

## I F I P

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR INFORMATION PROCESSINGMINUTES OF THE EIGHTH COUNCIL MEETING

Rome, Italy, November 18 -19, 1964

## PARTICIPANTS:

- Officers: I.L. Auerbach, President, U.S.A.  
A. van Wijngaarden, Vice-President, Netherlands  
A.P. Speiser, Secretary-Treasurer, Switzerland  
M. Linsman, Assistant-Secretary, Belgium
- Council Members: H. Zemanek, Austria  
J. Kryze, C.S.R.  
N.I. Bech, Denmark  
P. Laasonen, Finland  
J. Carteron, France  
A. Ghizzetti, Italy (part time represented by P. Ercoli)  
J.V. Garwick, Norway  
L. Lukaszewicz, Poland  
V.A. Campos (representing J.G. Santesmases), Spain  
B. Langefors, Sweden  
S. Gill, United Kingdom  
J. Pasta, USA  
A.A. Dorodnicyn, USSR
- Council Members  
Represented by Proxy: I.J. Cohn, Australia (represented by S. Gill)  
C.C. Gotlieb, Canada (repr. by I.L. Auerbach)  
A. Walther, Germany (represented by A.P. Speiser)  
M. Goto, Japan (represented by I.L. Auerbach)
- TC-1: J. Besse, Switzerland
- TC-2: T.J. Steel, USA
- TC-3: R.A. Buckingham, Chairman, United Kingdom  
T. Pietryzkowski, Poland
- ICC: C. Berge, Director  
A. Gertz
- IFIP Congress 65  
Congress Committee: W. Buchholz, Chairman, USA  
W.R. Lonergan, USA  
D.L. Thomsen, USA  
N.K. Zakin, USA
- IFIP Congress 65  
Program Committee: J.L. Lions, France  
V.M. Glushkov, USSR
- Assistant to  
Secretary-Treasurer: W. Lauber, Switzerland
- Observer: F.L. Bauer, Germany

## 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1 The meeting was opened by the President on Wednesday, November 18, at 9.15 a.m. The President introduced the observers and guests who were present and expressed his appreciation to C. Berge and A. Gertz of the ICC who had made the arrangements for the present Council Meeting.

A. Gertz in turn welcomed the members of the Council Meeting and expressed his hope that the close cooperation between ICC and IFIP may continue and may be further strengthened in the future. He then introduced C. Berge, the new director of the ICC.

The President noted that 16 Council members were present and that 4 more were represented by proxy. Therefore among the 23 member societies, 20 were represented, which is more than adequate to formally transact IFIP affairs. The President also welcomed the chairmen and the members of the Technical Committees, as well as the members of the IFIP Congress 65 Committees and other observers who attended the Council Meeting.

1.2 The Council agreed to modify the order in which some of the agenda items would be taken up to meet the convenience of some of the Council members.

## 2. READING AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

The Secretary-Treasurer read the minutes of the Seventh Council Meeting of May 1964. The following changes were requested:

Page 3, item 4.1:

In the case of the Czechoslovak society, what had occurred was a change in representation and not only in name. A new body has been formed within the National Academy of Science, called National Committee for IFIP. IFIP member is still the National Academy of Science represented by the Committee.

Page 4, item 5:

According to the Belgian law the revised statutes could go into effect only after publication in Belgium. This occurred on October 6, 1964.

Page 6, item 10.1, line 1:

The words "had prepared" should be replaced by "submitted".

Page 1, list of Council members:

S. Gill and R.A. Buckingham represent the United Kingdom, not only England.

With these changes, the minutes were approved.

## 3. TREASURER'S REPORT

3.1 Intermediate Statement 1964:

The Secretary-Treasurer submitted and read the Budget Status as of October 1, 1964. He advised that membership dues for 1963 were outstanding from Argentina and that the dues for 1964 were outstanding from Argentina, Brazil and Norway. The financial report was accepted. (It is urged that those national technical societies in arrear on dues advise the Secretary-Treasurer when these dues will be paid.)

An amount of \$ 500 for 1964 was approved for mailing of the ALGOL Bulletin, to be charged against the TC-2 budget. A. van Wijngaarden advised that until now mailing had been paid by the Mathematisch Centrum in Amsterdam.

The President further authorized \$ 200 as a contribution to the expenses of the IFIP Conference on "Formal Language Description Languages" in Vienna in September 1964.

3.2 Budget 1965:

The Secretary-Treasurer submitted a draft budget for 1965 to which the Council made some modifications. Specifically \$ 1000 was added to the Technical Committee budget for the mailing of the ALGOL Bulletin.

The Council realized that it may increasingly become necessary to pay travel expenses to TC members. However, it was agreed that IFIP would not look with favour upon paying travel expenses between Europe and the US, and that no travel expenses would be paid to Council members in fulfillment of their Council duties.

The revised budget which was approved by the Council is attached.

#### 4. ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

- 4.1 C.C. Gotlieb, Chairman of the Admissions Committee, submitted a report advising that the application from the Mexican Association for Computing and Information Processing had been reviewed and that the committee recommended admission.

