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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR INFORMATION PROCESSINGMINUTES OF THE TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGNice, France, 4th and 5th November 1965

PARTICIPANTS:

Officers:	A.P. Speiser L. Lukaszewicz I.L. Auerbach J. Carteron M. Linsman	President Vice-President Past-President Secretary-Treasurer Assistant Secretary	
General Assembly Members:	H. Zemanek N.I. Bech F.L. Bauer D. Chevion A. Ghizzetti S.F. Beltran A. van Wijngaarden S.A. Overgaard J.G. Santesmases S. Gill J. Pasta Y. Shmyglevskii	Austria Denmark Germany Isarael Italy Mexico Netherlands Norway Spain United Kingdom USA USSR (deputising for A.A. Dorodnicyn)	
General Assembly Members Represented by Proxy:	L.J. Cohn L. Iliev J. Kryze P. Laasonen	Australia Bulgaria CSSR Finland	(S. Gill) (L. Lukaszewicz) (L. Lukaszewicz) (N.I. Bech)
TC-2	H. Zemanek	Austria	Chairman
WG 2.1:	W.L. van der Poel	Netherlands	Chairman
TC-3:	R.A. Buckingham	United Kingdom	Chairman
Observers:	N.C. Berge B.B. Swann R. Tarjan	Italy UK Hungary	(ICC) (BCS Congress 68))
Administrative Secretary	J.G. Mackarness	UK	

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

- 1.1 The president opened the meeting on Thursday, 4th November, 1965 at 9.40 a.m. and welcomed A. Overgaard, Norway, who temporarily replaces H. Garwick as general assembly member, and Y. Shmyglevskii deputising for A.A. Dorodnicyn, USSR. He also introduced the guests and observers; and welcomed J.G. Mackarness, attending as administrative secretary for the first time. He expressed thanks to the BCS for making this possible.

The president reminded members of the change in name of the governing body from council to general assembly, and expressed the hope that its future activities would be as fruitful as they had been in the past.

On behalf of members he thanked J. Carteron for the excellence of the arrangements, and the memorable excursion on the previous day which had also provided an invaluable opportunity for a preliminary exchange of views on general assembly business.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved, subject to changes in the order in which the several items are to be taken up to suit the needs of certain individuals who cannot be present during the entire meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the ninth general assembly (former council) meeting were read by the administrative secretary and approved.

The administrative secretary was asked to advise members of all new IFIP publications as they became available.

3. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

- 3.1 The secretary-treasurer presented the audited financial statement as at 6th August 1965, the date of transfer of operating funds from Switzerland to UK.

- 3.2 It was suggested, for future consideration, that information booklets should contain the addresses of TC members; and that the booklet might become an annual publication.

- 3.3 It was noted that certain countries are in arrears with their annual dues, and the case of Argentina was referred to the executive body for action.

4. BUDGET 1966

- 4.1 The secretary-treasurer presented the preliminary budget for 1966; this was withdrawn for amendment in the light of the decisions recorded in minute 10 below, and re-presented later in the meeting.

The amended budget was approved, and the question of how to use accumulated funds was referred to the future plans committee.

5. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

- 5.1 The nominations committee submitted the following names for election as trustees which are individual appointments: -

A.A. Dorodnicyn)	
)	for three years
S.F. Beltran)	

D. Chevion)	
J.G. Santesmases)	for two years
N.I. Bech)	

The nominations were unanimously approved, subject to the agreement of the individuals concerned, it being noted that

- (a) A.A. Dorodnicyn had not yet been personally approached to serve, and
- (b) if a trustee ceases to represent his country on the general assembly, he shall be considered to have resigned as a trustee, but he is expected to serve until a successor can be elected.

5.2 The general assembly noted that the terms of office for officers of IFIP are as follows: -

President	1965 – 1968
President-elect	1967 – 1968
Vice-president	1964 – 1967
Secretary-treasurer	1965 – 1966
Past-president	1965 – 1966
3 trustees	1965 – 1968
2 trustees	1965 – 1967

It was unanimously agreed to extend the term of office of L. Lukaszewicz, Vice-president, for one year to 1968.

6. ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

6.1 The general assembly took note that: -

- (a) the Computing & Data Processing Society of Canada has changed its name to the Computer Society of Canada, and that this did not affect the Canadian representation;
- (b) steps have been proposed to form an Indian Federation which could then represent India in an application for membership;
- (c) the application from Hungary was submitted too late for the formalities to be completed in time for this meeting, and did not comply with certain technical requirements; and
- (d) interest in membership is being shown by Chile, Peru, Cuba and Algeria.

6.2 The committee's recommendation that Norway's dues should be reduced from \$ 250 to \$ 125 for 1965 and 1966 was unanimously approved.

The general assembly wished C. Gottlieb to be thanked for his report and to be informed that each request for reducing dues should be taken in its merits.

7. CONGRESS / CONFERENCE PLANS

The chairman presented his report and it was agreed that: -

- (a) there should be more submitted papers – as opposed to invited ones – than previously; and
- (b) geographical and developing country considerations should be borne in mind when selecting papers.

The president reported that, after consultations, F. Genuys, France, was to be invited to become chairman of the IFIP Congress 68 programme committee. Mr. Genuys is well known through his work in WG 2.1 *

The report was adopted, subject to the deletion of paragraph 5(d).

The committee's tasks having been completed the committee was disbanded.

8. IFIP CONGRESS 68

The general assembly considered the report of B.B. Swann, congress committee chairman.

It was agreed that the following arrangements should be incorporated in the operating plan: -

- (a) not more than six parallel sessions daily, between 9.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.;
- (b) a daily break or 1 ½ hours at lunch time;
- (c) a banquet and a theatre visit;
- (d) a concert of computer-composed music.

It was further agreed that:

- (e) the operating plan should be circulated to the general assembly in February;
- (f) the council shall be empowered to authorise the operating plan, and
- (g) an advance of up to \$ 10,000 be made during 1966 if required, subject to notification by B.B. Swann to J. Carteron of the appointment of fiscal officers and a bank account being opened.

9. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The general assembly took note of the committee's report, and the reasons for the delay in publication of the English version of the IFIP/ICC vocabulary on information processing and the proceedings of the conference on formal language description languages. They were disturbed that the proceedings of the first IFAC/IFIP international --* conference, entitled "Digital Applications to Process Control" had been published unilaterally.

It was agreed that:

- (a) copies of the vocabulary should be sent to S.F. Beltran and J.G. Santesmases as soon as possible, so that translation into Spanish could start;
- (b) this translation, and any subsequent ones into other languages, should be sent to TC-1 and A. van Wijngaarden for publication;
- (c) A. van Wijngaarden be invited to prepare a standard form of contract for future technical publication; and
- (d) the executive body be asked to make recommendations about editorial arrangements.

It was also agreed that the policy statement of I. Auerbach on the right to reproduce IFIP material be included in these minutes, as follows: -

"permission may be granted to reproduce all or parts of the material in any reputable technical, business or other magazine, journal or newspaper provided that credit is given to the author and source and that acknowledgement is made that the copyright is held by the International Federation for Information Processing."

It is desired that all correspondence requesting such reprint permission be forwarded directly to Mr. Mackarness, as the administrative secretary of IFIP, for his personal handling of each situation.

10. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

10.1 TC-1

The general assembly noted that the chairman of TC-1 had nothing to report since the New York meeting.

D. Chevion said that his national society was disappointed that the vocabulary was not multi-lingual. It was pointed out that the vocabulary will be multi-lingual by being multi-volume with each volume in a different language; this plan has been unchanged since its adoption at Munich in 1962.

- 10.2 TC-2
The general assembly received the chairman's report, and considered the proposals therein.

It was agreed that:

- (a) the proposed working conference at Pisa from 5th to 9th September 1966 on Symbol Manipulation Languages be approved, and a contribution of \$ 1,200 (of which \$200 is already in the 1965 budget) be made in 1966;
- (b) the proposed working conference to be held in Oslo in May 1967 on Simulation Languages be approved, and a contribution of \$ 1,200 (to be included in the 1967 budget) be made primarily for editorial expenses, provided that there is no lowering of standards in the editing of the proceedings.
- (c) in all restricted conferences, the organisers should bear in mind the needs and possible contribution of papers of smaller countries, and general assembly members should consider recommending qualified participants from their countries; and
- (d) the executive body be asked to investigate the possibility of finding technical editors for IFIP working conferences.

