

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR INFORMATION PROCESSING

COUNCIL MEETING

Madrid, 4 – 6 April, 1967

AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order
Approval of Agenda A.P. Speiser
2. Reading and approval of last minutes J.G. Mackarness
3. Financial reports J. Carteron
J.G. Mackarness
accounts 1965
accounts 1966
4. Statutes and Bylaw changes J. Carteron
Provision for second vice-president
New Bylaws
5. Joint Conferences
IFAC / IFIP Application of Digital Computers
to Process Control,
Menton, France, 5 -9 June 1967

IFIP/FID Conference of mechanized information
storage, retrieval and dissemination
Rome, 14-17 June, 1967

IFAC / IFIP Symposium on the state of the art
in the use of digital computers in the
control of processes, systems, machines
Toronto, June 1968

IFIP / IFAC Conference on programming languages
for machine-tool control

IFIP / AICA Conference on hybrid computation
6. IFIP Congress 68 B.B. Swann
Congress Committee
Program Committee F. Genuys
7. Technical Committees
8. Administrative Data Processing Group S.D. Duyverman
9. Forthcoming General Assembly business
10. Reconstitution of committees
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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Madrid, Spain, 4th – 5th April 1967

PARTICIPANTS:

Members:	A.P. Speiser J. Carteron M. Linsman N.I. Bech D. Chevion J.G. Santesmases	President Secretary-Treasurer Assistant Secretary Trustee Trustee Trustee
By invitation:	R.A. Buckingham H. Zemanek A.van Wijngaarden B.B. Swann F. Genuys S. Duyverman E. Harder	Chairman TC.3 Chairman TC.2 Chairman TC.1 and Publications Committee Congress 68 (Congress Committee Chairman) Congress 68 (Congress Committee Chairman) (ad hoc chairman administrative data processing group)
Administrative Secretary	J.G. Mackarness	
Observers:	V.M. Glushkov Mme. P. Fevrier	(on behalf of A. A. Dorodnicyn) (International Computation Centre)
Apologies for inability to attend were received from:	L. Lukaszewicz A. A. Dorodnicyn S.F. Beltran I.L. Auerbach	Vice-President Trustee Trustee Trustee

TUESDAY, 4th APRIL

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The president, in opening the meeting, welcomed all members and observers present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was agreed that the agenda as circulated be approved, and the order of business would be modified as necessary to suit the convenience of members.

3. MINUTES

It was agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting, C- JERUSALEM 66.2 be taken as read, and approved.

4. TC – 2

H. Zemanek, chairman reported that

- (a) F. Duncan had been appointed to the committee in place of M. Woodger, and M.G. Lettelier in place of F. Genuys.
- (b) the Oslo conference plans were proceeding satisfactorily, and 20 papers would be given.
- (c) the next meeting of TC-2 would take place at Oslo on 23rd May.
- (d) WG 2.1 would meet from 16th – 25th May and 4th – 9th September
- (e) WG 2.2 organising committee had met on 6th February and had agreed a list of provisional members.

The report was accepted with thanks and appreciation of the excellent organisation and technical content of the committee's work.

5. IFIP CONGRESS 68 – PROGRAMME

F. Genuys, chairman reported as follows: -

- (a) the committee have chosen eleven speakers to present one-hour papers, four panel chairmen, and 35 technical session chairmen, and
- (b) 250 papers will be accepted from those submitted, and final selections will take place in March 1968.

A proposal was tabled that the closing session should include a paper by an internationally known speaker, on a subject not confined to the technical aspects of computing, and directed more towards the impact of computing on the world at large.

After some discussion, in which the difficulties of adjusting the programme were referred to, F. Genuys agreed to consult his vice-chairmen and consider possible speakers.

The chairman's report was approved with thanks for the excellent progress made by the committee.

6. IFIP CONGRESS 68

B.B. Swann, chairman of the congress committee, reported on the progress of the congress and exhibition planning, and circulated:

- (a) the revised budget summary
- (b) public information schedule
- (c) notes on publication of the proceedings.

In presenting the report Mr. Swann referred to three major points – the likely number of participants, the registration fee, and the form of presentation of the proceedings.

