

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR INFORMATION PROCESSING

MINUTES of the COUNCIL meeting

held in Brussels, Belgium,

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 1969

PARTICIPANTS:

Members:	A. A. Dorodnicyn	President
	A.P. Speiser	Past-President
	D. Chevion	Vice-President
	H. Zemanek	Vice-President
	J. Carteron	Secretary-Treasurer
	M. Linsman	Assistant Secretary
	I.L. Auerbach	Trustee
	N.I. Bech	Trustee
	I. Plander	Trustee
By invitation:	E. L. Harder	Chairman, Finance Committee
	S. Duyverman	Chairman, I.A.G. (part time)
	R.A. Buckingham	Chairman, TC-3
	W.L. van der Poel	Chairman, WG.2.1 (part time)
	M. Osredkar	Chairman, Executive Committee IFIP Congress 71
	A. Zeleznikar	(Yugoslavia General Assembly Member) IFIP Congress 71
V.M. Glushkov	Chairman, Programme Committee, IFIP Congress 71	
In Attendance:	J.G. Mackarness	Administrative Secretary
	A. Belozerov	Assistant to the President
	W. Donat	Assistant to H. Zemanek

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The president opened the meeting by welcoming members and others present, and it was noted that Prof. Wijngaarden and Prof. Gremy could not attend due to illness.

2. TIME-TABLE OF MEETING

Members enquired why the dates of the meeting had been changed from 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March, and on what authority. The Secretary read out correspondence circulated between Mr. Duyverman, the President, Vice-Presidents and the Secretary-Treasurer that a joint meeting of the Council and the Board of IAG on 4<sup>th</sup> March would be useful and hoping that, if it started in the morning, half a day might be sufficient.

After discussion, it was agreed that the IAG Board should be invited to attend as observers when Mr. Duyverman presented the IAG report to the Council, and should thereafter be entertained socially to establish better personal contracts.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting approved the agenda, and noted that there would be additional items to be included.

4. MINUTES

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, C-Edinburgh-68.2, and the following amendments were agreed:-

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| Minute 16.3 | - | add the words "with changes"  |
| Minute 4.3  | - | insert the word "non-financial" between "continuing" and "support" in line one. |

The minutes were then approved as amended, and the Secretary was instructed to circulate amendment sheets in future: he was also instructed to re-circulate the budget approved at the 1968 General Assembly Meeting.

It was suggested that minute 15.3 of the General Assembly Minutes (GA-Edinburgh-68.1) should be discussed, but there were no comments.

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

E. Harder presented the audited accounts for 1968, (C-Brussels-69.FC.1) and his committee's report (C-Brussels-69.FC.2). He drew attention to the fact that due to a misunderstanding, the expenditure figure for TC-4 included a sum of \$280.00 which should have been shown against TC-2, and this would be corrected in the next accounts.

Dr. Harder also explained that the adjustment shown under the heading of royalties was due to exchange control problems between France and the U.K.: the Secretary-Treasurer agreed to investigate the situation and there would be a report at the next meeting.

Attention was also drawn to the fact that a sum of \$200 has been paid by Argentina towards that country's outstanding dues, and it was agreed that the Admissions and Finance Committees should jointly explore the possibility of a negotiated settlement with Argentina on the basis of a reduced rate of dues for the years before 1968.

On the proposal of I.L. Auerbach, seconded by H. Zemanek, the Council recommended that the General Assembly approve the audited balance sheet and accounts for 1968.

Dr. Harder then outlined the newly established procedure for authorising expenditure, and emphasised that budget approval by the General Assembly does not constitute authority to spend the amounts shown in the budget; the correct procedure being as follows:-

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Approvals Required for Expenditure</u>
President's Account	Prof. Dorodnicyn
Secretary-Treasurer Expenses	Jean Carteron
Vice-Presidents Account (Chevion)	D. Chevion
Vice-Presidents Account (Zemanek)	Heinz Zemanek

J. Carteron

Prof. Dorodnicyn and J. Carteron

BCS Fee	Up to \$2000	Added \$5000
Office Expense	Up to \$500	Added \$500
Travel Expense	Up to \$1000	Added \$500
Bank Charges	J. Carteron	
Auditor's Fee	J. Carteron	
Bulletin	J. Carteron	
Legal Fees	J. Carteron	

