

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL
ERGONOMICS ASSOCIATION (IEA) AT STRASBOURG.

Friday 10 July 1970.

Present: B. Metz, F.H. Bonjer, A. Chapanis, J.R. de Jong,
M. Oshima, W. Rohmert, H.P. Ruffell Smith, J. Rutenfranz,
R.G. Sell, B. Shackel, A. Wisner.

1. Election of vice-president.

From the discussion on this matter it is decided that Metz will write a letter to the President of the Nederlandse Vereniging voor Ergonomie to accept the invitation, but he will wait for proposals for vice-president from N.V.v.E. or council.

2. Co-operation Council-Organizing Committee Congress 1973.

Metz reports that in the Strasbourg Congress 3 representatives of IEA co-operated with 3 representatives of Société d'Ergonomie de Langue Française, but he regrets that there has not been more contact with other national societies. Thus, he proposes to ask for more suggestions from other societies. Ruffell Smith, however warns for troubles when suggestions are rejected. Potential members for this working party are: Metz, Rutenfranz, Sell. Name of the party: Program Designing Committee (P.D.C.). A first meeting could be held medio 1971, further meetings: autumn 1972 and mid February 1973. Wisner proposes that the travelling costs of NVE-members are paid by N.V.v.E.

3. Frequency I.E.A.-meetings.

It is found important to sponsor more meetings like the one's held in Zurich and Amsterdam, because they bring people together more frequently and prove to be usefull.

Sell, however, is in favour of meetings like Zurich, because of the specialized people which meet, while Amsterdam was a more closed session.

Shackel stresses that results should be made available to all members.

Chapanis is noting that without these symposia the papers would never have been published. There will be a second symposium on sitting posture in 1972.

Procedure of intervention of IEA.

Metz thinks it necessary to define a policy for rejectance or acceptance.

Chapanis suggests to handle the HFS policy on this: proposal to council, which decides. Without funds, endorsement to set-up and organizers, submit detailed proposal about topic, speakers and nature.

Metz agrees with this proposal and suggests that such meetings should be announced to all national societies through the council secretariate. Federated societies and individual members should be contacted as well.

4. Provisional budget.

According to Wisner there is a surplus over the last three years of Sw.Fr. 3.657; in the bank + Sw.Fr. 18.000. An increase of Sw.Fr. 8.000 can be expected in the next 3 years from membership fee's and possibly Sw.Fr. 1.000 from interest.

De Jong calculates to count on the following expenses:

Sw.Fr. 3.500 postage, printing, stationary and secretariat help.
Sw.Fr. 6.500 travel expenses.
Sw.Fr. 1.000 divers expenses.

Rutenfranz mentions a surplus of DM 8.000 after the Dortmund Conference, because grants were received from government and industry.

Chapanis mentions the possibility of increasing funds by accepting exhibitions at meetings, e.g. IBM.

Metz raises the question of insurance for strikes, destruction by congress members or accidents. A possible company: Lloyds.

Wisner proposes to provide Sw.Fr. 400 per person for travel expense only. Proposal is accepted by council. It is suggested to spend the money, donated by ERS, on lectures. Shackel thinks it a good idea to have 1 lecturer paid by + EA on such symposia, if the organizers can make a surplus. It is even a possibility to let NVvE know they can dispose of a "lecture fund" of Sw.Fr. 1.000 for a special lecturer.

Metz thinks it better to have approval of this matter in next council Meeting.

7. Contacts with WHO.

According to Lambert a renewed contact would have more chances now. Secretary-general will undertake steps for this.

8. New stationary will be ordered by the secretary-general.

9. Next meeting is decided to be held medio 1971 of which 1 day will be for P.D.C. and 1 day for council.