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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR INFORMATION PROCESSINGMINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGEdinburgh, Scotland, 2nd and 3rd August 1968

PARTICIPANTS:

Officers:	A.P. Speiser	President	Switzerland
	A. A. Dorodnicyn	Individual Member	
	L. Lukaszewicz	President-Elect	USSR
	D. Chevion	Vice-President	Poland
	J. Carteron	Vice-President	Israel
	M. Linsman	Secretary-Treasurer	France
		Assistant Secretary	Belgium
Trustees:	I.L. Auerbach	Individual member	USA
	N.I. Bech		Denmark
	S.F. Beltran		Mexico
	A. van Wijngaarden		Netherlands
	H. Zemanek		Austria
General Assembly Members:	J. Bennett	Australia (deputising for L. Cohn)	
	L. Iliev	Bulgaria	
	T.E. Hull	Canada	
	I. Plander	Czechoslovakia	
	H. Andersin	Finland	
	F.L. Bauer	Germany	
	I. Kadar	Hungary	
	L. Dadda	Italy	
	E. Goto	Japan (deputising for A. Degawa)	
	S.A. Overgaard	Norway	
	S. Sem-Sandberg	Sweden	
	P.A. Bobillier	Switzerland	
	S. Gill	UK	
	E.L. Harder	U.S.A.	
General Assembly Members Represented by Proxy:	J.G. Santesmases	Spain	

Technical Committees, Working Groups, and IAG

TC.1	A. van Wijngaarden	Chairman	Netherlands
WG-1.1	I.H. Gould	Chairman	UK
TC.2	H. Zemanek	Chairman	Austria
WG-2.1	W.L. van der Poel	Chairman	Netherlands
WG-2.2	T.B. Steel Jr.	Chairman	U.S.A.
TC.3	R.A. Buckingham	Chairman	UK
WG-3.1	W. Atchison	Chairman	USA
TC.4	F. Gremy	Chairman	France
IAG	S. Duyverman	Chairman	Netherlands
	R. Verhelst	secretary-treasurer	Netherlands
	A. Veenhuis		Netherlands
	B.D. Rowe		U.K.
IFIP Congress 71: representatives:	S. Alojz		Yugoslavia
	K. Janez		Yugoslavia
IFIP Congress 68	B.B. Swann	Chairman	UK
	F. Genuys	Congress Committee Chairman	France
		Programme Committee	

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The president opened the meeting at 10.10 a.m.: in extending a cordial welcome to all participants and observers, he referred to Prof. J.G. Santesmases who was precluded from attending by illness, and wished him a speedy recovery.

The president next explained the voting-rights, and introduced members of the council to general assembly members and observers attending for the first time.

The meeting then approved the agenda, and appointed S. Gill as scrutineers of the proxy.

Professor Gill reported that the proxy of J.G. Santesmases in favour of the president was valid, and the president would therefore have 11 votes.

2. MINUTES (GA-MEXICO CITY-67.1)

The administrative secretary read the minutes of the twelfth general assembly meeting, and the following amendments were proposed:-

minute 9.IV.4 lines 7-8	delete all after "he" and substitute "will represent IFIP at the meetings of IAG and its governing bodies
Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA-Mexico City-67)	Delete paragraph five.

The minutes incorporating the foregoing amendments were approved, and thanks were expressed to B.D.Rowe, who acted as secretary to that meeting.

3. ELECTIONS

The president appointed A. Overgaard and S. Sem-Sanberg as scrutineers and tellers for the election ballots.

- 3.1 The vice-president nomination committee report was presented by I.L. Auerbach who proposed the election of H. Zemanek, and there being no other nominations, the proposal was put to a secret ballot, the result being

For Prof. Zemanek	-	241
Abstaining	-	1

Prof. Zemanek was declared a duly elected Vice-president for a 3 year term.

