



**Memo of the Joint IFIP/CEPIS Meeting
on January 17th, 2005 at the CEPIS Office
Avenue Roger Vandendriessche 18 in 1150 Brussels**

Participants (alphabetical order)

Alexander Bojanowsky CEPIS CEO
Klaus Brunnstein IFIP President
Eduard Dundler IFIP Secretary
Roger Johnson IFIP Honorary Secretary
Geoff McMullen CEPIS President

CEPIS President Geoff McMullen welcomed the IFIP guests and updated them on the latest developments in CEPIS. Recently CEPIS has moved its office from Frankfurt am Main to Brussels and recruited the new Chief Executive Officer Alexander Bojanowsky.

The CEPIS President outlined the CEPIS objectives for 2006/2007:

- Short term: Establishment of a sustainable CEPIS work environment
- Medium term: development a new Special Interest Network and Task Force structure for CEPIS and its member societies
- Medium term: Improvement of the relationship with ECDL Foundation in Dublin by bringing the two organisation closer together
- Long term: to establish CEPIS as the focal point of all IT professional related issues in Europe in order to influence all kind of corresponding positions in CEC and elsewhere

IFIP President Klaus Brunnstein supported the idea that CEPIS should be recognised as the “pressure” group of the European informatics societies. He sketched out a scenario in which the national informatics societies should act locally, CEPIS should act at the European (i.e. regional) level as other regional “clusters”, e.g. in Asia or Latin America and IFIP should be acting at UN level orchestrating the different regional informatics federations.

He then reported about the recent developments of IFIP. Five years prior to its 50th anniversary and with IT as THE driver of globalisation IFIP is best placed to promote IT and informatics at a global level. IFIP will try to use the 50th anniversary of the BCS in 2007 as well as the World Congress



in 2008 in Milan to promote informatics. This may be an opportunity for CEPIS to join and collaborate with IFIP.

Klaus Brunnstein wants IFIP and CEPIS to develop an intensified working relationship. The IFIP President was interested in knowing to what extent CEPIS could assist IFIP to identify potential member societies in some countries, specifically Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Turkey.

The CEPIS CEO promised to forward the email addresses of CEPIS contact points in the corresponding countries. Asked about any assistance in Ukraine, CEPIS informed IFIP that the current Ukraine member society is about to be expelled, since it is in default with the membership fees.

After a short discussion about IFIP projects, Geoff McMullen offered CEPIS' assistance in promoting potential results and identifying possible project partners.

Roger Johnson reported on a strategy initiative IFIP is currently undertaking. The results will be distributed in due course and CEPIS will be copied.

Asked for input to influence policy developments, the CEPIS president mentioned the society impact of IT and eSkills as two major domains, where CEPIS and IFIP could do work together. Since IFIP's Education TC (for eSkills) concentrates mainly on schools, a joint effort, perhaps covering a broader range of education would be welcomed. It was found that neither UNESCO as the world-wide education body nor any other organisation (ILO/WTO) currently addresses eSkills. It was further concluded, that if Europe got its act concerning eSkills together, this could serve as starting point for a global eSkills initiative.

It was agreed that this subject could be promoted together: CEPIS will therefore try to lobby for this idea at Commission level and IFIP supported by CEPIS as the European Cluster will lobby for this at UN-level maybe involving WTO and ILO.

Geoff McMullen informed the IFIP representatives that Wolfried Stucky has retired from the EXECOM and other offices of CEPIS. CEPIS is therefore considering a new representative to IFIP. Two members of the EXECOM currently serve IFIP: Niko Schlamberger as Vice-President and Declan Brady as Trustee. Referring to the CEPIS representative to IFIP the IFIP President expressed his gratitude to Wolfried Stucky for his



contributions in the past. CEPIS will nominate a new representative following its next EXECOM meeting beginning of February 2006.

It was further agreed that IFIP and CEPIS mutually link their websides.

It was also agreed that the IFIP President should be kept informed about the progress made concerning the CEPIS Presidents Meeting April 4th/5th in Vienna, Austria. In exchange IFIP will keep CEPIS informed about the progress made with respect to the next IFIP General Assembly in Santiago de Chile. Mutual representation at these two events could offer benefits.

Alexander Bojanowsky