray.

## Second Part of the General Assembly

The second part of the General Assembly proceeds according to the new articles. 43 delegates of the Federated ergonomics societies and of the Corresponding members are present.

### 5 Election of the President, the Secretary general, the Treasurer, and of Seven Council Members

The Council proposes

Dr. Hugh P. Ruffell Smith, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.S., London as new President of the I.E.A. for the three-years' period 1967-1970. Dr. Ruffell Smith is elected unanimously and with acclamation by the Assembly.

The delegates agree to the proposal of the Council and elect

Prof. E. Grandjean, Zurich, as Secretary general  
Prof. A. Wisner, Paris, as Treasurer

The delegates propose 15 candidates for nomination to the Council. On the base of these proposals they elect in a secret vote the following seven Council members:

Prof. E. Asmussen, Denmark (delegate of corresponding members)  
Prof. A. Chapanis, U.S.A.  
Dr. J. R. De Jong, The Netherlands  
Prof. N. P. V. Lundgren, Sweden (delegate of corresponding memb.)  
Prof. M. Oshima, Japan  
Prof. W. Rohmert, Germany  
Dr. R. G. Sell, United Kingdom

### 6 Subscription Fees 1967 - 1970

The Secretary general submits the following budget:

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| <u>Entries</u>                      |               |
| Federated ergonomics societies      | SFr. 4 500.-- |
| Fees of 50 Corresponding members    | 1 000.--      |
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| Total entries                       | SFr. 5 500.-- |
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| <u>Expenses</u>                     |               |
| Administration                      | SFr. 4 000.-- |
| Travel expenses for Council members | 1 500.--      |
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| Total expenses                      | SFr. 5 500.-- |
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On the base of this budget, the Council proposes the following subscription fees:

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| Federated ergonomics societies | SFr. 2.- per active member |
| Corresponding members          | SFr. 20.-                  |
| Affiliate members              | SFr. 100.-                 |
| Subscribing members            | SFr. 500.-                 |

The General Assembly agrees to these subscription fees.

#### 7 Election of Auditors

The delegates decide that the control of the account of the I.E.A. shall be done again by a professional institution which is to be designated by the Treasurer with the assent of the Council.

#### 8 Election of Honorary Members

The following personalities who have given in the past a great contribution to the development of ergonomics are nominated by the General Assembly as Honorary members:

Sir Frederick Bartlett, F.R.S., Cambridge, United Kingdom  
 Professor Gunther Lehmann, M.D., Dortmund, Germany  
 Professor Erich A. Müller, M.D., Freiburg i. Br., Germany

#### 9 4th International Congress on Ergonomics 1970

The delegates agree to the proposal of the Council that the next international congress on ergonomics is to be organised by Professor B. Metz in Strasbourg, France, in 1970.

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Finally, thanks are expressed to the Chairman, Dr. J. R. De Jong, and the session was closed at about 6.30 p.m.

The Secretary general:

E. Grandjean