INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR INFORMATION PROCESSING

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH COUNCIL MEETING

Munich, Germany, August 23, 24, and 31, 1962.

PARTICIPANTS:

Officers:  
* I.L. Auerbach, President, U.S.A.  
* A. Walther, Vice-President, Germany  
* A.P. Speiser, Secretary-Treasurer, Switzerland

Council Members:  
N.I. Bech, Denmark  
J.M. Bennett, Australia  
J. Carteron, France  
* H. R. Ciancaglini, Argentina  
* A.A. Dorodnicyn, U.S.S.R.  
J.V. Garwick, Norway  
* C.C. Gotlieb, Canada  
* J. Kryze, C.S.R.  
P. Laasonen, Finland  
B. Langefors, Sweden  
M. Linsman, Belgium  
L. Lukaszewicz, Poland (carrying voting proxy from J. Kryze during Mr. Kryze’s absence)  
J.G. Santesmases, Spain  
A. van Wijngaarden, Netherlands  
M. V. Wilkes, United Kingdom  
* P. Ercoli, Italy (carrying voting proxy from A. Ghizzetti)  
H. Takahashi, Japan (carrying voting proxy from H. Yamashita)

Absent:  
J.A. Mussard, France

Observers:  
* S.F. Beltran, Mexico  
J. Besse, Italy  
W. Buchholz, U.S.A.  
* H. Billing, Germany  
* D. Chevion, Israel  
St. Comet, Italy  
Ph. Dreyfus, France  
* A. Günter, Germany  
E.L. Harder, U.S.A.  
D. Hekimi, Switzerland  
* H. Kaufmann, Germany  
* H. Körner, Germany  
* W. Kretz, Germany  
* J. Madden, U.S.A.  
* M.R. Mantz, Netherlands  
* L.M. Orth, Germany  
* H. Piloty, Germany  
* C.M. Popplewell (Miss), United Kingdom  
* M. Rubinoff, U.S.A.  
* R. Sauer, Germany  
* H. Schneeberger, Germany  
* H.T. Schreyer, Brazil  
* H. Seyferth, Germany  
* H.J. Stetter, Germany  
* D. Suschowk, Germany
G.C. Tootill, United Kingdom  
W. Urich, Germany  
W.L. Van der Poel, Netherlands  
(The persons denoted with an asterisk (*) were present during part of the meeting only.)

Note: During parts of the Council Meeting the President was prevented from attending. Since the Vice-President was also absent, the Council assigned A.P. Speiser as temporary chairman.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was opened by the President on Thursday, August 23, 1962. The President noted that at the opening session among the 20 Council Members 13 Council Members were present in person, and 3 more were represented by proxy. (Later in the Council Meeting all 20 member societies were represented, either by personal delegation or by proxy).

2. IFIP CONGRESS 62 – REPORTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

2.1 Review of Minutes – March 1962 Meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer read an abstracted version of those parts of the March 1962 Minutes which referred to the Congress. The Minutes were approved.

2.2 Program Committee. N.I. Bech summarised the status of the program and advised of some last minutes changes which had become necessary.

2.3 Local Arrangements Committee. R. Sauer summarised the activities of the Local Arrangements Committee.

2.4 L. Orth advised that registration was running over 2700, originating from 41 countries.

2.5 H. Billing reported on the exhibit INTERDATA and the plant tours. He advised that too many applications had been received for the tours.

2.6 Miss M.C. Popplewell reported that in view of the high registration we were lacking a few hundred preprints. It was decided that those who had registered for the Congress after August 1st, 1962, should be the last to receive preprints, and that DM 10 should be refunded to anyone who did not get a set of preprints.

In conclusion, the President thanked all those who had taken part in the Congress so far. He advised that IFIP owes them a more than normal vote of thanks for their extremely competent and fine job.

2.7 Regarding the copyright on Symposium papers the Council decided that the speakers may publish these papers in full elsewhere if they so desire, provided a note is included saying that this is the full text of a paper presented at the IFIP Congress 62.