The Council unanimously admitted the Mexican Association for Computing and Information Processing as an IFIP member. The President noted that IFIP now has 24 members.

- 4.2 The report of C.C. Gotlieb noted that the situation as to a suitable member society in India still was not clear. The President suggested that representatives from India should be invited to the IFIP Council Meeting in May 1965 as observers and to discuss the situation.
- 4.3 Letters of invitation had been sent to Bulgaria, Roumania and Hungary, but no replies had been received. L. Lukaszewicz offered to follow up on these contacts. J. Kryze further suggested to invite Jugoslavia.

No letter of invitation had been sent to the German Academy of Sciences, pending the reply to a request which had been sent to DARA asking that they should submit evidence of the fact that DARA represents all of Germany. No reply to the President's letter has been received as yet and the Admissions Committee was requested to follow up on the matter.

#### 5. FUTURE PLANS AND ORGANIZATION

- 5.1 The Statutes and By-Laws Committee submitted an extended report on the evolution of IFIP procedures and on guiding rules for new statutes. The report was commented by A. van Wijngaarden. He outlined that the committee recommended to separate the three functions of General Assembly, Council, and Executive Body. It was generally agreed that it should be made possible to have not more than one General Assembly per year, and that, if necessary, the Council should meet more frequently. The Council should consist of not more than 10 members, who should provide both geographic distribution as well as functional representation.

It was understood that persons who had special functions, such as TC-Chairmen, need not be members of the General Assembly, but could always be invited to meetings as observers or with the purpose of presenting a report.

The Council agreed to the guiding rules outlined in the report. The President thanked the committee for its outstanding work and directed the Statutes and By-Laws Committee to proceed with appropriate action.

- 5.2 Permanent Secretariat:

The Council understood that the workload of the President and the Secretary-Treasurer had arrived at a point where it becomes essential to establish a permanent secretariat. It was felt that a university department or a national professional society would be most suitable for this purpose. IFIP would appoint, from among the staff of such an organization, an executive secretary. \* This person would carry out the day-to-day correspondence as well as the accounting of the Federation. He would prepare the Council Meetings, attend them and take the minutes. However, he would not be a member of the Council, have no vote, and would not participate in the discussions.

The Secretary-Treasurer was requested to investigate a suitable organization for the secretariat and to make a recommendation to the next Council Meeting, as well as to suggest a person as Administrative Secretary.

\* For the duties as outlined, the term "Administrative Secretary" is more appropriate than "Executive Secretary". Henceforth this function will be called Administrative Secretary.

## 6. NEW STATUTES

J. Carteron was requested to draft revised statutes based on the recommendations which have been made, and to circulate them in time so that the Council may vote on them at its May 1965 meeting.

## 7. IFIP CONGRESS 65

Reports were presented by W. Buchholz for the Congress Committee, B. Langefors for the Program Committee, and D.L. Thomsen for the Exhibits Committee. A master time schedule for the Congress was outlined.

The Council expressed its satisfaction with the advancement of the Congress work, and the President gave a strong vote of thanks for the continued excellence with which the committees discharged their functions.

## 8. REPORT ON IFAC / IFIP CONFERENCE 1964

8.1 A. van Wijngaarden gave a brief report on the Conference and outlined its organization. The Conference had been attended by about 400 people and is to be considered a very good success. The Council felt that similar joint undertakings should be encouraged in the future.

8.2 The proceedings will be published and royalties will be paid to IFIP as well as to IFAC. The President urged the Council to look very strongly for further income through royalties, since this could in the future very well be one of the important sources of revenue for the federation.

## 9. ELECTIONS

9.1 Election of Vice-President:  
L. Lukaszewicz was unanimously elected Vice-President for a 3-year term.

9.2 Election of Assistant Secretary:  
M. Linsman was unanimously elected Assistant Secretary for a 3-year term.

## 10. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 TC-1:  
S. Gill, speaking as Chairman of the Publications Committee, advised that the "IFIP/ICC Vocabulary of Terms Used in Information Processing" had been submitted to him and was ready for publication. He submitted several copies for perusal by the Council members.

There was some discussion as to whether terms used in America versus those used in the United Kingdom had been taken duly into consideration, and some Council members felt that the Council should have been given more time to study the document.

N.I. Bech made a motion to accept the document as submitted, to direct TC-1 to supplement it according to the discussion in the Council Meeting, and then to submit it to the Publications Committee for printing. The motion was seconded by H. Zemanek and was carried with 160 votes for, 10 abstentions, non against.

The Council addressed itself to the question of translating the vocabulary into other languages. Measures should be taken to see that translations are made available at least in French, Russian, and Spanish, and that all these versions will be published by the same company in the same format. The vocabulary is, of course, an IFIP/ICC document.

The President pointed out that the members of the IFIP/ICC Committee for the vocabulary had undergone significant personal employment changes. The chairman and other members have moved to other countries, and regrettably some have not replied to correspondence or even to telephone communication. Therefore, little work is getting done at the present time. The task of reactivating and re-organizing TC-1 into a workable group will be addressed in the near future.