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Approvals Required for Expenditure</u>
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Technical Committees	
TC-1 Vocabulary	A. van Wijngaarden, H. Zemanek
TC-2 Languages	H. Zemanek
TC-3 Education	R.A. Buckingham, D. Chevion
TC-4 Medicine	F. Gremy, H. Zemanek

#### Grants to Conference

Follow-up of IPA Symposium on Population Register Systems	D. Chevion
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#### Loans to Conferences, Seminars, Groups

ADP Seminars Level 1	D. Chevion, J. Carteron
Advanced Seminar Program	D. Chevion, J. Carteron
IFIP / IFAC PROLAMAT	H. Zemanek, J. Carteron
TC-3 Symposium on Education	D. Chevion, J. Carteron

Unesco Dues	J. Carteron
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Dr. Harder also stated that precise rules for the financial control of congresses, conferences and seminars would be established; and it was agreed that, when completed, copies of these and other rules should be issued to all present officers and their successors.

Dr. Harder was commended for the clarity of the financial summary and agreed to include historical information, as far back as the records showed, in future summaries. He also reported that discussions were in hand with investment advisers to assess the possibility of investing in funds which do not attract tax, in view of IFIP's present liability to 30 % tax on interest paid on our existing investments. The report was approved with thanks to Dr. Harder and his Committee.

## 6. STATUTES AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The Chairman, J. Carteron, reported orally that the Committee met at the time of the Congress in Edinburgh, and had agreed not to make recommendations to amend the Statutes and Bylaws until the results of the Future Policy Committee's recommendations were known.

Mr. Cartron's report was noted.

## 7. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

### 7.1 TC-1

In the absence of the chairman, Prof. van Wijngaarden, through illness, no report was tabled.

### 7.2 TC-2

This report was presented in two parts, by the chairman, Prof. Zemanek, and the chairman of WG.2.1, Prof. van der Poel.

Prof. Zemanek stated that

- (a) his duties as Vice-President made it difficult for him to continue as chairman, and he wished to propose that T.B. Steel, Jr., be appointed in his place; if this was approved, Prof. Zemanek would be able to share some of Mr. Steel's work as chairman of TC-2.
- (b) Prof. van der Poel, chairman of WG.2.1 for the seven years in which the revision of ALGOL 68 had been completed, had submitted his resignation as chairman of WG.2.1. Prof. Zemanek recommended that Dr. M. Paul of Munich be appointed in his place.
- (c) Working Group 2.1 planned to meet in Banff, Canada, from 1-6 September 1969, and would review the scope of its activities.
- (d) WG.2.2 planned to meet in Vienna from 21-25 April, and expected to produce the first issue of their own bulletin shortly.
- (e) It had been agreed to propose to the next General Assembly the formation of a new working group, WG.2.3, on Programming Methodology, with Mr. Woodger as chairman, and some of its members being transferred from WG.2.1.
- (f) It had also been agreed to propose that a working conference for some 60 people on the implementation of ALGOL 68 should be held in Munich from 20-26 July 1970, under the chairmanship of Prof. F.L. Bauer, about 20 papers being given and published afterwards; and a donation of \$2,000 would be requested.

The Council considered the report and agreed to recommend:

- 7.1.1 that T. Steel, Jr. be appointed chairman of TC-2 and the thanks of the Council to Prof. Zemanek for his energetic chairmanship be recorded.
- 7.1.2 that Dr. M. Paul be appointed chairman of WG.2.1, and the warmest gratitude of the Council be accorded to Prof. van der Poel for his untiring and painstaking chairmanship of WG.2.1 for the past seven years.
- 7.1.3 that WG.2.3, on Programming Methodology, under the chairmanship of Mr. Woodger, be formed, and a team be appointed from TC-2 for formulate terms of reference, for the approval of the General Assembly.
- 7.1.4 that the General Assembly approve the proposed working conference at Munich in July 1970 under the chairmanship of Prof. Bauer, on the implementation of ALGOL 68.

Prof. Zemanek then reported that "this is a historic moment – the first fully IFIP conceived and developed computer language is now ready for presentation, namely the first Report on ALGOL 68".