- 3.2 The trustees nomination committee reported orally that there were three vacancies to be filled – one for a one-year term, and two for a three-year term – and nominated S.F. Beltran, T.E. Hull and I. Plander.

There being no other nominations from the floor, a secret ballot was held with the following result:

For one year	-	I. Plander (231 for – 11 abstentions)
For three years	-	S. Beltran)
		T.E. Hull) (241 for – 1 abstention)

And these three nominees were declared duly elected trustees for the terms stated.

The general assembly then noted that vacancies would occur in 1969 for a secretary-treasurer and two trustees, and approved the appointment of the following nominations committees:-

Secretary-Treasurer - H. Zemanek
I.L. Auerbach
L. Lukaszewicz

Two trustees - A.P. Speiser
L. Lukaszewicz
H. Linsman

4. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

4.1 TC-1

Prof. van Wijngaarden presented his report (C.GA Edinburgh 68 – TC. 1-1) which was approved with thanks, and with the substitution of the word “A” for “The” at the beginning of this last line.

4.2 TC-2

Prof Zemanek presented his report (C.GA Edinburg 68-TC2-1)

- (a) ISO had asked IFIP to propose a numerical control language as a basis for discussion, and
- (b) TC-4 had asked for help in the specialised area of medical work.

4.2.1 T.B. Steel reported orally (the report being reproduced and circulated later in the meeting).

Both reports were approved, with thanks to the respective chairmen.

4.3 TC-3

Prof. R.A. Buckingham presented his report (C.GA-Edinburgh – 68/TC3-2R) which replaced the one circulated with the agenda.

In studying the recommendations the general assembly agreed that:

4.3.1 The comma and words “on a course” should be deleted from line five of recommendation A.

4.3.2 the title of WG-3.2 should be “Organisation of educational seminars”.

4.3.3 The recommendation D should be deleted, as it is a statement,

and approved the report.

4.4. TC-4

Prof F. Gremy presented his report (C.GA-Edinburgh – 68/TC4-2) which included a suggestion that a TC for data transmission should be considered, and a proposal for a joint conference with AFIRO in Lyons in 1969, on storage and retrieval of Medical records.

The general assembly noted the suggestion for a data transmission committee; and that the proposed conference was tentatively scheduled to last for three days in May or June, with an attendance of about 100.

It was agreed that

- 4.4.1 the time of the conference should be put back to the autumn, to allow full preparation;
- 4.4.2 the words "information processing" should replace "storage and retrieval" in the title;
- 4.4.3 administrative procedures should follow those normally adopted by TC-2; and
- 4.4.4 the proceedings should be published.

The TC-4 report was adopted with thanks to Prof. Gremy.

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

E. Harder presented the audited accounts for 1967; and the mid-year operating statement to 30th June 1968 (C.GA Edinburgh 68 – FC-4), and explained that there was no likelihood of recovering the loan made to the FID/IFIP conference held in Rome last year, due to faulty budgeting in relation to the cost of the proceedings.

- (a) the annual dues of Argentina have been reduced from \$250 to \$125.
- (b) in line 2.8.5, the payment of \$7,500 to IAG was to finance the publications of the London seminar working papers, and
- (c) standard procedures to be used by IFIP and IAG offices have been proposed by consultants, and are being studied by the finance committee: this study will include a revision of the descriptions of line items.

The general assembly adopted the audited accounts of IFIP for 1967, noted the mid-year statement, and approved Dr. Harder's report.

It was further agreed that the future policy committee, in consultation with the finance committee, should review the basis and levels of annual dues, in the context of future requirements including permanent staff.

6. MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

The president introduced the executive body's plan for the committee and other management responsibilities of the president, vice-presidents, and secretary-treasurer as follows:

President Dorodnicyn	– IFIP Congress 71, future policy committee
Vice-president Chevion	– IAG, TC-3, conferences
Vice-president Zemanek	– TC-1, TC-2, TC-4, IFAC relations conferences
Secretary-Treasurer Carteron	- Finance, elections, nominations, admissions, statutes and bylaws; publications, public information, UNESCO, ICSU, G.A. and Council agenda, administrative secretary.