Further, the Council was advised that North-Holland had granted permission to IFIP for advance publication of I.L. Auerbach's opening speech.

It was agreed that any papers presented at the Congress, but not read in person by the authors, should be included in the proceedings unless the authors withdrew them.

2.8 The President requested the Committee Chairmen to write a report on their experience gained in preparing the Congress. The report should include contributions from other members of the Committees, and give a survey of the action taken, including recommendations for future congresses. L. Orth was charged with editing this report before the end of this year.

3. READING AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

The Secretary-Treasurer read an abstracted version of the minutes of the March 1962 Council Meeting. The amount of $ 2500 allocated for publications was erroneously given as $ 2000. The amount of $ 675 which was
listed under Publications Committee should have been marked IFIP Bulletin. With these two changes the minutes were approved.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT

The Secretary-Treasurer handed out the mid-year statement 1962 and the Budget Status as of July 31, 1962. (Attached for those Council Members who were absent.) These statements were unanimously accepted.

The following annual dues for 1962 are still outstanding: C.S.R., Belgium, Japan, and Norway.

5. ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

B. Langefors reported on the name change that has taken place in the Belgian society. Since the original Belgian member society is still in existence, no Council action is necessary.

6. STATUTES AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

6.1 J. Carteron and M. Linsman had mailed to all Council Members their revised version for the statutes. M. Linsman advised that this version will be fully acceptable to the Belgian government. The Council voted 15 for, none against the adoption of the revised statutes.

The vote was based on the French text, and it was understood that, in case of a discrepancy between the French and English version, the French version would be binding (enclosed: French and English statutes).

6.2 M. Linsman was charged with registering IFIP in Belgium.

6.3 The President advised that his dual capacity of President and of representative of his national society often makes it difficult for him to perform his duties, and he proposed a statutes change to the effect that the President, if he so desires may relinquish his position as national society representative and ask his society to appoint another person. In this case the President would have no vote except to break a tie. The majority of the Council agreed that such a change would be desirable. The Statutes and By-Laws Committee was charged with drafting a modification for the statutes, so that it can be acted upon at the next Council Meeting.

6.4 By-Laws Committee. J. Carteron had mailed to the Council Members his recommendations for By-Laws in English. This document was adopted; 15 votes for, none against. It was understood that before printing and distributing the statutes, the By-Laws Committee could make minor spelling and language changes in this text, provided that it would in no way modify the meaning of the document.

7. REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE AND ELECTION

The election took place with a secret ballot.

7.1 Assistant-Secretary: M. Linsman was elected as Assistant-Secretary.

7.2 President: I.L. Auerbach was elected President for a three year term.

7.3 Vice-President: The Nominations Committee advised that it has received no nominations for the Vice-President. During the course of the meeting the following persons were nominated: J.G Santesmases, A. Van Wijngaarden, L. Lukaszewicz. The Council elected A. van Wijngaarden as Vice-President for a two year term.

7.4 Secretary-Treasurer: The Council elected A.P. Speiser as Secretary-Treasurer for a one year term.

7.5 It was decided that newly elected officers assume their position at the end of the Council Meeting in which they have been elected. It was further decided that A. Walther should serve as Vice-President until the end of the IFIP Congress 62.
8. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 TC 1. G.C. Tootill handed out his activity report and gave the necessary explanations. The Chairman thanked him for the careful work he had done. G.C. Tootill specifically drew attention to the fact that in certain countries representatives had to be nominated or re-nominated, bearing in mind the principle that one member should represent a language area, rather than a country, and he requested the Council Members who were affected to take the necessary actions (especially France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and Sweden).

