

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the I.E.A.
Wednesday, 27th March, 1968, at Sussex University, Brighton

Present

Dr. Ruffell-Smith, Prof. Oshima, Prof. Chapanis, Prof. Lundgren,
Dr. Sell, Dr. De Jong, Prof. Wisner, Dr. Fox, Prof. Grandjean.
Excused: Prof. Metz, and Prof. Rohmert.

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1. The minutes of the Council meeting of 14th September, 1967,
are accepted after an additional remark by Dr. De Jong:

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is of the opinion that the I.L.O. and other international
bodies of this kind may play a part in the spread of ergon-
omics, and co-operation with I.L.O. and similar bodies
should be encouraged."

2. The applications for corresponding membership of

Dr. Petru Derevenco (Cluj, Romania), and
Dr. Tae Jun Lee (Seoul, Korea)

are accepted.

3. The Council discusses the problem of membership to the I.E.A.
of foreign members to the E.R.S. It is decided that a foreign
member to the E.R.S. has no right to be at the same time a cor-
responding members to the I.E.A.

4. The problem of joining the International Council of Scientific
Unions is discussed. A letter by Mr. F.W.G. Baker, Secretary to
this Union, (dated 31st January, 1968) reveals that this organiz-
ation would most probably not admit the I.E.A., since the field
of ergonomics belongs either to the physiological sciences or
to experimental psychology which are already represented at the
I.C.S.U. On the other hand, a new category of members shall be
created in future which should be known as "scientific affiliates".
The I.E.A. Council decides to wait until this new category is
created.

5. The relationship with international organizations, especially with I.L.O., is discussed again. The wish is expressed that co-operation with I.L.O. be improved in the future. The Secretary general is charged to ask the W.H.O. to recognize the I.E.A. as the representative international organization of ergonomics.

6. The check-list which was elaborated for the International Congress in Dortmund is to be considered as a contribution of the working group (Burger, Murrell, De Jong, Frieberger, Lehmann and Hultgren) and not as an official paper of the I.E.A. It is decided that the Editor of "Value Engineering" is allowed to publish this check-list when mentioning the members of the working group as authors. A revised edition of this check-list (by Boer and Burger) shall also be proposed for publication to "Value Engineering".

7. Future activities

Informations about the activities of the Federated ergonomics societies should be spread about all six months by means of a circular letter to all I.E.A. members.

An International Directory on Ergonomics should be worked out. Prof. Chapanis will contact Mr. Lippert in order to find out whether somebody in the U.S. could realize this plan.

Prof. Chapanis would appreciate having a symposium on the problem of "The importance of the physiological and psychological approach to ergonomical problems". Dr. De Jong is ready to organize such a symposium in the Netherlands in 1969, provided that the Nederlandse Vereniging voor Ergonomie agrees. *)

8. The 4th International Congress on Ergonomics is to be held at Strasbourg, France, from 6th to 11th July, 1970.

9. The I.E.A. shall propose to Prof. Metz to appoint already now a programme designing committee. The Council proposes Dr. Ruffell Smith, Dr. De Jong, and Dr. Fox to belong to this committee as delegates of the I.E.A.

All members of the Council are asked to write before 30th May, 1968 to Dr. Ruffell-Smith their suggestions for topics which should be taken into consideration by the programme designing committee.

*) Meanwhile, the Nederlandse Vereniging voor Ergonomie has given its consent, and this Symposium is to be held in the Netherlands in 1969.

10. The Human Factors Society, Inc., U.S.A., and the Nederlandse Vereniging voor Ergonomie, The Netherlands, are applying for the organization of the 5th International Congress on Ergonomics in 1973. The Council acknowledges these offers with thanks. The final decision on this item shall be taken at the next Council meeting. This session is to be held at the Annual Meeting of the E.R.S. at Bristol in 1969.

The Secretary general:

A. Grandjean