Prof. van der Poel then reviewed the assignment, which had involved eleven meetings, at least six drafts with over 1,000 pages, and 14 issues of the ALGOL Bulletin published in parallel with the group's work. As was well known, a division of opinion in the Working Group had led to the submission of a Minority Report, which, however, did not offer any alternative solutions, and was replaced, in TC-2, by a new cover-letter.

The final Report of ALGOL 68 was shown as well as part of a draft for an informal introduction to ALGOL 68. The Council noted the reports of H. Zemanek and W. van der Poel with satisfaction and expressed their thanks

- (1) to all concerned in WG.2.1, in particular to the editor (Prof. A. van Wijngaarden), and the authors of the ALGOL 68 Report;
- (2) to C.H. Lindsay and S.G. van der Meulen for writing an informal introduction to ALGOL 68,
- (3) to F. Duncan for his services as the editor of the ALGOL bulletin,
- (4) to the Mathematisch Centrum for reproducing the ALGOL Bulletin, and
- (5) to the Polish Academy of Sciences for reproducing the informal minutes of WG.2.1.

On the question of publication of the ALGOL 68 Report, the Council agreed that:-

- 7.1.5 the General Assembly be asked to approve its publication (as an IFIP publication), and to signify this approval not later than 16<sup>th</sup> May 1969 by a straight YES or NO in a postal vote, a copy of the Report to be mailed to every member not later than 20<sup>th</sup> March; if approved by the General Assembly,
- 7.1.6 it should be issued free for reproduction in technical journals throughout the world;
- 7.1.7 copies of the Report should be published and offered for sale after it has appeared in technical journals.

Finally, the Council

- 7.1.8 warmly approved the conduct and presentation of the project, and
- 7.1.9 approved the TC-2 report as a whole.

## 7.2. TC-3

R.A. Buckingham chairman, presented his report, dealing with the technical content first; he explained that, with the documentation of the first level seminar now complete, it would be possible to do much more to encourage the holding of locally organised regional seminars, and to prepare a programme for, say, the next three years.

One such seminar is being prepared in France; and one had been planned to start in Budapest in July, organised by the IFIP member society with the approval of WG.3.2. It will be backed up with financial support not exceeding \$2,700 (from the budgeted loan approved by the General Assembly) towards lecturers' salaries and the cost of supplying the London Seminar documentation.

Prof. Buckingham reported also that 1800 copies of the London ADP Seminar papers had now been printed, and

- (a) 100 copies had been sold to IAG partners and others,
- (b) 100 copies had been distributed free,
- (c) 1600 had been offered to Swetz & Zeitlinger in return for a capital payment of \$7,500 by the end of March 1969, plus 20 % royalty on all sales at a price of \$35 per copy.

Further financial details of this project would be given in the IAG report.

Prof. Buckingham also reported on the workshop held in January to formulate a programme for an advanced level seminar in the design of information processing systems, attended by 40 people from 13 countries.

The recommendations of the participants were that TC-3 should consider organising a pilot seminar, and should study the needs of information analysts.

TC-3, in conjunction with IAG, hope to organise three regional symposia this year to discuss computer education, in preparation for a world conference in 1970. The West European Seminar would take place near London from 25-27 March, and an East European Symposium is being planned to take place in Hungary in September.

Prof. Buckingham also reported a proposal to hold a Middle East Symposium in Israel; some doubts were expressed as to the likely attendance.

At this stage it was, at the President's suggestion, agreed that the technical content of the TC-3 report be approved.

Professor Buckingham then put forward the following financial requests:-

- (a) that the \$1,000 loan approved for promoting educational conferences be increased to \$2,500 for preparatory work on the 1970 world conference, by using \$1,500 of the approved loan for advanced level seminars, (which will not be used in 1969).
- (b) that a grant of \$500 be made for each of the regional symposia to be held in 1969.
- (c) that \$250 be added to the TC-3 budget for secretarial expenses of WG.3.2.

After consultation with Dr. Harder, chairman of the Finance Committee, the Council agreed to recommend:

- 7.2.1 that the budget item Advanced Seminar Programme \$12,000 be modified to \$10,500, to enable a loan of \$1,500 to be made for the world conference;
- 7.2.2 that a grant of \$500 from the President's conference account for each regional symposium be approved, subject to the approval of the President and Mr. Chevion; and the possibility of outside help – e.g. from UNESCO or OECD – be pursued.
- 7.2.3 The Council noted the request for an addition to the TC-3 budget for WG.3.2 secretariat expenses.