8.2 IFIP-ICC Terminology Committee. This item was briefly discussed, but no action was taken.

8.3 TC 2. H. Zemanek handed out his activity report and gave the necessary explanations.

8.4 WG-2 ALGOL. W.L. Van der Poel advised that no meeting had taken place yet. Certain negotiations regarding nominations for the working group are still underway. The agenda for next week’s meeting are: Define subsets of ALGOL 60, and work an ALGOL 6X. A Bulletin will be published as soon as immediate results of sufficient significance have been obtained.

9. REPORT ON 8TH UNESCO CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, PARIS

J. Carteron had attended the subject conference and advised that it had been of very small interest to IFIP.

10. IFIP NEWS

M. Linsman and Miss C.M. Popplewell were made responsible for collecting and submitting Bulletin material to the ICC in the language received. They are to do no translation. ICC will decide if translation is necessary, and will perform the translation. The editors are to submit as soon after the Congress as possible the material for the next Bulletin. It is anticipated that one additional copy should appear in 1962.

The President advised that Unesco will not grant us the general annual subvention as they had done in the past, but will only consider contributions for specific purposes upon application.

11. AWARDS COMMITTEE

No actions.

12. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee distributed a proposed budget for 1963. The Council requested to include the amount of $1000 for publications of the Technical Committees, to be used only with the consent of the President. With this modification the budget was approved (enclosed).

13. APPOINT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO BE ELECTED IN 1963

Committee appointments are listed under item 16.

14. IFIP CONGRESS 65

The President reported on actions taken. A number of ground rules were established. It was decided that long-term contracts that extend beyond the term of the Congress, should be signed by IFIP officers and not by Congress officers.

W. Buchholz read a letter from W.H. Ware reporting on behalf of AFIPS on the work done for the IFIP Congress 65. The President assigned A.Van Wijngaarden, B. Langefors, and L. Lukaszewicz to submit a draft for a reply. The ground rules for this reply were discussed in considerable detail.
15. LOCATION AND DATE OF SEPTEMBER 1963 COUNCIL MEETING

15.1 The Chairman advised that three invitations for the future Council Meetings are at hand: Norway (Gola), Switzerland (Zurich), C.S.R. (Prague). After a discussion it was decided to hold the next meeting in Gola, and a further meeting in April 1964 in Prague. Additional meetings will be held in November 1964 and May 1965. Proposals were invited for the location of the November 1964 meeting. The meeting in May 1965 will be in New York.

15.2 Dates for the next Council Meeting are: Wednesday, September 4, to Friday, September 6, 1963. Depending on the amount of business which will have to be done, it will be decided later whether the meeting will actually start on Wednesday morning, or whether Wednesday will be used for travelling to Gola.

Any Committee Meetings taking place should avoid these three days, and their dates should be cleared in advance through the Secretary-Treasurer.

16. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

16.1 The President assigned the IFIP Committees as follows. (The name of the chairman is underlined.)

Admissions Committee: C.C. Gotlieb, L. Lukaszewicz, M. Linsman
Finance Committee: P. Laasonen, A. P. Speiser, A. Walther
Awards Committee: J.G. Santesmases, M.V. Wilkes, A.A. Dorodnicyn
Statutes & By-Laws Committee: J. Carteron, A.P. Speiser, H.R. Ciancaglini, M. Linsman
Nominations Committee: J. G. Santesmases, J. Kryze, J.V. Garwick

16.2 The President announced the establishment of a new Technical Committee, TC 3 on Education, N.I. Bech was assigned chairman. He accepted the appointment, subject to the approval from his home organisation. It was decided that this committee should co-operate closely with ICC.

At this point the Council decided to raise the allocation for the Technical Committees from $ 200 to $ 1000, mainly for the use of secretarial help.

16.3 In conclusion, the President expressed his deep appreciation to the parting Vice-President, A. Walther, for his services rendered to IFIP.

The Meeting was adjourned on August 31, 1962, at 10:00 a.m.

A.P. Speiser
Secretary-Treasurer

Attachments:
Budget 1963, adopted August 24, 1962
French and English Statutes
By-Laws

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