

Minutes of the General Assembly
August 27th – 28th 2006, Santiago, Chile

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Elections

By a large majority Mr Basie von Solms (South Africa) has been elected as IFIP President Elect taking office in 2007.

For IFIP Vice President Mr Schlamberger (Slovenia) has been reelected and Mr Strous (Netherlands) has been elected for his first term.

Messrs Frisiani (Italy), Engel (USA-IEEE) and Brady (Ireland) have been reelected as Trustees.

Finance

The Treasurer reported a larger than expected surplus of €467K (including €270K from Return on Assets). General Assembly discussed current subscription rates but postponed any decision pending the outcome of the discussions on IFIP's Strategic Goals.

WCC 2006

The Congress was successful from an organisational and also from a financial perspective with almost 700 participants. Related to the planned figures (in last version which were presented before the Congress building fire), expenses could have been further reduced. This resulted in a balance of €23K.

WCC 2008

The work on the organisation is on track. The system of "Cross sessions" has been explained to General Assembly.

WCC 2010

General Assembly agreed to go ahead with WCC 2010 subject to receiving bids from suitable hosts until Jan 31st, 2007.

WITFOR 2007

WITFOR 2007 is planned to be in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The government of Ethiopia will be the overall host and the venue will be provided by the main sponsor UN ECA (UN Economic Commission for Africa).

Publications

Springer reported it had been a strong year for publishing with 25 titles published so far and a further 10 due out in the rest of the year. This was partly a reflection of the large number of events taking place with 83 scheduled this year which is the highest total since 2002.

Technical Assembly

The IFIP Specialist Group on Entertainment Computing was raised to Technical Committee status after four years progress as TC14.

IFIP Strategy

General Assembly members welcomed the further progress on the development of IFIP's Strategy. They acknowledged the large number of interesting ideas but some concern was expressed at the continuing absence of short strategic statements which could be used to prioritise and focus the rest of the document. Executive Board subsequently agreed to hold a further meeting in December with the specific objective of developing such short clear statements.

2 ACTION LIST

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Task	Person / Body
Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposal for improvement of reporting of accounting to TCs ▪ Proposal for new agreement regarding the event proceeds for TCs participating in a WCC ▪ Proposal for possible basis for Membership Fee reduction ▪ Prepare 2 alternatives of Budget 2007 (with and without changes in Membership Fee reduction) 	FC FC FC FC, Treasurer
Membership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working on finding a solution on problem of membership of Russia 	President
WCC 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Distribution of invitation for bidding ▪ Inspection of candidates for WCC 2010 	CSC CSC
Publications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Digital Archive: Provide material to Secretariat ▪ Digital Library: Development of business plans for various options ▪ Improve instructions for authors and editors ▪ Revise copyright form 	TCs EB, PC, FC PC PC
TC Website Hosting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide EB with necessary information about TC's needs ▪ Provide Business Plan 	TA EB, FC
Marketing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposal for an "Affiliation Card" ▪ Adopt information from IFIP Slides to IFIP Leaflet 	MC Secretariat
Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Go live with new Event Request Form ▪ Proposal for further improvement of even procedures ▪ Proposal for conditions and incentives to make it attractive to organise an event under the IFIP umbrella 	AMB, Secretariat AMB AMB
IFIP Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of clear short strategic statements 	EB, Strat.TF

3 ATTENDANCE LIST

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GA Members Present

Member Society Representatives

Australia	C Avram	Austria	A M Tjoa
Chile	M Solar	CLEI	B Baran
Croatia	M Frkovic	Czech Rep	J Pokorny
Finland	M Sääksjärvi	France	J-C Laprie
Germany	K Brunnstein	Ireland	D Brady
Italy	A Frisiani	Japan	T Saito
Korea	D Y Kim	Netherlands	L Strous
Oman	A Al-Naamany	Portugal	A Casaca
Slovenia	N Schlamberger	South Africa	B von Solms
Spain	R Puigjaner	Sweden	D Khakhar
Switzerland	R Morel	UK	R Johnson
US-ACM	J Turner	US-IEEE-CS	G Engel

TC Chairs

TC 1	M Hinchey	TC 9	C Avgerou
TC 2	R Meersman	TC 10	F Ramming
TC 3	J Wibe	TC 11	L Strous
TC 5	R Waxman	TC 12	M Bramer
TC 6	O Spaniol	TC 13	A Pejtersen
TC 8	D Avison	SG 16	R Nakatsu

Affiliate

CEPIS	G McMullan
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Observers

M Aoyama	Japan	D Dukic	Serbia
M de Roche	South Africa	N Tosa	SG 16
M Glasenhardt	Croatia	A Brais	Springer
G Olling	TC 5	E Dundler	IFIP Secretariat
B Brauneis	IFIP Secretariat		