The TC-3 report as a whole was approved.

### 7.3 TC-4

The Council considered Prof. Gremy's report, C-Brussels-69.1.TC.4.1 which was primarily concerned with

- (a) the establishment of a working group to study the education of medical and paramedical personnel in data processing,
- (b) the organisation of a working conference on information processing of medical records, in Lyons, from 5-12 April 1970.

It was noted that TC-4 had designated Prof. B. Schneider, Vice-Chairman, to be in charge of the proposed working group, and it appeared that there was some misunderstanding about the procedures to be followed, not only for the appointment of working groups and their officers, but also in the organisation of working conferences.

The Council noted that the next meeting of the Scientific Committee to prepare the programme was scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> April in Lyons.

The Council agreed:

- 7.3.1 that provisional approval be given to the appointment of Prof. Schneider as vice-chairman of TC-4;
- 7.3.2 that Prof. Gremy be informed that solicitations of funds from outside organisations must have the prior approval of the General Assembly;
- 7.3.3 to take note of the TC-4 report, and to request that a specific proposal to establish a working group on education of medical and paramedical personnel in data processing be prepared for consideration by the Council and General Assembly at their fall meetings;
- 7.3.4. that Prof. Gremy be asked to contact Prof. Zemanek as soon as possible for advice on the approved procedure for organising and holding working conferences.

## TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH

### 8. SECRETARIAT

A.P. Speiser, Past-President, reported that the Executive Body had given careful consideration to the present contractual arrangements with the British Computer Society for the provision of the secretariat, and had decided to give 12 months' notice to terminate the contract.

He also reported that Mr. Carteron, Secretary-Treasurer, wished to resign as the pressure of his new business commitments did not permit him to give the necessary time to IFIP matters.

Dealing with the secretariat question, Dr. Speiser stated that 18 months ago he held discussions with Professor Gill about increasing the level of secretarial services, and had understood that a Director was about to be appointed, partly to relieve Mr. Mackarness of some of his BCS duties and so give him more time for IFIP work. However, there had been no change in the situation since then, and IFIP was urgently in need of increased services. The Executive Body was aware that a full-time Secretary-General had just taken up his duties with the BCS, and Mr. Mackarness had reported that within three months he would have more time and staff for IFIP affairs than it had been possible to provide hitherto.

Dr. Speiser also reported that so far it had not been possible to find a replacement for Mr. Carteron as Secretary-Treasurer; he had suggested that Dr. Harder might assist with the Treasury side and Mr. Bobillier with the Secretary's duties – and both had agreed to do so as temporary measure.

On consideration of the report, the Council agreed

- 8.1 that the Executive Body's recommendation to give 12 months' notice to terminate the secretariat agreement with the BCS be approved.
- 8.2 that the President be recommended to designate Dr. Harder and Mr. Bobillier to assist Mr. Carteron in questions of establishing a new secretariat and the conduct of business in the period of transfer, and in the transfer of the Secretary-Treasurer's functions to those who may be appointed without prejudice.
- 8.3 that Dr. Harder and Mr. Bobillier be authorised to assist Mr. Carteron, temporarily, in the Treasurer's and Secretary's work respectively.
- 8.4 that the General Assembly be recommended to modify the Statutes, to enable the posts of Secretary and Treasurer to be separated and to enable non members of the General Assembly to be elected as officers for terms of  $n \times 3$  years.

### 9. ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

M. Linsman, chairman, presented his report C-Brussels-69.1.AC.1 on the proposed changes of IFIP membership, in Denmark to the newly created Danish Federation for Information Processing; in France from AFIRO (now dissolved) to AFFECT. (Association Francaise pour la Cybernetique Economique et Techique).

He also reported the change of name of the Computer Society of Canada to the Canadian Information Processing Society, and an application from Ghana, which was under consideration.

The Council noted that the first two subjects of the report had been awaiting a decision for some months for reasons outside IFIP's control.