Members are invited to submit the names of suitable candidates to the executive body.

- 10.3 WG 2.1
W.L. van der Poel presented his report in which the following requests were made: -

- (a) a special fund of \$2,000 for 1966 to meet travelling costs, if necessary, of members of the ALGOL X sub-committee;
- (b) an annual fund of \$500 for editorial costs of the ALGOL bulletin, at \$100 per issue, and
- (c) a grant of \$100 for 1965 to meet the editorial costs in the UK.

The report was adopted.

- 10.4 TC-3
R.A. Buckingham presented his report, and the following points emerged in discussion: -

- (a) the general assembly are in full sympathy with the committee's proposals, but are severely limited by finance in their implementation;
- (b) courses, seminars, etc., should only be sponsored by IFIP when IFIP, having studied the curricula, actively participates in their conduct;
- (c) the committee's educational reports should be given the widest possible circulation.

It was agreed that: -

- (a) the committee's recommendations 1-5 and 8-9 be approved;
- (b) the committee's request for \$1.650 for administration in 1966 be approved;
- (c) recommendation 6 and 7, relating to travelling lectureships and mobile seminars) be referred to the joint IFIP/ICC committee for study with more detailed information, on the understanding that there must be clear distinction between inter-society and inter-governmental activities, and guidance on all such activities is to be given by TC-3.

It was further agreed, that, if possible,

- (d) the executive body will arrange for a general assembly member to pay a courtesy visit to the Madrid seminar, and
- (e) the fourth annual graduate course in Mexico might be treated as a pilot scheme for travelling lectureships.

11. JOINT IFIP/ICC COMMITTEE

The general assembly took note of the composition of this committee for one year, namely I. Auerbach and D. Chevion (IFIP) and N. Bech and M. Langefors (ICC); observed that the reported terms of reference appeared to go beyond those envisaged at the New York meeting of the general assembly, and referred the whole matter back to the president for clarification.

12. JOINT MEETINGS

12.1 IFAC/IFIP Symposium

The president reported that this symposium took place in October at Munich, and was attended by nearly 500 participants, of which 150 were from outside Germany. The rapporteur system has been used successfully.

12.2 IFIP/FID Conference

This conference is due to take place in 1967 in Western Europe; the precise dates and venue will be settled later.

The proposed subject of the conference is "Mechanised Information Storage and Retrieval". IFIP has appointed W.S. Elliott (UK) and M. Marthaler (Switzerland) as representatives to the joint preparatory committee.

12.3 D. Chevion stated that his national association hoped to hold an international conference in November 1966 on the construction and use of integrated population files, and requested the support of IFIP.

After some discussion it was agreed by 70 votes to none, with certain members abstaining, that the executive body, after receiving a more detailed report from D. Chevion, be authorised to decide whether to support the conference and provide a subsidy of \$1,500.

13. WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATION MEETING, JULY 1965

M. Linsman reported on his attendance, and stated that the meeting took the form of a symposium on meteorological data processing followed by a meeting on telecommunications.

14. PUBLIC INFORMATION

J. G. Mackarness presented a report prepared by P.G. Barnes recommending the establishment of a network of regular correspondents in member countries and the expansion of address lists at the British Computer Society headquarters, for the circulation of IFIP news.

The report was adopted.

15. FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL

The general assembly considered proposed dates and locations for future meetings and agreed as follows:

1966	April	26/27	Executive body	London
			TC.s	"
		27/28	Council	"
	Nov.	14/15	TC.s	Jerusalem
		16/17	General Assembly	"
1967	April	2/3	Executive body	Madrid
			TC.s	"
		4	Excursion	"
		5/6	Council	"
	Oct.	30/31	Executive body)	
			TC.s)	
	Nov.	1	Excursion)	venue not chosen
		2/3	General Assembly)	
1968	Mar.	4/5	TC.s)	
		6/7	Council)	venue not chosen
	Aug.	1	Executive body	Edinburgh
			TC.s	"
		2/3	General Assembly	"
		5/10	Congress	"

The administrative secretary was asked to request all TC chairmen to adhere to these arrangements when fixing their meetings.