Members were asked to refer requests and inquiries to the appropriate officer, but in all cases of doubt the correspondence should be directed to the administrative secretary for initial action.

7. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Prof. van Wijngaarden presented his report (C.GA Edinburgh 68 PUC.1) and the position of ICC was discussed. The president reported the council's decision that Prof. van Wijngaarden should seek legal advice and act accordingly (publish further editions of the Vocabulary, unless the legal advice is emphatically to the contrary and indicates severe financial penalties if publication takes place), and report to the next council meeting.

M. Bobillier reported on the difficulties he had encountered in trying to buy a copy of the Vocabulary, and Prof. van Wijngaarden agreed to investigate.

The report was adopted, with thanks to Prof. van Wijngaarden.

8. STATUTES AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

J. Carteron reported orally that the revised statutes had been registered; and that there was a need to review the whole range of the bylaws, to formalise traditional practices, and to clarify procedures. His committee was not yet ready to make major proposals, but would be working closely with the future policy committee and those responsible for the review of the IAG bylaws: suggestions for improvements would be welcome.

Suggestions included:

- (a) that TC and Special Interest Group chairmen should be non-voting members of the general assembly,
- (b) a provision for automatic termination of membership should be considered (this was rejected by the meeting).
- (c) payment of the first year's dues should be a condition of admission,
- (d) provision should be made for the re-election of a trustee who has not served a full term.

9. FUTURE POLICY COMMITTEE

D. Chevion reported that his committee had had a preliminary meeting, and planned to present to the next council a series of recommendations covering the whole scope of IFIP, after a three-day session of his committee prior to the council meeting.

10. FUTURE CONFERENCES

10.1 IFIP / AICA – Hybrid Computing (Munich 1970).

S. Gill reported on the establishment of the local arrangements committee under Prof. J. Hoffman, and agreement on all major procedures and terms other than the publication of the proceedings; this latter point was now in the hands of Prof. van Wijngaarden, who was negotiating on the authority of the council.

10.2 Prolamat (15- 17 Sept. 69.Rome)

E. Harder presented his report (C.GA Edinburgh 68 – Prolamat 1) specifying the scope, call for papers date, publication arrangements, the main committees, and the estimated attendance of 200 (with accommodation for up to 500 possible).

The administrative secretary stated that a British Computer Society symposium on production control, lasting one day, had attracted 1,100 registrants: Dr. Harder noted the information.

The reports were approved with thanks.

11. INTERNATIONAL AID LIAISON COMMITTEE

N.I. Bech reported orally on the aims of his committee, but said that it had not yet had the opportunity for a formal meeting. Professor Goto enquired whether its aims would overlap those of ICC – in the financing of seminars, for example.

It was generally agreed that such an event was unlikely.

Prof. Beltram suggested that the committee might be enlarged to include representatives of developing countries, or regions.

Mr. Bech's report was approved, and he undertook to consider the suggestion put forward by Prof. Beltram.

12. INTERNATIONAL ABSTRACTS SERVICE

Dr. Harder summarized the report of Dr. Hays, and proposed, on behalf of the council that:

- 12.1 the present ad hoc committee be confirmed and authorised to proceed, and
- 12.2 a member of the committee be authorised to attend the appropriate UNESCO group now studying the same problem.

13. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 13.1 The secretary-treasurer reported that Argentina's dues were now four years in arrears, and there seemed little likelihood of the situation being put right. In the circumstances he felt obliged to propose that the membership of Argentina be terminated immediately.

The motion was seconded by I. L. Auerbach.

After discussion of the currency and other problems, M. Carteron und Mr. Auerbach agreed to amend their proposal as follows:

That the membership of Argentina be terminated with effect from 1st January 1969, unless all outstanding dues are paid and banked in London on or before 31st December 1968.