He explained that the high proportion of fixed costs precluded any significant reduction in budgeted expenditure; if the attendance was less than 3,000 then the registration fee must be \$50.00 to ensure that there will be no less.

He and his colleagues considered that the level of fee must be subsidiary to the fundamental requirement of sound budgeting.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that

- 6.1 the council, noting the fundamental necessity to have a sound financial operation, requests the congress committee to review its budget for other sources of income, and possible reductions in expenditure, and re-cast its figures on the basis of an attendance of 3,000, and obtain financial guarantees.

It was further agreed that

- 6.2 the General Assembly be asked urgently by letter to authorise registration fees of not more than \$40.00 if paid before 1st May 1968, and not more than \$50.00 thereafter; and a detailed budget with the recommended fee be circulated to General Assembly members before the November meeting.

Mr. Swann also pointed out that although two halls are to be fitted for simultaneous translation as instructed by the General Assembly, it was possible that in one room these services would not be needed; but until the speakers and their fluency in English were known, this costly service must be kept available.

- 6.3 It was agreed that

The position be reviewed in co-operation with the programme committee, so that the interpretation services can be adjusted as appropriate, and if possible a clause be included in the interpretation contract to cover such adjustments.

Mr. Swann then sought the council's authority to have all submitted papers available as pre-prints at the congress, because this would be a valuable service to participants and would be much less costly than the conventional method of producing volume II, since the papers would be produced by offset photo-litho, eliminating type-setting.

It was unanimously agreed that

- 6.4 the proposed procedure be adopted.

The council noted the report, and expressed their appreciation of the considerable work so far carried out by the congress committee.

7. TC – 1

Professor A. Van Wijngaarden, chairman, reported that 13 members had been appointed to the committee, and two more would be appointed shortly, following the meeting which had just taken place in Madrid.

The committee put forward two requests: -

- (a) that the General Assembly be recommended to establish W.G.1.1, to prepare the second edition of the Vocabulary in English, and
- (b) that the president appoint I.H. Gould as chairman of WG.1.1.

The council approved the requests, and expressed their thanks to the committee.

8. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Professor A. van Wijngaarden, chairman, reported on the sales of publications up to the end of 1966 as follows: -

IFIP Congress 62 proceedings	–	1736
IFIP/ICC Vocabulary	–	2166
Proceedings of the Symposium on Microminiaturization in Automatic Control Equipment and in Digital Computers	–	900

He further reported on the progress of translations of the vocabulary, and asked that all IFIP representatives on joint conference planning committees be fully briefed on the IFIP conditions for publishing proceedings.

The council accepted the report with thanks.

9. TC – 3

Professor R.A. Buckingham, chairman, reported on the progress of arrangements for the seminar, as given in the attached document (TC.3/Madrid):

- (a) to proceed with the plans as outlined, and
- (b) to appoint A.A. Veenhuis as director of the seminar.

The council approved both requests, subject to the director under (b) not becoming an employee of IFIP.

10. SPEZIAL INTEREST GROUP: ADMINISTRATIVE DATA PROCESSING

The president described to members the negotiations and co-operative discussions in Nice, Amsterdam, Paris and Jerusalem, which had led to agreement on the proposed bylaws and programme the previous day in Madrid, and which was now presented for study.

Dr. E Harder reported on the group's conference held in Amsterdam in January, which he had attended as the president's representative.

After studying the documents laid before them, and clarifying certain points with Mr. S. Duyverman, the group's ad hoc chairman, the council agreed that

- 10.1 the General Assembly be recommended to approve the proposed bylaws, subject to any comments from the statutes and bylaws committee.
- 10.2 the General Assembly be recommended to approve the proposed publication of the group's bulletin and occasional papers.

- 10.3 the group be invited to submit more detailed plans and estimated costs of the proposed journal to the General Assembly, without entering into any financial or other irreversible commitment.
- 10.4 the group's proposed educational activities in conjunction with TC-3 be approved.
- 10.5 the group's budget be accepted in principle, subject to modifications in the light of foreseeable circumstances, and subject to a maximum commitment of \$5,000.00 which must be liquidated by 31st December 1967.

