

## INTERNATIONAL ERGONOMICS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the I.E.A.  
Wednesday, 11th June, 1969, at Noordwijk, The Netherlands.

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### Present

Ruffell Smith, Sell, Wisner, De Jong, Rohmert, Grandjean.

### Excused

Chapanis, Oshima, Lundgren, Metz.

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### 1 Minutes of the Meeting of 27th March, 1968

The minutes of the Council meeting of Brighton are accepted.

### 2 Matters Arising

The Symposium on Physiological and Psychological Criteria for the Study, Design and Validation of Man-Machine Systems is to be held from 16th to 18th September, 1969, at Amsterdam (International Centre, Royal Tropical Institute, Linnaeusstraat 2) under the auspices of the I.E.A. The organizing committee is composed of De Jong, Bonjer, Chapanis, Singleton, Schmidtke, Wisner, and ex officio of Ruffell Smith and Grandjean. 40 participants are expected, 10 from the U.S. and 2 from Eastern countries. The programme is ready and comprises 32 papers. The papers shall be published after the Symposium in a special issue.

### 3 Affiliation with World Health Organization

The Council is informed that the W.H.O. has not accepted the I.E.A. as a non-governmental organization. The W.H.O. board put forward that the I.E.A. had only recently been established and decided to postpone consideration of the application. The I.E.A. Council takes cognizance of this decision with astonishment and points out that the troubles of preparing and translating detailed informations and documents have been in vain. The Council decides to drop this matter.

4 Request by the Ergonomics Section of the Czechoslovak Committee for Scientific Management to join the I.E.A.

This request is discussed, and various aspects are taken in consideration. Finally, the opinion prevails that we do not have to consider neither political aspects nor the question whether this organization is really representing all ergonomists of the CSSR. In the final vote, five are in favour of affiliation, one against. The President is charged to inform the Ergonomics Section of the Czechoslovak Committee for Scientific Management of its affiliation as a federated ergonomics society.

5 Election of Corresponding Members

The Secretary general submits three applications for corresponding membership:

- a Prof. Vuksan BULAT, Professor of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Kamenogorska 5, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.
- b Dr. Jaroslav TEJMAR, ergonomist, labour physiologist, Sporilov 716, Prague 4, CSSR.
- c Prof. Antonio ZAMBRANO DELGADILLO, Senior industrial engineer Apartado Aereo 15282, Bogota, Colombia, South America.

These applications are discussed on the base of the documents submitted, and the following decisions are taken:

Prof. Bulat and Prof. Zambrano are elected corresponding members of the I.E.A.

Dr. Tejmar has to be informed that the Ergonomics Section of the Czechoslovak Committee for Scientific Management has been affiliated to the I.E.A. He therefore should first consider entering the Ergonomics Section of the CSSR. If for any reason he should not become a member of this Section, the I.E.A. Council would reconsider his application for corresponding membership. -The Council asks the Secretary general to inform the three applicants of these decisions.

6 Progress of arrangements for 4th International Congress

Wisner informs the Council about the programme. Four plenary sessions, 4 general sessions with panel discussions and 16 informal sessions with about 90 short papers are planned.

The Council discusses the programme in detail and charges Wisner to suggest to Metz some modifications regarding the paragraph "Objects of Ergonomics".

## 7 Venue of 5th International Congress in 1973

The invitation by the Human Factors Society to hold the 1973 Congress at Washington, D.C., is discussed.

On principle, an international congress in the U.S.A. would be appreciated with regard to the improvement of the relations between European members of the I.E.A. and Human Factors Society which is our largest federated society. On the other hand, the Council apprehends that only a small group of European ergonomists could attend a congress in the U.S. for financial reasons. Partly for this reason, the Council is not in favour of Washington as congress place but would prefer an University campus. Further, the congress should be really the International Congress of the I.E.A. and not a joint meeting with the Human Factors Society. In any case, the I.E.A. Council wishes to be represented in the organizing committee of such a congress.

In order to reduce expenses, the Council is of the opinion that a simultaneous translation will not be necessary at an international congress in the U.S.A.

The Council decides that the President shall write to the Human Factors Society in this sense.

## 8 Composition of Council for 1970

The necessary renewals to be proposed to the General Assembly at Strasbourg in 1970 are discussed. The Council will propose the following nominations for the period 1970-1973:

President: Prof. B. Metz, Strasbourg  
 Secretary General: Dr. F. H. Bonjer, Leiden, Netherlands  
 Treasurer: Prof. A. Wisner, Paris

It is further decided that the President shall ask all Council members whether they would accept a re-election for the next period. Since Council members may be elected for two periods of 3 years only, a certain renewal is necessary in 1970 in order to avoid election of an entirely new Council in 1973. For this reason, the Council will propose to the General Assembly of 1970 partly old and partly new members. The General Assembly shall then elect the seven Council members according to the articles.

The Council is in favour of the following proposal:

R.G. Sell, London  
 W. Rohmert, Darmstadt  
 J. R. De Jong, Bilthoven  
 A. Chapanis, Baltimore, Md.  
 B. Shackel, Cambridge  
 J. Rutenfranz, Dortmund  
 K. Kogi, Tokyo

It is decided that the Secretary general shall write to the federated ergonomics societies and to the corresponding members before the General Assembly and inform them of the proposal of the Council. He shall ask them also whether they have other proposals for election.

9 Confusion Between Initials I.E.A. and Other Societies

The proposal of the President each Association with the same initials shall in future write and use the full name of the Association is accepted.

10 Any Other Business

a Expenses of Council Members

The Council is of the opinion that if a member attending a Council meeting has no possibility of getting his expenses refunded, the I.E.A. should on principle defray these costs. However, due to the present financial situation, this support should not exceed a certain limit to be fixed by the President beforehand. All requests for refund have to be directed to the President beforehand.

For attending the Council meeting at Noordwijk, this limit has been fixed to 300 Swiss francs. For attending a Council meeting on the occasion of the International Congresses no refunds are granted by the I.E.A.

b Grant by the Ergonomics Research Society

The Ergonomics Research Society sent £ 250 (SFr. 2586.25) as a gift to the I.E.A. due to the good financial outcome of the Congress in Birmingham in 1967.

The E.R.S. is suggesting to establish a special lecture fund, or some other appropriate scheme by which some regular event might be established at each succeeding International Congress. The I.E.A. Council is in favour of this suggestion and charges the President and the Treasurer to prepare a concrete proposal in this regard for the next Council meeting.

The Secretary General:

*E. Grandjean*