

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR INFORMATION PROCESSING

COUNCIL MEETING

London, April 27 – 28, 1966

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

London, England, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April 1966

PARTICIPANTS:

Officers:	A.P. Speiser L. Lukaszewicz J. Carteron M. Linsman	President Vice-President Secretary-Treasurer Assistant Secretary
Trustees:	N.I. Bech S.F. Beltran D. Chevion A. A. Dorodnicyn J.G. Santesmases	Denmark Mexico Israel USSR Spain
Observers:	H. Yamashita B.D. Rowe A. Perez-Vitoria B.B. Swann F. Genuys P.G. Targett	Japan ICC UNESCO Congress 68 (Congress committee chairman) Congress 68 (Programme committee chairman) Congress 68 (Finance committee chairman)
Administrative Secretary	J.G. Mackarness	

Apologies for absence were received from:

I.L. Auerbach	Past-President
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## 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

- 1.1 The president opened the meeting at 2.15 p.m. After welcoming the members of the council he greeted the observers, and in particular Mr. B.D. Rowe, the newly appointed assistant director of ICC.
- 1.2 Approval of the Agenda  
The council approved the agenda as circulated in advance of the meeting.

## 2. MINUTES OF THE TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

The administrative secretary read the minutes of the tenth general assembly meeting held at Nice, France, on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November 1965.

It was agreed that the paragraph relating to the policy statement on the right to reproduce IFIP material as quoted in minute 9 be amended and circulated to the general assembly after approval by the president.

## 3. IFIP CONGRESS 68

F. Genuys, programme committee chairman, presented his report on the first meeting of the committee held in London on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1966.

The main points are:

- a) the committee will include a chairman, two vice-chairmen (USA and USSR), one advisor and five technical area chairmen;
- b) each technical area chairman will appoint a vice-chairman and members as required;
- c) each member-country will be asked to appoint a correspondent for each technical area;
- d) the technical areas will be mathematics, software, hardware, scientific applications and business applications;
- e) the sessions proposed are a one-hour invited paper to start each morning and afternoon, followed by a two-hour session including three invited and four submitted papers.

After discussion of various aspects of the report, it was agreed that

- a) the committee should consider, in conjunction with the chairman of TC.3, ways and means of including sessions on education in the programme;
- b) Spanish-speaking countries should be represented on the committee;
- c) F. Genuys and his committee be warmly thanked for their report.

It was agreed that the report be accepted and the programme committee be invited to consider, in conjunction with the chairman of TC.3, possible ways and means of including sessions on education and report back to the next meeting.

B.B. Swann then presented the preliminary operating plan for IFIP Congress 68 and IFIP Exhibition 68 which had been circulated in advance. It was agreed that the congress committee should:

- a) give further consideration to the level of registration fees;
- b) ensure that participants in the congress will have priority over the general public in visiting the exhibition;
- c) co-operate closely with the programme committee in deciding whether to have simultaneous translation into English, French, and Russian, or no translation at all with authors being free to deliver their papers in English, French, Spanish or Russian; but being asked to remember that as the bulk of the participants will be English-speaking, English will be the preferred language.

B.B. Swann's report and preliminary operating plan were adopted and the president expressed the thanks of the council to all concerned for the valuable work already achieved.

At this point in the meeting the president extended a very cordial welcome to Dr. Perez-Vitoria, present as observer on behalf of UNESCO.

In introducing Dr. Perez-Vitoria to the meeting the president recalled that it was on the initiative of UNESCO that IFIP had come into existence, and had been able to grow to its present position.

In reply, Dr. Perez-Vitoria expressed his great pleasure at meeting the council and said that he hoped to be able to attend these meetings much more frequently than in the past, so that the co-operation between UNESCO and IFIP could be further strengthened.

#### 4. TRUSTEES

The council took note that there are still two vacancies for trustees, and received a report from the chairman of the selection committee, N.I. Bech, that his committee would circulate recommendations via the administrative secretary to the general assembly.

#### 5. ADMISSIONS

- 5.1 It was reported that Yugoslavia are interested in the possibility of applying for membership of IFIP and that the position with India, Hungary, and Rumania remains unchanged.