10.2 TC-2:

H. Zemanek submitted a report on the Working Conference on Formal Language Description Languages, held in Vienna from September 14 to 18, 1964. It was confirmed that this meeting had been an outstanding success both in its technical contents and in the administrative arrangements.

H. Zemanek noted that financial contributions toward the expenses of the meeting had been received from several industrial organizations.

10.3 TC-3:

R.A. Buckingham submitted a report on his committee's activities and made explanatory comments. The President complemented the committee for its success in getting important projects started, and the report was accepted by the Council.

11. PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

S. Gill submitted a report on the activities of the Publications Committee, which was accepted by the Council.

It was decided that the Executive Body should re-draft the guiding rules for contracts with publishers, with particular attention to the publication of the IFIP/ICC Vocabulary.

(Note: Much of the work by the Publications Committee has been taken up under other agenda items.)

12. IFIP CONGRESS 68

N.I. Bech reported that only one invitation had been received for the Congress 68, coming from the British Computer Society which had submitted a detailed report. Two possible sites within the United Kingdom were considered, London and Edinburgh. The Conference in London would have to be in July, in Edinburgh during the first half of August 1968. There was considerable discussion as to whether the larger or the smaller city should be preferred. A test vote indicated that the Council was about equally divided between the two places.

S. Gill was requested to come up with a final recommendation for either London or Edinburgh. The following factors should be taken into consideration:

- availability of lecture halls and accommodation;
- the exhibit, which should definitely take place, should not be too far away from the Congress;
- availability of Congress facilities should be correlated with the type of program which is anticipated.

S. Gill was requested to submit a report at the next Council Meeting.

The President noted that the IFIP Congresses 62 and 65 had been structured as follows: The Program Committee has international membership, the Congress Committee has national membership, and both report to the President of IFIP. The newly formed ad hoc "Congress and Conference Plans Committee" should make a recommendation by May 1965 as to whether this practice should be continued for IFIP Congress 68. If yes, a chairman for the Program Committee should be recommended so that he can be appointed by November 1965.

In conclusion, the Council formally accepted the invitation from the British Computer Society to hold the IFP Congress 68 in the UK.

13. PUBLIC INFORMATION

No transactions under this item.

14. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will take place at United Engineering Center in New York City, and will start on Friday, May 21, 1965, at 10 a.m. If possible, it will be terminated early in the afternoon on Saturday, May 22.

Other committees will meet as follows:

TC-2 Thursday, May 20, in New York  
WG-2.1 Monday, May 17, to Friday, May 21, in Princeton, N. J.  
TC-3 Wednesday and Thursday, May 19 and 20, in New York

The second Council Meeting in 1965 will take place in Nice, France, during November.

15. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

- 15.1 The President made a number of appointments to committees. A full list of all committees (other than TCs) is attached.
- 15.2 J. Carteron raised the question of individuals who may want to be members of more than one IFIP member society. He advised that in his opinion some advantages should be granted to persons desiring such multiple membership. He was requested to come up with a proposal at the next Council Meeting.
- 15.3 FID (International Federation for Documentation) has asked IFIP whether we were interested in a joint international symposium on information storage and retrieval. The Council agreed that we should answer this in the affirmative. The President will comply.
- 15.4 A. van Wijngaarden was appointed to represent the President at a conference of the Israeli society in December 1964.
- 15.5 The President advised that one of the secretariats of ISO was preparing a document on Input-Output-ALGOL Standards and that this document should be a merger of IFIP Input-Output Procedures for ALGOL 60 and a document from ACM. The Council approved that we permit this organization to reprint all or portions of the IFIP approved document under the condition that they mentioned the source.

The meeting was adjourned on Thursday, November 19, 1964, at 2.45 p.m.

A.P. Speiser  
Secretary-Treasurer

December 1964

Attachments

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Document Number:

To all recipients of the minutes:

Budget 1965	ST – ROME 64 - 4
List of Committees	ST – ROME 64- 5

To those Council Members who were not present at the meeting:

Budget Status as of October 1, 1964	ST – ROME 64- 2
Report of Admissions Committee	AC – ROME 64- 1
Report of the Statutes and By-Laws Committee	S.B.C. 1 – ROME 64
Program Lay-Out, Congress 65	Congr. 65 – ROME 64 – 1
Congress 65 Committee Report	Congr. 65 – ROME 64 – 2
Exhibits Committee Report	Congr. 65 – ROME 64 – 3
Procedure publish version of IFIP Vocabulary in languages other than English	TC-1 – ROME 64 – 1
Flow Chart for Publication of IFIP Vocabulary	TC-1 – ROME 64 – 2
Report on Vienna Conference	TC-2 – ROME 64 – 1
TC-3 Report	TC-3 – ROME 64 – 2
Report of Publications Committee	Publ. – ROME 64 -1
Congress 68 – Invitation by the British Computer Society	Congr. 68 – ROME 64 -1