16. FUTURE PLANS COMMITTEE

L. Lukaszewicz reported that the committee was examining the long term aims of IFIP and its relationships with other bodies; and ways and means of adapting the structure of IFIP, if necessary, to meet the needs of specialised functional interests within the sphere of information processing. I. Auerbach reported on the discussions held earlier in the week with S. Duyverman and Professor Billeter.

It was agreed that:

- (a) the statutes and by-laws committee should consider amendments to the by-laws to enable functional groups to come within the IFIP structure, and
- (b) the new structure committee nominated by the president and consisting of:
J. Carteron, chairman
F.L. Bauer, J.G. Mackarness, J.R. Pasta,
should examine the practical implications of amending the IFIP structure to accommodate functional groups, and
- (c) the president's ad hoc committee for information processing centres, consisting of
J. Carteron, chairman
I.L. Auerbach, S.D. Duyverman, J.G. Mackarness,
should make such recommendations as they feel necessary to accommodate information processing centres within the joint structure of IFIP.

17. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

17.1 Authority of council and general assembly

It was agreed that the general assembly shall have authority for all elections and budgets. The committees appointed by the general assembly may not have their terms of reference varied by the council. The president shall establish the terms of reference of committees appointed by him.

17.2 Standing committees

It was agreed that the statutes and by-laws committee shall prepare the terms of reference of standing committees.

17.3 By-laws revision

It was agreed that the words "and symbols" should be deleted from paragraph 10 of the by-laws; and that members should inform the statutes and by-laws committee of their views on whether statute 1(a) should include the words "such aseducational and business data processing".

17.4 Executive body

17.4.1 Archival files – I. Auerbach proposed, and it was agreed that these should be centralised at the British Computer Society headquarters.

17.4.2 Argentina's dues – It was agreed that the president should write to Argentina, pointing out their position under the statutes; urging them to pay their 1963 and 1964 dues, and reminding them of the provisions for reduced subscriptions. The general assembly agreed to a reduction to \$ 125 of dues for 1965 and 1966 provided the admissions committee so recommends. For earlier years, this reduction cannot be granted retrospectively.

17.4.3 Honorarium – It was agreed that an honorarium of \$ 500 be paid to the editor of the IFIP Congress 65 Proceedings.

17.4.4 IFIP Editor – The general assembly noted the need for a regular editor, and that the British Computer society were likewise interested, and agreed that the two organisations should keep in close touch on this matter.

17.4.5 Title "Interdata" – After noting that this word is now used as the title of certain companies, it was agreed to use the words "IFIP Exhibition 68" in conjunction with IFIP Congress 68 at Edinburgh.

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STANDING COMMITTEES

Admissions Committee

C.C. Gotlieb	Chairman	Canada
J.V. Garwick		Norway
L. Lukaszewicz		Poland

Finance Committee

M. Linsman	Chairman	Belgium
P. Laasonen		Finland
J. Carteron		France

Future Plans Committee

L. Lukaszewicz	Chairman	Poland
J. Carteron		France
A. van Wijngaarden		Netherlands
A.A. Dorodnicyn		USSR

Publications Committee

A. van Wijngaarden	Chairman	Netherlands
S. Gill		United Kingdom

Public Information Committee

P.G. Barnes	Chairman	United Kingdom
E. Herbert		USA

Statutes and By-Laws Committee

F.L. Bauer	Chairman	Germany
J. Carteron		France
H.R. Ciancaglini		Argentina
M. Linsman		Belgium

AD HOC COMMITTEES

New Structure Committee

J. Carteron	Chairman	France
F.L. Bauer		Israel
J.G. Mackarness		Administrative Secretary
J.R. Pasta		USA

Information Processing Centres Committee

J. Carteron	Chairman	France
I.L. Auerbach		Past-President
S.D. Duyverman		
J.G. Mackarness		Administrative Secretary