It was therefore agreed:

- 9.1 to recommend that the General Assembly approve the transfers of membership in Denmark and France.
- 9.2 to take note of the change of name of the Canadian member society.
- 9.3 that Prof. Linsman should prepare all the necessary material for consideration of Ghana's application by the General Assembly at their next meeting.

10. PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Secretary presented his report C-Brussels-69.1.PI.1 on the arrangements for producing the newsletter to be edited by Mr. P. Barlow, formerly editor of the IFAC News Bulletin. He was instructed to proceed on the basis of not more than six issues per year for the first year, with the first issue appearing in April.

11. INTERNATIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

N.I. Bech, chairman, presented his report C-Brussels-69.ILC-1 suggesting ways and means of helping to provide expert assistance internationally, with special attention to the needs of developing countries.

In discussion, Mr. Auerbach and Dr. Harder reported that they had been approached as individuals by a senior U.N. official, in connection with a questionnaire which was to be circulated internationally as a result of a U.N. General Assembly resolution of 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1969 calling for "international co-operation with a view to the use of computers and computation techniques for development".

As this was clearly within the sphere of Mr. Bech's Committee, the Council agreed:

11.1 that assistance with the questionnaire should be given by the Committee, Mr. Auerbach and Dr. Harder; and

11.2 the Committee's report be approved.

12. ICSU

It was reported that, as a result of individual discussions with senior officers of ICSU since last August, IFIP had been advised to apply for membership as a Scientific Affiliate as a first step.

The Council authorised the President and appropriate Officers to make formal application on behalf of IFIP for membership as a Scientific Affiliate of ICSU, and to continue discussions with a view to achieving full membership in due course.

13. PUBLICATIONS

No report of the Publications Committee was tabled.

The failure to make IFIP publications and information about them readily available, particularly in the USA, was the subject of a formal complaint by Mr. Auerbach, who also enquired about the fate of presentation copies of IFIP publications.

The Council agreed that a review of the marketing arrangements for IFIP publications was urgently needed, since it also seemed probable that much potential royalty income was being lost: they instructed the Executive Body to discuss the marketing situation with Prof. van Wijngaarden, chairman of the Publications Committee, (whose terms of reference do not include marketing), and prepare recommendations for the next meeting.

It was also agreed that the introduction of bookplates carrying the IFIP seal and the President's signature, for special presentation copies, would be desirable; and that the IFIP publications list should be up-dated twice yearly, and should include IAF publications.



14. FUTURE POLICY COMMITTEE

D. Chevion, chairman, presented the Committee's interim report C-Brussels.69-IPC-1.

After a short discussion on various aspects of the report , the Council approved:

- 14.1 the request (IV(a)) that the Statutes and Bylaws Committee should prepare all draft revisions necessary to reflect the Future Policy Committee's recommendations, in time for the Committee's next meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July in Vienna.
- 14.2 the formation of an ad hoc Programme Planning Committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Zemanek, who shall be free to select members as he thinks fit, bearing in mind the need to collaborate with the Technical Committees and IAG (for whom Mr. A. Butcher would act as official representative).

The council formally noted the report, and expressed their thanks to Mr. Chevion and his Committee.

15. IFIP CONGRESS 68

The Secretary presented the Congress Committee's report on behalf of Mr. B.B. Swann, and drew the Council's attention to those points of the report showing:

- (a) the estimated net surplus of \$50,000;
- (b) the need for the appointment of a senior Officer to maintain liaison between and co-ordination of the work of the Organising Committee and the Programme Committee;
- (c) the desirability of making an early start with publicity and the appointment of an editor for the proceedings;
- (d) the need to appoint a full-time congress official as soon as possible.

The Council noted the report, and asked that the final report should include, amongst other things, data showing the rate of registrations.

Dr. Harder then stated that, at the suggestion of various delegates to IFIP Congress 68, he wished to propose that:

In view of the exceptional hospitality offered by the City of Edinburgh to IFIP Congress 68, and provided that the Congress Committee concurs in the desirability of so doing, a token memorial gift to the City of Edinburgh in the form of a bench in the Princes Street Gardens would be appropriate, and would be a legitimate expense to be included in the Congress cost, and suggests an inscription:-

"Dedicated to the City of Edinburgh in appreciation of  
its hospitality to IFIP Congress 68"

Mr. Auerbach said that he would also like to see some tangible recognition of the services of certain individuals who had given outstanding services to the Congress.