On a secret ballot, the motion was LOST, the voting being:

FOR the motion	162
ABSTAIN	60

It was agreed that an Extraordinary General Assembly be held in Prague in October 1969 to consider Argentina's membership, if necessary.

- 13.2 A similar motion, similarly proposed, in respect of Brazil, produced the following result in a secret ballot:-

FOR the motion	101
AGAINST	60
ABSTAIN	80

The motion was declared LOST; but it was agreed that Brazil's membership should also be considered at an Extraordinary General Assembly in Prague in October 1969.

SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST

14. IFIP CONGRESS 68

B.B. Swann, chairman of the congress committee, reported that just over 3,600 people had registered paying \$ 125,000, and exhibitors' fees amounted to \$ 144,000; and that the surplus would probably be a little larger than preciously estimated.

F. Genuys, chairman of the programme committee, reported that 700 papers had been submitted and 210 selected; and that pre-prints of all accepted papers received in time were available to registrants as they arrived.

Mr. Swann's and Mr. Genuys' report were accepted with special appreciation for the tremendous efforts and work put in by their committees.

15. IAG

S. Duyverman, assisted by M. Verhelst, presented his report (C.GA Edinburgh – 68 – IAG.2 with appendices 1-4, 5a and 5b, and 6) and letter of 30th July to the president: the general assembly considered the letter first, and then the report section by section.

- 15.1 It was agreed that a committee to be called “IFIP special interest group relations committee”, be formed which included the membership of the IAG bylaw review committee as in Mr. Duyverman’s letter, as follows:-

T.E. Hull	Canada	-	chairman
D. Chevion	Israel		
J. Carteron	France		
I.L. Auerbach	Individual Member		
M. Verhelst	IAG		
R.C. Cheek	IAG		
R. Moneta	IAG		

The purpose of the committee being (firstly) to review the bylaws of IFIP and IAG jointly.

- 15.2 The General Conference recommendation that IAG headquarters should be in Amsterdam was approved.

15.3 Appendix 1 (1967 Audited Accounts)

There was considerable discussion of various aspects of the accounts, and particularly of the amount advanced by the Studiecentrum to enable IAG to initiate its activities in 1967 and early 1968 – an amount for which it was agreed that IFIP is conditionally liable, and which would be repaid as and when IAG have sufficient surpluses to do so without impairing approved activities in hand at the relevant time.

It was further agreed (with one dissentient) that the responsibility for the unfortunate situation was accepted as a joint one between chairmen of the general assembly and IAG respectively, since IAG acted on behalf of IFIP: therefore, it was also agreed that after obtaining the support of Mr. Duyverman that the president of IFIP and the Secretary-Treasurer if IAG request from the Studiecentrum a contribution of approximately one half the conditional debt towards the advancement of IAG, and a sincere vote of thanks be conveyed to the Studiecentrum for their help in solving a financial problem.

The 1967 audited accounts were then noted and accepted subject to specific identifications and deletions.

15.4 Activity report, 1967.

This report (appendix 2) was accepted.

15.5 1968 Interim Financial Report.

There was considerable discussion on the figures and method of presentation, based on whether the guarantee from the Netherlands Government should be included as income and the conditional liability to the Studiecentrum included as an outstanding liability.

After many different views and suggestions had been put forward, it was eventually agreed that the sum of \$16,809.00 of outstanding conditional liabilities, and the Netherlands Government guarantee should be shown, with an explanatory note, separately from the main body of the interim financial report.

15.6 1968 Activity Report (interim)

This report (appendix 4) was adopted.

15.7 1968-9 Activity Report

This report (appendix 5a) was adopted, subject to it being understood that “sponsorship” means publicity, not financial help; and in line 15, the word “Assembly” being replaced by “Conference”.

