

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the I.E.A.
Thursday, 14th September, 1967, at Birmingham University

Present

Dr. Ruffell Smith, Prof. Oshima, Prof. Chapanis, Prof. Lundgren,
Dr. Sell, Dr. De Jong, Prof. Rohmert, Prof. Metz, Prof. Grandjean.

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1 Election of Vice President

According to the new articles the Council elects Prof. Bernard Metz, Strasbourg, as Vice President.

2 Administrative Decisions

The President, Dr. Ruffell Smith, will inform the new honorary members of their election.

The minutes of the 3rd General Assembly shall first be submitted to all members. If there are no objections, the minutes shall be published in "Ergonomics".

The new articles shall be published in "Ergonomics" too, and reprints shall be ordered for future use. The new articles may also be published in "Human Factors" if the Human Factors Society wishes to do so.

3 Corresponding Members

The Council charges the Secretary general to write to all corresponding members and to ask them whether they belong to a federated ergonomics society. According to the new statutes, they will have to decide whether they want to remain members of their federated ergonomics society. In case of the affirmative, they will have to resign as corresponding members of the I.E.A.

4 Activities

The Council agrees that the I.E.A. should consider the difficult problem of scientific documentation. It would be desirable to solve the problem of collecting and abstracting the literature. Dr. Ruffell Smith proposes to think this problem over at the next Council meeting.

Prof. Chapanis suggests that the I.E.A. should expand ergonomics knowledge to other countries, especially to developing countries. Dr. De Jong is of the opinion that the I.L.O. and other international bodies of this kind should assume this task.

Prof. Chapanis calls to the attention that it would be of great interest to set up international research projects in order to solve some problems (e.g. road signs, air traffic problems) on an international level.

The Council unanimously agrees that the I.E.A. should be a sort of forum from which programmes of scientific activities and similar informations are disseminated to all interested organisations. The Council decides that the Secretary general shall ask all Federated ergonomics societies to send him meeting programmes and other informations on their activities as early as possible. He shall then transmit these informations to all other Federated ergonomics societies.

The Secretary general shall inform the Federated ergonomics societies of the next international congress in Strasbourg.

5 Next Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Council is to be held at Brighton, before during or after the meeting of the Ergonomics Research Society (26th to 28th March, 1968). Travel expenses of Council members cannot be paid as a general rule. Exceptions may be allowed if a member has no other possibility of support.

The following agenda is to be considered for the next meeting:

- 1 Future Activities
- 2 4th International Congress in Strasbourg, 1970
- 3 Preparation of the Nomination of the Council 1970
- 4 5th International Congress on Ergonomics, 1973

6 Symposium on "Sitting Posture"

Prof. Grandjean intends to organize a symposium on "Sitting Posture" from 25th to 27th September, 1968, in Zurich.

This symposium will be organised by the Department of Hygiene and Work Physiology of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, under the auspices of the I.E.A., and with the financial support of the Firm Giroflex Entwicklungs-AG, Koblenz, Switzerland.

The Secretary General:

A. Grandjean