

INTERNATIONAL ERGONOMICS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND, USA ON
FRIDAY 16 JULY 1976.

Present:-

A Chapanis - President
R G Sell - Secretary
V Bulat - Yugoslav Society
T M Fraser - Human Factors Society, Canada
J J O'Hare - HFS
B Metz - French Speaking Society
F Muckler - HFS
B Knave - Nordic Ergonomics Society
H R Ramsey - HFS
J Rosner - Polish Society
J Rutenfranz - German Society
B Shackel - Ergonomics Society
L Sjöflot - Nordic Society
S Sugiyama - Japanese Society
W Wagenaar - Dutch Society

C/76/11 Review of 6th International Congress, 1976

A number of views were expressed regarding the Maryland meeting which might be of interest to future organisers of Congresses. Although the Congress was considered to have been a well organised success there were some minor points which could be taken account of in the future.

The plenary sessions were criticised mainly for the number of political papers, the early starting times, the fact that papers were read, even where they were already published in the proceedings.

The technical sessions were thought to be out of schedule, had overlapping topics of common interest, were inadequately balanced and made too full a programme. It was suggested that the Chairman of the session should have more advance information on the papers in this session.

The visits were seen to be less professional and more general tourist activities.

Facilities which were missed were a Post Office, a Travel Agent, and a list of attendees for reference during and after the meeting.

The view was expressed that if the sponsors of papers will not allow them to be published in the proceedings, as Kodak would not, then the papers should not be presented.

The Hyde Park Corner idea was felt to have been worth trying but it would have been better if it had been located off a main thoroughfare.

It was also suggested that thought be given to new types of Congress.

The President mentioned some of the organiser's problems. Some of the money due through international transfers had still not been received, it had been difficult to get the papers in for publication, "travel papers" had been a source of difficulty in that there had been doubts as to how they should be dealt with and some papers had been typed at the Congress!

The Secretary was asked to prepare a paper on the organisation of Congresses.

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C/76/12 7th International Congress 1976 - Poland

The need was discussed for two IEA Council Representatives on the Congress Planning Committee. It was agreed that these should be the Secretary and the Treasurer. There would also need to be IEA representation on the Programme Planning Committee.

The date should be fixed to take account primarily of European needs, holidays etc. Late August was suggested as possible. It would be necessary to ensure that funds could be transferred into and out of Poland so that profits could be shared between the IEA and the Polish Society. Translation may be an extra problem as there could well be speakers in Russian. It was suggested that attempts should be made to get the Russian Government to supply the extra translation facilities.

C/76/13 International Co-operation

There was a need to build up contact with the International Council for Societies in Industrial Design following the attendance of the outgoing President at their Congress and their official representation at this Congress.

C/76/14 Other proposed meetings

In addition to the meeting on Ship Ergonomics and Job Satisfaction the following proposals were discussed.

To follow up the commitment to hold a meeting in Israel the Dutch and German Societies were prepared to help organise a meeting in Israel for the IEA.

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Care would need to be taken to involve all centres of ergonomics in Israel.

In addition to the topics raised at the Council Meeting on 1 July (Minute C/76/8) two more possible topics were suggested "Ergonomics and communication", "Ergonomics and multi-national societies."

Action Yugoslav Society The Yugoslav Society would like to co-operate with the IEA in organising a meeting on "Man/machine systems and the environment".

Action Sec The Secretary was asked to write to the Australian Society to see if they would like to organise a meeting on behalf of the IEA which could perhaps lead to the publication of a book - the subject to be chosen by the Australians.

Action T M Fraser Following a brief discussion on the organisation of meetings in the period between IEA main Congresses, T M Fraser was asked to prepare a note for discussion at the next Council Meeting.

C/76/15 Sources of finance

It was agreed that consideration should be given to getting more finance from the organisation of meetings, the publication of proceedings, publication of monographs etc.

C/76/16 8th International Congress 1982

Invitations have already been received from Australia, Italy and Japan. Sugiyama however, said that Oshima was organising an international meeting in Japan in 1980 on medical information systems and that this might cause difficulties in organising another international Congress two years later. The Secretary was asked to get more proposals from the Federated Societies.

C/76/17 Honours/awards

Action Sec The Secretary was asked to put on the next agenda for discussion the IEA policy for honorary members. Sjöflot suggested that the IEA give awards for international contributions to ergonomics. Federated Societies should nominate people for consideration by Council from outside their own membership. This would also be discussed at the next Council meeting.

C/76/18 Logo for the IEA

Action President It was agreed that the President follow up the outgoing President's suggestion that the IEA has a logo which it can use on notepaper etc.

C/76/19 Distribution of minutes of Council Meetings

It was agreed that the minutes of this meeting would go to Secretaries of Federated Societies as some attenders might not be the normal representatives.

There was a need to keep postal costs to a minimum.

C/76/20 Provisional date of next meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held in January 1977 in Western Europe. The next Council meeting will be held in London prior to the meeting on Job Satisfaction, 19-20 September 1977. (The meeting itself is on 21-24 September).