In making the foregoing recommendations and decisions, the council expressed their appreciation of the considerable activity already achieved by Mr. Duyverman and his colleagues, and looked forward to a highly successful future for the group as a constituent part of IFIP.

WEDNESDAY, 5th APRIL

11. JOINT CONFERENCES

The council received reports on the following joint, and / or sponsored conferences: -

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| IFAC / IFIP | Menton, France : 5 th – 9 th 1967
"Computer Control of Power and other systems".
IFIP representatives:
Professor J.G. Santesmases
D.G. Hawkins
T. Kitamori |
| IFIP / FID | Rome, Italy : 14 th – 17 th June 1967
"Mechanized Information Storage, Retrieval, and Dissemination".
IFIP representative:
J. Carteron |
| IMECO | Budapest Congress : July 1967
IFIP representative:
open |

And noted that the following conferences have been proposed: -

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| IFAC / IFIP | Toronto, Canada : June 1968
"Symposium on the state of the art in the use of digital computers in the control of processes, systems and machines".
IFIP representative:
E. Harder |
| IFAC / IFIP | Symposium on programming languages for digital machine tool control.
1969 suggested, but not yet agreed by IFAC as it is their congress year. |
| IFIP / AIGA | Hybrid computing : 1969 or 1970
IFIP representative:
Professor S. Gill, subject to date and place being convenient. |

Professor Linsman reported a proposal coming from a US organisation to hold a conference in Belgium, possibly in 1969, on a topic to be decided.

It was agreed that Mr. Carteron should investigate the proposal, with a view to possible IFIP sponsorship.

12. ELECTIONS

The council took note that

- (a) the election of the president-elect is to be made at the next general assembly meeting;
- (b) the term of office of N.Bech, D.Chevion and J.G. Santesmases as trustees ends at the next general assembly meeting, and
- (c) subject to the necessary change in the statutes, a second vice-president should be elected at the next general assembly meeting.

13. CONGRESS 71

The council received a report from Professor S. Gill that since the Jerusalem meeting of the general assembly, an invitation has been received for IFIP Congress 71 from Czechoslovakia, but more information is awaited from this country.

A recommendation will be made to the general assembly in November 1967.

14. STATUTES AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

On the report of J. Carteron, chairman, it was agreed to recommend to the general assembly that the statutes be amended to provide for the election of a second vice-president to enter office concurrently with the president-elect.

15. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The council received the combined Zurich and London operating statement and balance sheet for 1965, and the audited operating statement and balance sheet for 1966, re-presented in the format laid down by the president and the secretary-treasurer. (C-Madrid 67 – 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.2 and 3.2.1)

Professor Linsman, chairman of the finance committee, suggested that it was inappropriate for him as an officer to be chairman of the committee.

15.1 It was therefore agreed

that the general assembly be asked, by post, to authorise the appointment of E. Harder as chairman of the finance committee; and that the accounts be submitted to the committee for review, and reported before the next general assembly meeting.

15.2 It was further agreed

that the committee and the administrative secretary should prepare the draft budget for circulation to the general assembly.

15.3 It was also agreed

that the agenda for the Mexico meetings of the council and general assembly would be arranged to enable TC and other non-members to present their reports early – i.e. on Tuesday, 31st October to the council, and Wednesday, 1st November to the general assembly.

16. CLOSE OF MEETING

In closing the meeting, the president thanked Professor Santesmases and his assistants for their efficient arrangements and secretarial support; and thanked members for the constructive way in which they had completed the business in hand.

ATTACHMENTS TO MADRID 67 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. CONGRESS 68 – Progress Report of the Congress Committee (C-Madrid 67/6) consisting of:
 - (a) the revised budget summary
 - (b) public information schedule
 - (c) notes on publication of the proceedings.
2. Report on ADP Seminar – Professor R.A. Buckingham (IFIP / TC.3 / Madrid)
3. Report on the IFIP Administrative Data Processing Group
4. Revisions to IAG/Madrid/1 (C-Madrid-67-8)
5. Financial Reports: consisting of:
 - C-Madrid 67 – 3.1
 - C-Madrid 67 – 3.1.1
 - C-Madrid 67 – 3.2
 - C-Madrid 67 – 3.2.1

Distribution for Council members NOT present at the meeting

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