15.8 Publications Report

This report (appendix 5b) was adopted, and it was agreed that

- (a) proposals for publishing the Communications monthly - unlikely to materialise before 1970 at the earliest – should not be subordinated to the full repayment of the loan from the Studiecentrum:
- (b) the proposals should be discussed at the next general assembly, and
- (c) review copies of the Communications should be sent to all member societies, to help increase the circulation.

15.9 Draft Budget 1969

The draft budget (appendix 6) was approved, following clarification of some of the administration and travelling cost items; and it was agreed that expenditure in relation to IAG's present size would not increase faster than the rate of growth in partnership numbers, nor should there be a deficit in 1969.

15.10 Bylaws

It was agreed that the authority of the bylaws should be extended until the next general assembly.

15.11 Financial Information

It was agreed that IAG will provide quarterly operating statements to the finance committee.

The president thanked Mr. Duyverman for his energetic leadership of IAG, reflected in its growing activities.

16. COMMITTEES

The following committees were approved:-

Admission:

M. Linsman	Chairman	Belgium
S.F. Beltran		Mexico
I. Plander		Czechoslovakia

Finance

E. Harder	Chairman	USA
J. Carteron		France
N.I. Bech		Denmark
M. Linsman		Belgium
R. Tomovic		Yugoslavia

The general assembly expressed their appreciation of the excellent work carried out by Prof. C. Gotlieb and his colleagues on the outgoing admissions committee, and likewise of Dr. Harder and his colleagues on the outgoing finance committee.

17. ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

- (1) The report of the committee (C.GA – Edinburgh 68 – AC-1) was approved,
- (2) It was unanimously resolved that the Chilean Computer and Information Processing Association be and is hereby elected to membership of IFIP with effect from 1st January 1969.

18. BUDGET 1969.

Dr. Harder introduced the draft budget and explanatory – notes (C.GA. – Edinburgh 68 – FC-1)

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that :

- 18.1 the \$2,000 provision for IAG, and note 10, be deleted;
- 18.2 the word “Joint” be deleted from the line “Joint Conferences” in the president’s account.
- 18.3 the amended budget be approved, with thanks to Dr. Harder.

19. CONGRESS 71

The Yugoslav representatives responsible for planning IFIP Congress 71 reported on their preliminary preparations, including;

- (a) the congress will open on 23rd August and close on 28th August 1971, in Ljubljana;
- (b) accommodation provisionally reserved in the town includes 2,500 hotel rooms, 2,800 beds in university lodgings, and 2,000 rooms in private houses.
- (c) a congress committee has been established and a temporary secretariat set up, at the following address:

Ljubljana,
Teslova 30,
Yugoslavia.

The report was approved, with thanks, and it was agreed that the Secretary-Treasurer and Administrative- Secretary should arrange council and general assembly meetings to be held at the time of the congress, and notify all members of the general assembly.

20. SYMPOSIUM IN LATIN AMERICA

Prof. Beltran proposed a symposium on Automation of Population and Natural Resources Information Systems (GA-Edinburg-68-AOB.1) and it was agreed (with two dissentients) that the proposal be approved, subject to the plans being approved by the appropriate vice-president and the chairman of the finance committee, the “contribution” of \$1,500 referred to in the tabled document being regarded as a donation.

21. CLOSE OF MEETING

In closing the meeting, the president said that he did so with mixed feelings – sorrow that his term of office was now nearly over, and pleasure not only that he had received such wholehearted support from the general assembly and secretariat, but also that he was handing over to such a distinguished successor, Professor A. A. Dorodnicyn, who had given such good service to IFIP in the past and would uphold its traditions worthily in the years ahead.

The meeting closed at 20.00 hours, with a vote of thanks to the president for his leadership, guidance and hard work in the interests of IFIP during his term of office.

22. FUTURE MEETINGS

1969	Council	3 – 4 March 27 – 28 October	Brussels Prague
1970	General Assembly		Netherlands