

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR INFORMATION PROCESSING

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Jerusalem, 17th / 18th November 1966

AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order
Introduction of guests
Approval of agenda
A.P. Speiser
2. Reading and approval of last minutes
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J. Carteron
J.G. Mackarness
3. Secretary-Treasurer's report
Mid-year statement 1966
J. Carteron
4. Finance Committee
Budget 1967
M. Linsman
5. Report of Nominations Committee
Election of a Trustee
J. Bech
6. (a) Statutes and By-law changes
Formation of Technical Sections within IFIP;
(b) Joint conferences
(c) Financial authority for the President
J. Carteron
7. Admissions Committee
Hungaria, Yugoslavia, South Africa
C.C. Gotlieb
8. IFIP Congress 68:
Congress Chairman:
Program Committee
B.B. Swann
F. Genuys
9. Technical Committees:
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TC-2
WG.2.1
WG.2.2
TC-3
A.R. Wilde
H. Zemanek
W.L. van der Poel
T.B. Steel
R.A. Buckingham

General Assembly Meeting

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| 10. | Publications Committee | A. van Wijngaarden |
| 11. | IFIP Congress 71
Presentation of invitations | |
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IFAC/IFIP
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August 24, 1966

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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR INFORMATION PROCESSINGMINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGJerusalem, Israel, 15th, 17th and 18th November 1966

PARTICIPANTS:

Officers:	A.P. Speiser I.L. Auerbach J. Carteron	President Past-President Secretary-Treasurer	
General Assembly Members:	H. Zemanek B. Sendov C.C. Gotlieb F.L. Bauer I. Kadar D. Chevion S.F. Beltran A. van Wijngaarden S.A. Overgaard A. Mazurkewicz J.G. Santesmases S. Gill E.L. Harder A. A. Dorodnicyn	Austria Bulgaria (deputising for L. Iliev) Canada Germany Hungary Israel Mexico Netherlands Norway Poland (deputising for L. Lukaszewicz) Spain UK USA USSR	
General Assembly Members Represented by Proxy:	L.J. Cohn T.E. Hull J. Kryze N.I. Bech	Australia (S. Gill) Canada (C.C. Gotlieb) CSSR (A. A. Dorodnicyn) Denmark (A.P. Speiser)	
TC.2	H. Zemanek	Austria	Chairman
TC.3	R.A. Buckingham	UK	Chairman
Observers:	J. Bialot C Berge A.A.M. Veenhuis F. Genuys B.B. Swann S. Duyverman S.M. Leskovar A.P. Seleznikar A Caracciolo	Italy) Italy) ICC Netherlands France UK Netherlands Yugoslavia Yugoslavia Italy	Congress 68 Congress 68 Chairman, Pisa Working Conference
Administrative Secretary	J.G. Mackarness	UK	

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

- 1.1 The president opened the meeting on Tuesday, 15th November 1966 at 9.40 a.m., welcoming all members and observers, and expressing IFIP's appreciation to the Information Processing Association of Israel for their excellent administrative and social arrangements.

The president then introduced Professor Joseph Gillis, director of computation, the Weizmann Institute, who conveyed greetings to the assembly on behalf of the computer community of Israel.

- 1.2 Approval of the agenda

The Agenda was approved, subject to the possibility of changes in the order of business as circumstances required.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the tenth general assembly meeting were read by the administrative secretary and approved, subject to the following addition to minute 10:

"It was decided to establish a new Working Group 2.2
- Programming Language Description; chairman of the
group is Mr. T.B. Steel."

3. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

The secretary-treasurer presented the audited financial statement for the period 6th August – 31st December 1965, following the transfer of the operating account to London.

In view of an apparent discrepancy, the document was withdrawn for verification and re-presentation later in the meeting.

When the statement was re-presented after verification, the secretary-treasurer explained that in the course of reproduction a debit entry had been included twice, thus erroneously producing a discrepancy.

After discussion, it was agreed to defer formal approval of the statement until the next meeting, and in the meantime the finance committee be instructed to present a report incorporating the Swiss and English finance statements, accompanied by the original audit reports in each case.

(NOTE: The audited finance statement from Switzerland and its audit report were received by the general assembly at their Nice meeting in November 1965: ST-Nice 65 – No. 2 Minute 3.1)

4. CONGRESS 68

- 4.1 B.B Swann presented the revised preliminary operating plan and budget.

