

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR INFORMATION PROCESSING

MINUTES of the COUNCIL meeting

Edinburgh, Scotland 31st July and 1st August 1968

PARTICIPANTS:

Members:	A.P. Speiser A. A. Dorodnicyn L. Lukaszewicz D. Chevion J. Carteron M. Linsman I.L. Auerbach N.I. Bech S.F. Beltran A. van Wijngaarden H. Zemanek	President President-Elect Vice-President Vice-President Secretary-Treasurer Assistant Secretary Trustee Trustee Trustee (part time) Trustee (part time) Trustee
By invitation:	E. L. Harder S. Duyverman M. Verhelst	Chairman, Finance Committee Chairman, I.A.G. (part time) Finance Director, I.A.G
In Attendance:	J.G. Mackarness U.E. Kotchetkov	Administrative Secretary Assistant to the President-Elect. (part time)

Wednesday 31st July

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The president opened the meeting at 2.00 p.m., and welcomed members and others present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting approved the agenda, and agreed to the inclusion of additional items in the circulated agenda.

3. MINUTES

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, C-Tbilisi – 68.1, and the following amendments were agreed: -

7.1.1 line three – substitute “proposed” for “promised”

5.3.1 line three – substitute “Prof. R.A. Buckingham” for “TC-3”

9. line twelve – substitute “proceedings” for “pre-prints”

13. last two lines – after “project and” insert “Dr. Hay proposed a suggestion to AFIPS that it should make a contribution of \$10,000”

14. amendment as attached.

The council approved the minutes as amended.

4. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

D. Chevion reported on the IAG matters as follows: -

- (a) the new board of directors will consist of nine members, all elected for a two-year period,
- (b) the budget approval procedure under the bylaws appeared cumbersome,
- (c) the degree of responsibility and authority relating to surpluses and losses, and the use of donations, was causing some concern,
- (d) a bylaws review committee has been established.

The council noted Mr. Chevion’s report and Mr. Duyverman’s letter, and expressed the hope that

- 4.1 IAG surpluses may be used for the development of IAG but not exclusively,
- 4.2 the bylaws could be modified to provide greater clarity and flexibility,
- 4.3 more wide-spread and continuing support for IAG should come from the general assembly members in their own countries.

5. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

The council considered the report of Mr. P.G. Barnes (CGA Edinburgh 68 PIC.1) and approved the outline proposals therein: they instructed the administrative secretary to immediately undertake the preparation and production of a newsletter, for board distribution to member Societies and the press, initially at the rate of two issues per year.

6. TERMS OF OFFICE OF TRUSTEES

The council considered a letter by E. Harder (dated 17, April 68 and addressed to the president) about the adjustments necessary to ensure a regular rota for two trustees to retire each year on completion of their terms of office; the purpose of this rota being to fit in with the retirements of other officers and so ensure that approximately one third of the council retires annually, in accordance with normal practice.

It was agreed that, in consultation with the trustees' nominations committee, terms of office should be as shown in the attached schedule (ref. CGA Edinburgh 68 EB.1)

7. STATUTES AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

J. Carteron reported that so far progress was confined to the collection of minor textual amendments; and it was agreed that major revisions to the sections on Special Interest Groups should only be proposed after consultation with the IAG bylaws committee and submitted to the next Council Meeting for preparation and submission to the General Assembly.

Thursday 1st August

8. FUTURE CONFERENCES

A.A. Dorodnicyn reported that he hoped to have discussions with Prof. J. Pasta, during IFIP Congress 68, about the proposed conference in 1970 on automatic programming of experimental data. The idea of making it a joint event with IFAC would also be considered.

E. Harder reported on the plans for Prolamat, (as given in document CGA Edinburgh 68 Prolamat 1); and said that he would be holding a meeting on the subject during the Congress week.

A. van Wijngaarden reported on negotiations for the publication of the proceedings of the AICA-IFIP conference in 1970.

The reports were approved, with thanks, and Prof. van Wijngaarden was authorised to continue his negotiations as far as possible within the normal guide-lines for IFIP publications.

9. INTERNATIONAL ABSTRACTS SERVICE

The council noted the report of D. Hays, and that a meeting of the ad-hoc documentation committee would take place during Congress week; and agreed that,

9.1 a member of the committee should attend the appropriate UNESCO sponsored meeting.

9.2 the general assembly be recommended to authorise the present ad-hoc committee.

10. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

10.1 TC-1

A. van. Wijngaarden presented his report (ref. CGA Edinburgh 68 TC.1-1) which was approved with thanks.

10.2 TC-2

H. Zemanek presented his oral report; and Prof. Van Wijngaarden reported a resolution from WG 2.1 expressing appreciation of the work of the ALGOL Bulletin editor and asking that such support be given to him as he may require.

It was explained that this resolution arose from the possibility that the present publication arrangements may prove difficult to maintain after the end of 1968.