It was further noted that C.C. Gotlieb, chairman of the admissions committee, would report to the next general assembly.

- 5.2 S.F. Beltran reported that Mexico intended to apply to the admissions committee for a reduction of their annual dues from \$ 250 to \$ 125, because they intended to use their own funds for the promotion of the ALGOL Bulletin in S. America.

- 5.3 The present position relating to Argentina was reported, namely that they had not so far applied to the admissions committee for a reduction in their dues; nor had their outstanding dues been received, although the necessary certificates for them to transfer the required amount out of the country had been forwarded some weeks ago. S.F. Beltran pointed out that there had been a prolonged postal strike in Argentina during which cables only were delivered. The administrative secretary was instructed to write again to Argentina.

- 5.4 N.I. Bech reported that Denmark intended to make a change in their nominated national society: this would involve the formation of a new society, and he asked for guidance on the form that this should take so that it would comply with the requirements of IFIP.

#### 6. IPA CONFERENCE – JERUSALEM 1967

The president and D. Chevion reported on their correspondence about IFIP sponsorship of the IPA conference on the "Construction and Use of Integrated Population Files".

The general assembly at their tenth meeting had authorised the executive body to decide whether to support the conference and to provide a subsidy of \$1,500; and in the meantime ICC had agreed to support the conference with a contribution of \$ 3,000.

It was agreed that IFIP should support the conference, provide a subsidy of \$ 1,500, and agree to co-sponsorship with ICC subject to IFIP's normal conditions for co-sponsorship.

#### THURSDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL

At the opening of the second session the president read to the meeting the contents of a cable of best wishes from I.L. Auerbach, past-president, who was unable to attend.

## 7. FUTURE CONFERENCES

### 7.1 Joint IFIP/FID Conference

The president reported that the proposed joint conference on mechanised information storage and retrieval was now planned to take place in June 1967 in Rome.

Dr. Perez-Vitoria drew the council's attention to the international conference being sponsored by UNESCO in December 1967 in Paris. This conference will study the transfer of scientific and technical information, with a view to improving information storage and retrieval at international level.

Planning will be in the hands of a scientific committee (nominated by the Director General) in collaboration with ICSU, ICSU Abstracting Board, IFIP and FID.

It was agreed that the closest liaison should be maintained between the two responsible committees, and it was noted that UNESCO will try to send a representative to all future council and general assembly meetings.

### 7.2 Joint IFIP / IFAC Conference

The president reported on a proposed conference provisionally planned for June 1967 in Nice, on the subject of applications of digital computer control in power and related systems.

The call for papers was scheduled to go out in June 1966, and all the usual IFIP ground rules for joint conferences would be observed.

The president pointed out the difficulties of getting eligible nominees to serve on joint committees, and it was agreed that it would be desirable for a vice-president or council member, if qualified, and if not qualified, any trustee, general assembly, council or committee member to attend such meetings as an observer.

It was further agreed that if IFAC provides a loan of up to \$ 1,500 for the joint conference, the general assembly be asked to authorise a similar loan from IFIP in the 1967 budget.

## 8. PUBLIC INFORMATION

P.G. Barnes reported on public information action for the congress and for normal activities.

Dealing with the congress, he outlined the plan agreed with the press consultants: this envisages a regular flow of news releases building up to the issue of a broadsheet in October 1967. The broadsheet will give the outline programme and information about other congress activities; and will include a returnable form indicating whether or not the recipient of the broadsheet expects to attend the congress.

The next major mailing after that will be the full congress programme, planned for April / May 1968 in conjunction with the programme committee.

Publicising normal activities was not proving easy: the response to the request for national correspondents had been disappointing. However, it was intended to give more publicity to IFIP publications (including giving abstracts) and to work more closely with the ICC bulletin editor.

## 9. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- 9.1 The secretary-treasurer presented the financial statement, and explained that due to the late arrival of certain documents and staff changes at the BCS, the statement was not in the form to which members were accustomed. He and the administrative secretary undertook to see that the 1965 and mid year 1966 statements to be presented to the general assembly would be clearly related to the appropriate headings.

10. FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

10.1 The council discussed the proposed schedule of meetings to be held in Jerusalem, and it was agreed that the programme should be as follows: -

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MORNING</u>	<u>AFTERNOON</u>
Sunday 13.11.66	Arrival Jerusalem	Technical Committee Meetings
Monday 14.11.66	Technical committee meetings and Executive Body	
Tuesday 15.11.66	Council Meeting	General Assembly Meeting
Wednesday 16.11.66	Excursion to the south: Beersheba, Sdom, Ashkelon; arrival late afternoon at Weizmann Institute of Science Rehovot	
Thursday 17.11.66	General Assembly Meeting	
Friday 18.11.66	General Assembly Meeting or Departure	

10.2 General Assembly 1967

The council considered the possibility of holding this meeting in Edinburgh, but doubts were expressed about the probable weather conditions and their effect on travel arrangements, and received an invitation from S.F. Beltran to meet in Mexico; the decision was left to the general assembly.

10.3 Council meeting, March 1968

The council received an invitation from A. A. Dorodnicyn, on behalf of the Georgia Academy of Sciences, to hold this meeting at Tbilisi, Georgia, USSR, and accepted with pleasure.

11. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

11.1 TC.1 No report was available.

11.2 TC.2 The chairman, H. Zemanek, presented his report: -

- a) The retirement of M. Woodger and E.W. Dijkstra from the committee
- b) The expected completion of the draft of ALGOL X by WG.2.1 by October
- c) Progress is being made in the formation of WG.2.2
- d) Arrangements for the Pisa Conference are well advanced
- e) J.N. Buxton has agreed to edit the Oslo Conference proceedings
- f) Prof. J. McCarthy, Stanford University, has invited TC.2 sponsorship of a summer school on computation theory and proof checking near Vienne in 1967

It was agreed that the report be accepted with thanks to H. Zemanek and his committee; and that further details of the summer school be obtained and presented to the next council Meeting.

### 11.3 TC.3 The chair

The chairman, R.A. Buckingham, presented his report of which the main features were: -

- a) it is hoped that the draft progress report on computer education in member countries will be ready for discussion at the next meeting;
- b) AFIPS and ICC should be asked to maintain the roster of visiting scientists;
- c) two further seminars, in French and English, should be held, as soon as possible, and a plan for a Spanish seminar in 1967 or 1968 should be prepared.

It was unanimously agreed that

- a) the general assembly be asked to sanction a loan of \$8,000 to be made towards the cost of the two ICC seminars planned for 1967;
- b) the possibility of holding a Spanish-speaking seminar in the near future be investigated and a report submitted to the councils of IFIP and ICC;
- c) the report be accepted with thanks to R.A. Buckingham and his committee.

### 12. IFIP STRUCTURE

The council considered reports on the discussion with S. Duyverman and E. Billeter-Frey about accommodating an international group of data processing centres within IFIP.

After discussion it was agreed that IFIP should sponsor a conference about data processing centres to be organised by S. Duyverman and his associates, subject to the usual conditions of such sponsorship, and that the whole question of permanent incorporation in IFIP be referred to the next meeting of the general assembly.

### 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

#### 13.1 Congress 71

It was agreed that invitations for Congress 71 should be invited at the next general assembly meeting.

#### 13.2 Proposed TC.4

J. Carteron proposed the formation of a new technical committee to undertake bio-medical data processing studies.

It was agreed that further investigations should be completed to gauge the likely active support from member countries.

#### 13.3 Association Francaise de Mecanographie

J. Carteron reported on his discussions with the president, J. Benay, from which it appeared that co-operation with IFIP was desired but not practical until internal disagreements have been resolved.

It was agreed that J. Carteron should continue his discussions, and if necessary contact members of the general assembly for information about mechanical translation groups in their countries.

### 14. CLOSE OF THE MEETING

In closing the meeting the president expressed his thanks to all members for the constructive work they had achieved, and to the BCS for the arrangements. The members expressed their appreciation of the president's patient and helpful chairmanship of the meeting.