After describing the changes and progress made since he reported to the council in April, Mr. Swann said that decisions and advice were required on the amount and scope of simultaneous translation and what languages would be acceptable for presentation of papers to the audience.

After a full discussion it was agreed that

- 4.1.1 The official languages of the congress shall be English, French, Russian and Spanish, any of which may be used by those presenting papers, but the proceedings will be published in English;
- 4.1.2 translation will be one way only, into English, and will be provided in at least two rooms;
- 4.1.3 the revised preliminary budget be noted, and the congress committee be instructed to present a complete detailed budget with recommended registration fees, at the next general assembly meeting;
- 4.1.4 the congress committee be advised that contracts for the publication of the proceedings should be signed only by an authorised officer of IFIP, and not by a congress officer;

- 4.1.5 the exhibition committee be instructed to ensure that exhibitors' lectures do not clash with congress sessions;
- 4.1.6 the report be accepted with appreciation of the careful work described therein, and approved subject to its implementation within the constraints of the budget.

4.2 F. Genuys, chairman of the programme committee, presented his report which included the draft call for papers.

After detailed discussions on the time scale, contents of the two volumes of proceedings, and the abstracts, it was agreed that

- 4.2.1 the call for papers will include the preliminary information questionnaire about attendance;
- 4.2.2 distribution of the revised call for papers should be complete by 15th December 1966;
- 4.2.3 technical area committees to be completed and membership lists to reach F. Genuys by 15th January 1967;
- 4.2.4 press pre-release of the invited part of the programme to be made in mid-September 1967;
- 4.2.5 final programme to be announced on 1st May 1968;
- 4.2.6 Abstract booklets will be printed in each of the four official languages of the congress, one booklet for each language;
- 4.2.7 the report be accepted with appreciation and thanks to the chairman and committee.

5. ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

C. Gotlieb presented the report of the committee in which the following recommendations were made: -

- 5.1 that the application for the admission of Hungary to membership which was presented too late for consideration in 1965, be now approved;
- 5.2 that the application for the admission of Yugoslavia to membership, having been received too late for consideration within the terms of the by-laws – although acceptable in all other respects – be re-submitted to the next general assembly meeting, and her representative be invited to attend appropriate meetings in the interim.

With regard to the South African application, C. Gotlieb asked the general assembly for guidance on the clause in the national society's constitution enabling the society to refuse membership without assigning a reason; the fear was that this clause could be invoked for reasons of race, colour or creed, but at present the committee had no evidence to show how the national society interpreted this clause.

It was agreed that South Africa's application be deferred for one year, the chairman being authorised to act as he thinks fit to get specific information on the practical application of the clause in question, and the secretary of the South African society be informed of the delay in considering the application.

The general assembly then approved the admission of Hungary to membership of IFIP, and the president welcomed Dr. I. Kadar of the Section for Information Processing, Cybernetics and Operation Research, Federation of Technical & Scientific Societies, who took his seat.

The remainder of the report was approved, and C. Gotlieb was warmly thanked for the excellent work of himself and his committee.

THURSDAY, 17th November

6. STATUTES AND BY-LAWS

- 6.1 J. Carteron introduced a proposal to create a new by-law to permit the establishment of international special interest groups within the structure of IFIP.

He briefly recalled the negotiations which had taken place during the past year with S. Duyverman, who wished to establish an administrative D.P. group on such a basis; and reported that further discussions had taken place immediately before this meeting, resulting in the agreed draft proposal and by-law, now presented and recommended by the council.

In the discussion that followed members generally accepted the principle of establishing such groups, but expressed reservations about the title and scope of the group suggested by S. Duyverman, and indicated potential difficulties inherent in the proposed admissions procedure.

After the meeting had given its general approval, subject to adjustments in the tabled drafts to meet the points raised, the president invited S. Duyverman, D. Chevion and S. Gill to prepare a further draft.

The drafting team presented further versions of the proposal and by-law during the following two days of the meeting, and their final versions (SBC-6) were approved.

7. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

7.1 TC.1

The president reported that A.R. Wilde's resignation from the chairmanship and membership of the committee had been accepted: the appointment of a successor was in hand and he hoped to announce this later in the meeting.

The president subsequently announced that A. van Wijngaarden had agreed to become chairman of TC.1

The new chairman reported that translations of the vocabulary into dutch, german, hebrew, norwegian, polish and spanish, were now in hand, and all publication arrangements would be conducted through him, acting in his capacity as chairman of the publications committee.

The president's and chairman's reports were approved.