The council approved the TC-2 report with thanks, and noted the resolution of WG 2.1.

- 10.3 TC-3
Prof. R.A. Buckingham presented his report (C.GA Edinburgh – 68 TC-3-2) and the council noted that
- (a) the 1968 seminar finished with a deficit of some \$800, and,
 - (b) the scope and duties of the Co-ordinating Board need clarification

The council agreed after discussion, that

- 10.3.1 the co-ordinating board could work just as well, and with much more clearly defined responsibilities, if it is treated as a working group under TC-3, and it should therefore be recommended to the General Assembly that the board be renamed WG 3.2 - Organisation of Seminars, and reporting to D. Chevion with immediate tasks as specified in the recommendations of Prof. Buckingham's amended report C.GA Edinburgh 68 – TC – 3.2R to be presented to the General Assembly tomorrow.
- 10.3.2 the TC-3 budget is satisfactory, subject to more detailed information on the loan for the advanced seminars.
- 10.3.3 All proposals on the location of IFIP meetings should take account of visa problems in different parts of the world.

11. IAG

The council received the IAG chairman's report (C.GA Edinburgh – 68 – IAG.2, with appendices 1-4, 5a and 5b, and 6) and a letter dated 30th July 1968 from Mr. Duyverman and Mr. Verhelst to the president; and considered the letter and appendix 1 first.

The council agreed that

- 11.1 there is need to review the bylaws relating to the management of special interest groups,
- 11.2 it would be advisable to have IAG representatives on any committee charged with reviewing the bylaws.
- 11.3 the amount of \$16,809 advanced by the Studiecentrum is a conditional debt, and to be repaid from any surplus arising from IAG activities if and when such a surplus exists.

The council next noted appendices 2-4, approved 5a, subject to there being suitable provision in the budget, and approved 5b.

The council next considered appendix 6, the budget, and approved it subject to a review of the various travel and subsistence items.

12. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The council received A. van Wijngaarden's report (C.GA Edinburgh 68 – PUC-1) and considered the situation arising out of correspondence received from ICC "forbidding" the publication of further translations of the IFIP/ICC Vocabulary.

It was agreed that Prof. van Wijngaarden should seek legal advice on the action to be taken, to enable the further publication of the Vocabulary, and act accordingly, reporting to the next council meeting.

13. FUTURE POLICY COMMITTEE

D. Chevion reported that this committee were not in a position to present specific proposals, but hoped to do so at the next council meeting. He reported that his committee will have a three-day session prior to this meeting.

14. AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

N.I. Bech reported that his committee had not yet agreed on the terms of their report to the Council and general assembly.

15. ICSU

J. Carteron reported that the case for full membership of ICSU was not yet complete, but he hoped to have it ready in time for the next meeting.

16. FINANCE

The council received the mid-year operations statement (C.GA Edinburgh 68 – FC-4) and it was agreed that

16.1 the administrative secretary should report to the next meeting on further negotiations with FID, regarding the distribution of copies of the proceedings of the FID/IFIP conference held in Rome in September 1967,

16.2 the general assembly be recommended to authorise the investment in interest bearing accounts of all significant surpluses over \$10,000,

16.3 the mid-year operating statement be approved.

16.4 Member Societies when making financial donations should be encouraged to do so to, and through, IFIP itself but not to groups or societies of IFIP.

The council next considered the draft budget and agreed that

16.5 expenses of the two vice-presidents should be shown separately.

17. FUTURE MEETINGS

It was confirmed that the next council meeting would take place in Brussels on 3rd and 4th March 1969, noted that invitations were in hand from Austria, the Netherlands, Poland and the United States for future council or general assembly meetings, and agreed that a decision on whether to hold a council meeting in conjunction with the spring joint computer conference in the U.S. be taken at the next council meeting.

18. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 21.10 hours, and re-convened at 8.30 hours on Thursday 8th August.

19. IFIP CONGRESS 71 – PROGRAMME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The president announced that Prof. V. Glushkof had agreed to accept the chairmanship of the Programme Committee for IFIP Congress 71 and his appointment was unanimously approved.

20. CHARLES BABBAGE CENTENARY

The council's attention was drawn to the fact that 1971 would be the centenary year of the death of Charles Babbage and it was agreed that this should be marked with a special ceremony at IFIP Congress 71.

21. CLOSE OF MEETING

The president closed the meeting at 09.00 hours on Thursday 8th August and expressed his warmest thanks to all members and the administrative secretary for their support during his term of office which was now coming to an end.

Members led by the deputy president Prof. A.A. Dorodnicyn unanimously expressed their great appreciation of Dr. Speiser's patience, guidance and leadership, both as chairman of the council and as president of the federation.

22. FUTURE MEETINGS

1969	Council	3 - 4 March 27 – 28 October	Brussels Prague
	General Assembly	29 – 31 October	Prague