

UNCONFIRMED NOTES

International Ergonomics Association

Meeting to discuss arrangements for the 7th IEA Congress held in the Palace of Culture, Warsaw 19th May 1978

Present: J Rosner Chairman of the Organising Committee
Dr A Oginski Member of Organising Committee
Mrs M Gasinska Member of Organising Committee (Part time)
Professor H Sholz Treasury IEA
Mr R G SELL Secretary IEA

Three papers were tabled

- 1 A proposed budget prepared by the Organising Committee dated 15 May 1978
- 2 Notes on a meeting between the Secretary of the IEA and Taylor and Francis of the 8 May 1978
- 3 Proposals regarding publication of invited speakers, papers and abstracts prepared by Taylor and Francis as a result of the 8 May Meeting

Rosner reported that the return of completed cards from members of Federated Societies was in general satisfactory and indicated that there should be a good attendance. He was doubtful if all Societies had notified their members as he had so far had very little returns from Scandinavia.

The Secretary warned against being too optimistic on the basis of the number of people expressing interest as they may not have the same interest in 1979. It was also important to be able to accept registrations up until the date of the meeting because many people who would like to come and who will be able to get finance are not members of Federated Societies and will not hear about the meeting until very near to the actual time of it taking place.

The Secretary also doubts whether there will be 60 accompanying people from the West. It was agreed that future budgeting would be done on the basis of 30 accompanying persons.

The lower estimate of 450 participants included only 140 from the West which it was agreed was a reasonable estimate. There was bound to be some curiosity about attending a meeting in Eastern Europe which would attract some people.

The budget item of 80,000 Zl for decoration was thought to be rather high as this was the same cost as for the simultaneous translation for the whole conference. The organisers will look at that item again.

Should severe financial problems arise due to something unexpected, Rosner thought that it might be possible to increase the official subventions.

Rosner had received a letter from the Polish authorities confirming that hard currency could be exported up to the level that it had been paid into Poland.

Secretary asked for confirmation that the invited papers and the abstracts of contributed papers etc should be printed in a special issue of Ergonomics printed in advance, as in previous Congresses. He believes that there were proposals being considered by the sub-Committee of the IEA looking at publications policy for a new approach. It was, however, agreed that it would be easier for this Congress to rely on the traditional help from Taylor and Francis to relieve work on the Conference organisers and to save time.

The publication proposals tabled from Taylor and Francis were agreed with a request that abstracts for the poster session should be published in the same form as the contributed papers. The Secretary said he would check with Taylor and Francis because this could mean an unacceptable increase in the number of pages of that issue of the journal. He said he would also check whether the Polish Society could sell copies of the special issue of Ergonomics after the Congress.

Rosner suggested that

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should be the main contact with Dr Brown, the editor of Ergonomics. Rosner agreed to ask Dr Palka if he was prepared to do this.

The Secretary suggested contacting all Federated Societies as soon as possible to see if they would each appoint someone who would act as their publicity agent in their area and ensure that announcements were made in all the relevant journals; - management, engineering, work study, psychology etc. to bring in people from fringe areas as well as those directly in ergonomics.

Federated Societies should also be asked at the next Council Meeting if they would wish to have exhibition space at the Congress and, if so, to nominate someone who will act as their representative for organising it.

The Secretary pointed out that the programme for accompanying persons must be seen to be of value by those taking part. It was agreed that the cost for accompanying persons would be reduced to \$30 for those coming from the West. The following was the present situation regarding the presentation of papers.

ERGONOMICS AS A FACTOR OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Chapanis; believe that he agrees but no written reply yet
2. A possible Russian speaker. No-one yet invited Rosner will check in the immediate future

NEED FOR BROADENING THE SCIENTIFIC BASE OF ERGONOMICS

1. de Montmollin; not yet invited
2. Smirnov; a Russian not yet invited from the Institute of Labour Protection in Leningrad
3. Halberg (Minnesota); believe he has accepted

ERGONOMICS OF NON-VOCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Grandjean; has accepted
2. Kirk; invited
3. McCormick; invited

ERGONOMIC CRITERIA FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SURVEYS

1. Professor Induński; (Ulich, Poland) accepted
2. Rutenfranz; not yet invited
3. Paule Rey; not yet invited

PIONEERS OF ERGONOMICS

1. van Wely; not yet invited
2. Monot; not yet invited
3. Oginski; agreed
4. Need a British Nomination

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FACTORS

1. B Shackel; accepted
2. Lucas (Renault) accepted
3. Toborsac; Yugoslavia accepted

ERGONOMICS AND THE DESIGN OF INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT

1. Kaczmarck of Poland accepted
2. Laurig
3. Merchant (USA)
4. Dietrych (Poland)
5. Wisner

ERGONOMICS AND STANDARDS

1. Burkadt; not yet invited

APPLICATION OF ERGONOMICS AT SUCCESSIVE STAGES OF PLANT DESIGN

1. Bulat; Yugoslavia to be invited
2. Schmidte; to be invited
3. Bjork; to be invited

AGRICULTURE AND ERGONOMICS

1. Pascall; to be invited
2. SAS
3. Maniecki; (Poland)
4. Swedish contributor also to be invited

The following have been arranged as professional visits

1. A local visit to a factory and a museum near to Warsaw \$30
2. Visit concerned with factory and agriculture not far from Warsaw and including Chopin birthplace \$15
3. Central Institute of Occupational Safety and Labour Protection, Institute of Industrial Design and the Institute of Aviation Medicine; all of these have Ergonomics Departments \$90
4. A 3 day visit Friday, Saturday and Sunday to Kracow \$130 by plane visiting the old town and the salt mines of Kracow an iron and steel factory or a Department of Industrial Design, an Occupational Health Centre with a visit to another town on the third day
5. Katowitz by plane \$100 visiting one of two coal mines one of which is fully automatic and a Vocational Rehabilitation Centre.