The Council agreed:

that the proposal of Dr. Harder be approved, and that Dr. Speiser be asked to consult Mr. Swann about those people deserving but not so far having been given recognition for their contributions to the staging of IFIP Congress 68 and the Exhibition.

16. IFIP CONGRESS 71

16.1 Executive Committee

Dr. Osredkar, chairman of the Executive Committee, presented his report on preliminary preparations, and explained the plans for providing extra lecture theatres adjoining the Tivoli (where the Congress Centre will be) and the Trade Centre (where the Exhibition will be). He also answered questions on the amount and types of accommodation available in Ljubljana, and in neighbouring areas; and agreed to investigate the possibility of establishing a communications centre for direct-dialling international calls, telex, etc.

Mr. Auerbach stated that Prof. H. Freeman, of the Department of Electrical Engineering, New York University, would be visiting Ljubljana from 18 – 20 March, and strongly urged Dr. Osredkar to appoint him formally to the Executive Committee, as he was already chairman of the AFIPS committee to co-ordinate U.S. support for IFIP Congress 71.

Mr. Auerbach also suggested that, on the exhibition side Mr. C. Asmus (AFIPS) and Mr. A.G. Coaten (BCS) should be invited to Ljubljana at the expense of IFIP Congress 71 to discuss the exhibition plans, in the light of their long experience of exhibitions of this nature, including the IFIP Exhibition at Edinburgh.

Dr. Osredkar then made a formal request for a loan of up to \$10,000 to finance the preparations, in accordance with the precedent.

The Council agreed:

16.1.1 that a preliminary budget should be prepared by Dr. Osredkar's Committee for presentation at the next General Assembly;

16.1.2 that the Treasurer and Finance Committee should investigate the effect of exchange control regulations on the transfer of Congress funds from Yugoslavia;

16.1.3 to approve an advance of \$5,000 to the Congress Organising Committee, bearing in mind the following declaration by the Federal Commission for Information Processing, dated Ljubljana, 8<sup>th</sup> November 1966:-

"The undersigned declare that they will contribute an amount of N Din 400.000 – (equivalent to \$32.000) to cover the expenses of the organizer during the period when there are no other financial sources."

16.1.4 to take note of the report.

16.2 Programme Committee

V. Glushkov, chairman, presented his oral report and the outline programme of technical areas and subjects. Prof. Glushkov reported that he had

- (a) written to all General Assembly members asking for suggestions to improve or vary the general structure of the 1968 programme, and
- (b) arranged the circulation of a questionnaire through the North Holland Publishing Co. Ltd., to 2,000 participants, to ascertain their views,
- (c) varied the structure of the Edinburgh programme to provide for seven technical areas instead of five, in order to include discrete mathematics and to give more prominence to management control applications.

Prof. Glushkov then invited the Council's co-operation in proposing technical area chairmen, who would also be members of his Committee; and said that he would require some financial assistance for the work of the Committee.

After discussion, it was agreed to recommend

16.2.1 that the following be appointed as members of the Programme Committee for IFIP Congress 71

Technical Area	III	Prof. K. Samuelson (Sweden)
"	IV	E. Bonn (USA)
"	V	A representative of IAG
"	VI	Prof. A Smirnov (USSR)
"	VII	Prof. Sendov (Bulgaria)
Adviser	–	F. Genuys (Chairman, IFIP Congress 68 Programme Committee)
Observer	-	A representative of the IFIP Congress 71 organising Committee

16.2.2 that a grant of \$2,000 be made to the Programme Committee;

16.2.3 that the proposed technical areas be approved;

16.2.4 that Prof. C. Gotlieb's appointment as a vice-chairman be approved, and that Prof. Zemanek also be appointed a vice-chairman, to facilitate geographical liaison as appropriate.

The Secretary was instructed to circulate the draft programme to all General Assembly members.

## 17. FUTURE CONFERENCES

### 17.1 Prolamat

Dr. Harder presented his report C-Brussels-69.Prolamat-1 indicating world-wide interest, and a response suggesting over twice the number of papers that can be accommodated, in addition to a large number of other topics for discussion. Participation in the Conference is limited to 325 people.