7.2 TC.2

- 7.2.1 H. Zemanek, chairman, circulated his report, commenting briefly on the changes in membership, progress made at informal meetings held during the summer, and the preparations for the Oslo conference on simulation languages to be held in May 1967.

- 7.2.2 A Caracciolo circulated his report on the symbol manipulation languages conference held at Pisa in September 1966, from which it was evident that this activity had been highly successful. The edited proceedings would be in the publisher's hands by mid-January 1967.

- 7.2.3 The report of WG.2.1 on ALGOL was also presented by H. Zemanek, on behalf of W.L. van der Poel: The document revealed that a substantial amount of work had been carried out and progress made.

- 7.2.4 H. Zemanek also reported on the formation of WG.2.2 which has been delayed by an accident to the organiser, T. Steel, but is now proceeding.

The meeting approved the reports presented, and expressed their gratification at the internationally accepted status of the committee as a body of high scientific calibre.

7.3 TC.3

R.A. Buckingham, chairman, presented his report in which the following recommendations were made: -

- a) to hold an English-speaking seminar to replace the one planned for 1967 by ICC but now indefinitely postponed;
- b) to hold a symposium on education in information processing, possibly in early 1968;
- c) to engage technical assistance to progress the committee's work;
- d) to establish WG.3.1 under D. Chevion to study the development of information processing education in secondary schools.

The report evoked considerable discussion, particularly of the budgetary item inherent in proposal (c) above.

R.A. Buckingham emphasised that unaided honorary effort would delay the publication of various reports; this would create additional work in the form of frequent up-dating and would seriously undermine the value of the committee's research on behalf of educational bodies throughout the world.

After further consideration of this and other recommendations the meeting agreed that

- 7.3.1 TC.3 should proceed forthwith to prepare the organisation and budget of the proposed seminar, reporting to the executive body who, if they approve, will seek the authority of the general assembly to proceed;
- 7.3.2 the chairman shall submit a detailed plan of the suggested symposium – to be held not before January 1969 – to the council at their next meeting;
- 7.3.3 The TC.3 budget be reduced by \$800, representing the contribution towards the preparation of reports, and
- 7.3.4 subject to the foregoing, the report be approved with appreciation of the careful work carried out by the committee.

8. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

The president reported on behalf of N.I. Bech, chairman of the nominations committee, and on behalf of the council, as follows: -

- a) that one trustee only be appointed this year, for a three-year term, and that I.L. Auerbach be nominated;
- b) that J. Carteron be nominated for the office of secretary-treasurer, also for a three-year term.

The general assembly unanimously approved both nominations, having noted that the individual membership of I.L. Auerbach ends in 1967, but may be renewed for one three year term, and accorded their thanks to both the nominees for their past services to IFIP.

The president appointed a trustees nomination committee of A.A. Dorodnicyn (Chairman), E. Harder, and H. Zemanek to nominate replacements for the three trustees whose two-year term of office expires in 1967, the nominations to be made one month before the 1967 general assembly meeting.

The president also appointed a presidential nomination committee to circulate nominations one month before the 1967 general assembly meeting, the person elected becoming president-elect at that meeting and taking office as president after the IFIP Congress 68.

The membership of the committee is as follows:

I.L. Auerbach	Chairman
F. Bauer	
S.F. Beltran	
I. Kadar	
S.A. Overgaard	

9. IFIP CONGRESS 71

The meeting received presentations from S. F. Beltran, Mexico, and S.M. Leskovar, Yugoslavia, in support of their countries' invitations to stage Congress 71.

After noting the advantages and facilities offered by both countries, it was agreed that A. A. Dorodnicyn and S. Gill be instructed to examine both offers and report to the next general assembly with their recommendation.

10. MEMBERSHIP

The meeting considered whether the membership of Argentina, whose annual dues are now almost four years in arrears, should be terminated, having regard to the requirements of the statutes and the interests of other members; and noted with appreciation the offer of Mexico to pay \$ 500 towards the amount outstanding.

A motion to terminate Argentina's membership was not carried because a two- thirds majority of votes of all members was not obtained. It was unanimously agreed that an extraordinary general assembly meeting shall be held immediately before the 1967 general assembly to consider Argentina's membership.

11. PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH TC.4

J. Carteron presented a proposal to establish a new technical committee to consider information processing problems in medical, bio-chemical, and medical practice spheres.

It was agreed that the president should appoint an ad hoc committee to prepare a statement of aims, programme and membership by countries of the proposed TC.4, and present it at the next general assembly meeting.

