

INTERNATIONAL ERGONOMICS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND USA ON THE
11 JULY 1976

Present:-

F H Bonjer - President

J R de Jong - Treasurer

R G Sell - Secretary

H Davis

T M Fraser

H Monod

J Rosner

J Rutenfranz

B Shackel

S Sugiyama

Members of Human Factors Society Council for C/76/3

Absent:-

E Assmussen

C/76/1 The minutes of the Council meeting held on 24-25 July 1975 were signed as correct with one amendment in line 1 of C/75/9. The ILO contact should read "Mastrematto"

C/76/2 The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 23-24 January 1976 were signed as correct.

C/76/3 Matters arising not covered and agreed

Fraser pointed out that Mr Hellen from Finland had replaced Mr Mastrematteo (C/75/9). Bonjer said that Miss Wosine de Cressonnieres was now Secretary of ICSID (E/76/7).

C/76/3 6th International Congress 1976

Dr H Moore and H Davis presented a report on the arrangements made for the Congress to a joint session of the IEA and HFS Councils. Everything appeared to be under control and expectations were that the Congress would be a success. The simultaneous translation arrangements had been made but it appeared that very few people would make use of the facility. There had been a good response from people outside the USA (108 registrations) and it was expected that registration would continue to come in during the Congress. The total number at 6 July was 390.

About 50 submitted papers had been rejected. The HFS had arranged with the Congress Organising Committee to have all the papers printed in one volume. This would be available to all participants at a price of \$12.50 1,000 copies had been printed. The HFS would buy from the IEA 600 copies at a price of \$8.60 and any remaining at \$7.60. It was agreed in his absence and after the departure of the HFS Council that a plaque should be given to Mr Davis in recognition of all the work he had carried out for the Congress. In particular he had made sure that the Congress maintained an international orientation.

C/76/4 87th International Congress 1979

The Secretary reported on the situation regarding invitations from Federated Societies for the 7th Congress. The main invitations were from Australia (made in 1976) and Poland (made in 1973). As he had asked Societies for ideas for other future Congress locations he reported that Italy had put forward invitations for 1982. The IRA Foundation of Israel and city of Hamburg had also put in invitations. A number of Societies had given their view about these and other possibilities.

Rosner reported in support of his Society's invitation that a Society in the accepted sense was being formed in Poland. The unaugural meeting was to have been held in May but it now appeared likely that it would be held in October. The membership should be about 300. The Polish organisation has experience in organising meetings of an international type.

Fraser suggested a number of criteria that should be taken in consideration in deciding where a Congress should be held:-

- An active organising group
- Technical capability
- Resources to make the arrangements
- Priority in receipt of invitations
- Any special favourable considerations
- Any special factors militating against choice
- Previous participation.

It was agreed to recommend to the General Assembly that Poland's invitation be accepted. The Council also agreed that the Polish Society should be asked to guarantee that no person should be denied permission to attend the Congress because of their nationality.

C/76/5 Proposed new rules

The Secretary introduced the latest version of the rules, which had been circulated to all Council Members and to all Federated Societies. Almost all Societies had written in agreeing with the proposals. (The HFS reported verbally). Following discussion it was agreed that the minimum number of members needed to qualify a Society for a vote on the Council should be reduced from 100 to 50 to allow for developing Societies. The Secretary will present the proposed new rules to the General Assembly.

C/76/6 Finance, Proposed Budget

The Treasurer outlined his proposed budget and the need for an increase in finance. The Secretary reported that the majority of Societies favoured the higher rate of subscription. The Australians were the main objectors because they felt that as a small Society, a long distance away from other groups they could not get much benefit from the IEA and could not easily afford the increase asked for.

The Human Factors Society reported that as the largest Society they felt they would suffer adversely and proposed SwFr 80 per Society with SwFr 1.00 for the first 500 members, SwFr 0.75 the next 500 and SwFr 0.50 for each member over 1,000.

The President suggested SwFr 80 per Society with SwFr 1.00 for the first 600, SwFr 0.75 the next 600 and SwFr 0.50 for over 1,200. It was agreed that the views of Societies should be put to the General Assembly with a strong recommendation for the original proposal No. 1.

C/76/7 Contacts with international organisations

The Secretary reported that in general there was now good contact with ISO although there was difficulty in always getting an IEA representative at the meetings of TC 159 and its subcommittees.

Fraser said that he was impressed by ILO from his recent period spent with them and thought that further contact should be encouraged.

Lambert has retired from WHO and been replaced by Marschall. The President has talked to Dr Mahler the Director General of WHO regarding a joint IEA/WHO meeting on "Health care" to show how ergonomics can increase quality and reduce cost but he has not yet been able to set up a meeting.

The Secretary asked for suggestions as to who might represent the IEA at a WHO special meeting on "Methods used in establishing maximum permissible levels of harmful agents in the working environment" to be held in Geneva from 24-30 August 1976. R L Zielhuis of the Coronel Laboratory Amsterdam was suggested.

It was reported that Dick Hollerith would be representing ICSID at the Congress.

C/76/8 Future proposed meetings

Arrangements were proceeding for the meeting on Ship ergonomics to be held in Gothenburg from 7-9 February 1977 and on Job satisfaction to be held in the United Kingdom from 21-24 September 1977.

It was agreed that attempts should be held to hold a joint meeting in co-operation with the Australian Society to compensate for their not hosting the next Congress and to help them become more a part of the Association. In an attempt to help the development of ergonomics in Israel a meeting should be set up in that country. This should be a joint IEA/Israel meeting perhaps in co-operation with the IRA foundation but with care taken to ensure the involvement of all known groups of ergonomics in Israel. Possible topics were "Ergonomics and Industrial Technology", "Ergonomics and productivity", "Shift Work".

Monod reported that the International Congress on Physiology would be held in the third week of July 1977 in Paris. He would like to introduce a session with IEA sponsorship on the "Work physiology".

C/76/9 Preparation of General Assembly 1976

Most items on the agenda have already been covered.

The Council is recommending as officers Professor Chapanis as President as discussed by the President with the HFS, Mr R G Sell to continue as Secretary, Professor Scholtz as Treasurer as arranged by the President.

The Secretary reported that he had had no reply from the Spanish Psychology Society regarding their election as an Affiliate Society. They would be proposed to the General Assembly on that basis.

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The Secretary was asked to confirm when writing to the Hungarian Society to give them the result of their application that all members should be registered for IEA purposes not just those able to travel.

C/76/10 Date of next Meeting

The next council will meet at 2 pm on Friday 16 July in the University of Maryland.