The report was approved, with thanks.

### 17.2 AICA / IFIP

The Secretary reported orally that the Scientific Committee had formulated the general framework of subjects under the following main headings:-

- Fundamental methods for hybrid computation (4 sub-groups)
- Applications
- Hybrid system operation
- Components of hybrid systems

The report was noted.

### 17.3 Traffic Control

Prof. Zemanek reported, orally, an invitation from IFAC to co-sponsor an International Symposium on "Use of Digital Computers for Traffic Control and Regulation", proposed for 1- 5 June 1970 in Versailles, and inviting representation on the Programme Committee.

It was agreed that:

- (a) the invitation be accepted;
- (b) Prof. J.G. Santesmases and S. Sem-Sandberg be asked to serve as IFIP representatives, and
- (c) a third representative be nominated, if possible.

#### 17.4 INTERNATIONAL CYBERNETICS CONGRESS

Prof. Zemanek reported, orally, an invitation from the organising secretary, Dr. J. Rose, U.K., to co-sponsor this Congress, due to take place in London in September 1969. He further reported that, after consultation with Prof. S. Gill (U.K.), he could not recommend the Council to accept the invitation, and in any event the conditions of IFIP sponsorship, such as representation in the Programme Committee, could not be fulfilled.

#### 18. IAG REPORT

At the Council's invitation, the Board of IAG were invited to attend this part of the meeting as observers, whilst Mr. Duyverman presented his report C-Brussels-69.IAG-1.

Mr. Duyverman reported

- (a) on the publication of the File 68 Seminar papers – one complete set, and one volume to come later containing selected papers – by Swets & Zeitlinger on terms more favourable to IFIP than those given by other publishers.

He also reported that this firm (which is said to have excellent international marketing arrangements) had agreed to market the London ADP Seminar working papers, paying \$7,500 for existing stocks, and a 20% royalty on a selling price of \$35 per copy. These royalties would be shared equally with TC-3. The effect of this transaction would be that IAG could immediately pay the balance of the printing costs, \$ 3,700, and repay \$4,686 of the \$7,500 loan from IFIP.

The balance of this loan, \$2,814, would be repaid from royalties on the sale of further copies of the publication.

- (b) that IAG had 201 partners, and expected a further 9 within the coming week.
- (c) that the \$ 8,300 guarantee of the Dutch Government was not used in 1968, and it would be available in 1969 if required.
- (d) the unaudited accounts for 1968 showed a surplus of \$5,153, and it was proposed to allocate \$2,000 of this towards reduction of the conditional debt to the Studiecentrum of \$16,809.
- (e) a full programme of activities was envisaged for 1969, including three follow-up events from File 68, four management events, two on education, and one for government and statutory authorities.

Mr. Duyverman and his colleagues were congratulated on their impressive performance, and IAG was invited

- (a) to further participate in the work of the Future Policy and Programme Planning Committees, due to meet on 5 – 6 July in Vienna, and
- (b) to nominate the chairman of Technical Area V of the programme for IFIP Congress 71.

The IAG report was approved, with appreciation for the excellent work of all concerned; and the IAG request to avoid IAG Board and IFIP Council meetings being held simultaneously was noted.

#### 19. INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL FOR ADP (ICA)

This body's inauguration, as an informal group, was reported on by Mr. Auerbach and by Mr. Duyverman, who stated that it is prepared to co-operate with IFIP through IAG.

The question was discussed as to that IFIP's attitude should be – should ICA be encouraged to become part of IAG ?

After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Auerbach and Mr. Duyverman should formulate an agreed line of approach on the basis of encouraging informal but practical co-operation.

20. FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the 1970 spring meeting of the Council will be held in conjunction with the Spring Joint Conference of AFIPS, (which is scheduled for 5 – 7 May 1970) in Atlantic City, USA, and it was further agreed not to fix the precise dates at present.

The Secretary confirmed that the dates of the next Council and General Assembly meetings, to be held in Prague, are as follows:-

Council	1430 hrs. Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 1969 All day Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 1969
General Assembly	All day Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 1969 All day Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 1969

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October will be reserved for excursions.

21. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being nor further business on the agenda, the President closed the meeting.