FRIDAY, 18th November

12. JOINT AND SPONSORED CONFERENCES

12.1 The meeting received reports from the president and administrative secretary on the preparations for the IFIP/FID conference scheduled for Rome in June 1967.

It was agreed that the loan of \$1,000 be increased to \$1,750, if required, and that J. Carteron shall be the official IFIP representative at the conference.

12.2 J. Santesmases reported on the preparations for the IFIP/IFAC conference scheduled for Menton in June 1967.

It was agreed that J. Santesmases and T.Kitamori should be the official IFIP representatives at the conference.

12.3 D. Chevion reported on the IPA symposium on automation of population register systems to be held in Jerusalem from 25-28th September 1967, with financial support from IFIP.

The report was approved.

12.4 It was reported that AICA had suggested a joint conference on hybrid computation.

It was agreed that the executive body be authorised to negotiate with AICA and S. Gill be the IFIP representative, if he is willing and able, when the proposed dates – preferably in 1969 – are known.

- 12.5 It was also reported that a joint conference with IFAC on programming languages for numerical machine-tool control applications, had been proposed.

It was agreed that E. Harder should represent IFIP if, after investigation, the prospects of such a conference are encouraging, and that a loan of up to \$1,500 be made if necessary.

- 12.6 S. Duyverman presented a draft paper on his proposed man-machine interaction conference to be staged by the newly approved Administrative Data Processing Group on 1-2nd February 1968, in Amsterdam.

There was some disagreement on the scope envisaged, in relation to the authorised aims of the group, and it was agreed that the ad hoc committee of the group should proceed strictly within the constraints of the group's authorised aims, and in close liaison with C. Gotlieb, F. Genuys, and D. Chevion.

13. BUDGET

The secretary-treasurer presented the proposed 1967 budget, and considerable discussion took place about travelling expenses to TC members.

Taking note of the varying opinions expressed, the meeting agreed that

- a) travel expenses for TC members of national societies should not be paid;
- b) members of working groups may receive travel expenses, but should solicit contributions from their employing organisations;
- c) TC chairmen should have emergency funds for other purposes, which must be specified in their accounts;
- d) TC budgets must show office expenses, honoraria and other expenses as individual items;
- e) any TC emergency travel fund must be controlled by the president.

The 1967 budget was the approved.

14. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

A. van Wijngaarden, chairman, reported on new publications since the last meeting, sales of existing publications and the progress in translating the vocabulary (see minute 7.1).

His report was accepted with thanks.

15. FUTURE MEETINGS

The general assembly considered invitations from Belgium and Mexico to act as host for the 1967 meeting, and noted Mexico's offer of \$1,000 towards the expenses.

It was agreed (by 10 votes to 4) to accept the invitation of Mexico to stage the 1967 general assembly meeting, the order of the programme being left to the president and S. F. Beltran.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

16.1 Vice-Presidents

It was proposed that, in view of the sharp growth of work required of the president, a second vice-president should be appointed, and the two vice-presidents should then have specific responsibilities on which they would report to the general assembly.

It was agreed that the executive body should examine the proposal and recommend to the general assembly a suitable amendment to the statutes.

17. CLOSE OF MEETING

Before closing the meeting, the president expressed the sincere appreciation of the general assembly to Mr. P. Stein, secretary of the IPA, and Mrs. M. Perleman, assistant, for their untiring work during the week which had contributed so materially to the general assembly's work; he also conveyed the meeting's thanks to D. Chevion of the IPA for the delightful souvenir which each member had received.

F. Bauer thanked the president for his conduct of the proceedings and the president expressed his appreciation of the support given to him by all concerned.

The meeting closed at 11.00 a.m., on Friday, 18th November.

ATTACHMENTS TO JERUSALEM 66 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

1. TC.2 report
2. WG.2.1 report
3. Pisa conference report
4. TC.3 report
5. IFIP Congress 68 preliminary operating plan and budget summary
6. Publications committee report
7. Admissions committee report
8. Proposed by-law governing special interest groups (SBC 1)
9. Proposal to establish TC.4 (SBC 2)
10. IFIP Administrative Data Processing Group (SBC 6)
11. Budget for 1967

Distribution for General Assembly members NOT present at the meeting

J. Andrade
N.I. Bech
H.R. Ciancaglini
L.J. Cohn
A. Ghizzetti
T.E. Hull
L. Iliev
P. Laasonen
B. Langefors
M. Linsman
L. Lukaszewicz
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