

INTERNATIONAL ERGONOMICS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Fourth General Assembly held at Strasbourg on  
9th July 1970

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Chairman: Dr. H. P. Ruffell Smith

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1 Minutes of the 3rd General Assembly 1967

The minutes of the 3rd General Assembly held at Birmingham in 1967 are accepted.

2 Chairman's report

The Chairman, Dr. Ruffell Smith, commemorates the death of Sir Frederic Bartlett and Jack Kraft (Human Factors Society President).

Thereafter the Chairman gives a report of the IEA activities during the past three years. In first instance the council tried to consolidate its position as an internationally recognized body and to expand its influence by encouraging the federation and further societies with aims and membership.

compatible with the Rules of IEA. At our last meeting there were 7 federated societies:

- Ergonomics Research Society
- Gesellschaft für Arbeitswissenschaft
- Human Factors Society
- Japan Ergonomics Research Society
- Nederlandse Vereniging voor Ergonomie
- Societa Italiana de Ergonomica
- Societé Ergonomie de Langue Française

Since that time 5 more applications have been accepted by council, they are:

- Ergonomics Society of Australia and New Zealand
- Ergonomic Section of the Czechoslovak Committee for Scientific Management
- Human Factors Society of Canada
- Nordic Ergonomic Society - Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden
- Polish Committee for Ergonomics and Labour Protection

These 12 societies represent a total of some 2 500 scientists.

These figures show that:

- 1 the policy of replacing individual members by Federated Societies is proceeding smoothly, as planned;
- 2 a healthy growth is taking place and now forms a sound enough basis to support a drive to giving the benefits of ergonomics to an even increasing proportion of the world population.

From the honorary members we are pleased to see Prof. E. A. Müller.

The council has given its blessing and encouragement to 3 scientific meetings.

In October 1968 a meeting on sitting posture was held in Zurich, organized by Prof. Grandjean. It brought together a great expertise in this field. The papers have been published and a book is available. This knowledge was of interest not only to experts, but also to the more enlightened furniture manufacturers.

The second meeting was held in 1969 in Amsterdam with the help of the Netherlands society. Dr. De Jong and Prof. Chapanis were its prime movers. This meeting was an attempt to describe and rationalize our criteria and thus to provide better understanding of the methods used by the various disciplines that go to make up Ergonomics. The essence of this meeting is distilled for us by Prof. Chapanis in his invited paper on Tuesday. The papers given at this meeting will be published and a book will soon be available.

Thirdly the 4th International Congress on Ergonomics. For this we had 3 preliminary meetings of the scientific steering committee.

The results of this and all the other hard work by Prof. Metz and his team are apparent in the evident success of this congress.

We should also be most grateful to all the invited speakers and to the contributions of the other scientific papers.

### 3 Treasurer's and Auditor's reports

The Treasurer gives his report according to the auditor's report.



4 Election of Officers

Dr. Ruffell Smith proposes in the name of the council the following changes:

- a President: Prof. B. Metz, France
- b Secretary General: Prof. F. Bonjer, The Netherlands
- c New Council Members:
  - Prof. J. Rutenfranz, Germany
  - Prof. B. Shackel, England

The retiring President thanks Prof. Grandjean, who is retiring from the post of Secretary General, as well as Prof. Lundgren and Prof. Asmussen for their collaboration in the past years.

All of the President's proposals were accepted unanimously by the General Assembly.

The new council has therefore the following composition:

- Prof. B. Metz (President)
- Dr. F.H. Bonjer (Secretary General)
- Prof. A. Wisner (Treasurer)
- Prof. A. Chapanis (U.S.A.)
- Dr. J. R. De Jong (The Netherlands)
- Prof. M. Oshima (Japan)
- Prof. W. Rohmert (Germany)
- Prof. J. Rutenfranz (Germany)
- Mr. R. G. Sell (England)
- Prof. B. Shackel (England)

Prof. B. Metz thanks the delegates for their confidence in him as President for the next three years. He also thanks warmly Dr. Ruffell Smith, the retiring President. He points out how much this wise and learned President has done for the development of the International Ergonomics Association in the past three years.

5 Election of Auditor

The delegates decide that the control of the accounts of the IEA shall be done again by the professional institution which has taken care of this the last period.

6 5th International Congress on Ergonomics 1973

The delegates agree to the proposal of the council to accept an invitation of the "Nederlandse Vereniging voor Ergonomie" for the next international congress to be held in Holland in 1973.

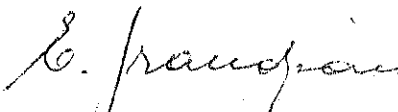
7 Other business

Mr. Lippert wants to thank Prof. Metz and his colleagues in name of all delegates and congress participants for the extremely good organization of the 4th congress.

Prof. Ruffell Smith closes the meeting at 6.40 pm. after saying:

"It is with great regret that I shall relinquish my post as President at this illustrious association. I am deeply conscious of the many kindnesses I have been allocated and I am particularly grateful for the friendliness that have supported all our dealings. I can think of no one better than Prof. Metz to steer us competently in the next period to the success of the IEA."

The Secretary General

  
E. Grandjean