Apologies

Brazil	R Reis	Denmark	P Bollerslev (proxy UK)
Ethiopia	B Demissie (proxy Sweden)	Belgium	D Deschoolmeester
Hungary	B Domolki (proxy Slovenia)	Austria	W Grafendorfer
Portugal	J Granada	Greece	S Katsikas (proxy Portugal)
Poland	H Krawczyk	Bulgaria	K Boyanov (proxy Slovenia)
Botswana	A Ramaribana (proxy Portugal)	Mauritius	A Sentini (proxy Sweden)
TC7	I Lasiecka	TC 8	D Roode
Hon Mem	P Bobillier	Hon Mem	A Goldworthy
Hon Mem	A Melbye	Hon Mem	A Rostadas
Hon Mem	H Zemanek		

4 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

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4.1 Call Meeting to Order

The President opened the General Assembly meeting and welcomed all participants. He thanked the local host, the Chilean Computer Society represented by their president Mr Solar for the local hospitality and was grateful to Mr Mujica, director of the Universidad Diego Portales for the local organisation.

Mr Brunnstein welcomed especially the Presidents of several societies: Ms de Roche (South Africa), Mr Baran (CLEI), Mr Dukic (Serbia), Mr Glasenhardt (Croatia) and Mr McMullan (CEPIS).

Mr Brunnstein introduced those attending their first IFIP meeting:

Mr A Min Tjoa (Proxy of Mr Grafendorfer (Austria))
Mr Avison (Vice Chair TC8)
Mr Waxman (Chair elected TC5)
Mr Dukic (Observer from Serbia)

The President sent greetings and best wishes for his recovery on behalf of the General Assembly to Mr Roode.

4.2 Attendance and Apologies

The Secretary announced the GA attendance and apologies received (please refer to the attendance list). TC7 had sent apologies. TC8 was represented by the vice chair Mr Avison.

24 Full Members and 12 TC Chairs with voting rights were represented and seven valid proxies were given.

Mr Johnson advised that this attendance makes it possible for GA to proceed with its work and presented the schedule for nominations and elections.

4.3 Business Matters

4.3.1 Approval of Agenda

GA unanimously ADOPTED the Agenda.

4.3.2 Approval of Minutes

GA APPROVED the Minutes of the GA 2005 in Gaborone, Botswana.

The President thanked the host of Council meeting in Mallorca, represented by Mr Puigjaner for their hospitality and excellent organisation

GA APPROVED the Minutes of the Council 2006 in Mallorca, Spain.

4.3.3 President's Report

The President was pleased to report that despite severe difficulties (e.g. a fire in the Diego Portales Congress Centre, planned to be the site of the Congress), IFIP World Computer Congress 2006 was a success, technically, organisationally and financially. The Congress, well supported by local organisation under OC chair Mauricio Solar and well prepared by the stream and International Program Committees under IPC chair Ramon Puigjaner, was held in a highly convivial and friendly atmosphere. The organisation of the Computer Science Society of Chile (CSSC) jointly with Centro Latino Americano de Estudios Informatica (CLEI), both active IFIP members in Latin America, were the essential base without which this successful Congress would not have been possible. **The President** thanked all those active in the preparation and operation of WCC-2006 for their engagement and efforts, especially including CSSC and CLEI, Prof. Baran.

The President informed General Assembly about new activities from WITFOR 2005 and WSIS 2005 (World Summit of Information Society):

Issues of Developing Countries, which resulted from WITFOR 2005, were presented at United Nation's WSIS 2006 Phase II in Tunis (November 2005). As a preconference, IFIP co-organised, together with Hewlett-Packard and a group of technical and social science organisations, a conference entitled "Past, Present and Future of Research in the Information Society" (PPF). In this event, IFIP contributed two sessions, one of which was devoted to WITFOR (with a presentation by Mr Khakhar), and a second session devoted to aspects of security and Internet Governance (a key issue discussed controversially at WSIS). Postceedings of this event (published by Springer under a special contract) include IFIP sessions.

The Gaborone Declaration, summarizing suggestions of WITFOR 2005 commissions and plenary discussions, was presented at UNESCO General Conference (October 2005, Paris) as well as at WSIS 2005 in Tunis by the representative of the government of Botswana.

In addition the IFIP President used IFIP's (NGO) right for an intervention at the UNESCO General Conference (Commission V addressing Information & Communication Technologies) to report about the Stellenbosch Declaration which especially addressed important issues relevant for education in Developing Countries.

In order to implement the suggestions accepted at WSIS 2005 in Tunis, a coordination meeting of UN organisations was held in Geneva (end February 2006). Represented by Leon Strous, IFIP offered its technical expertise in key issues important for development of Information and Knowledge Societies. Several TCs responded positively and will nominate experts in their areas (funds will be available from UN organisations acting as coordinators, such as ITU, UNESCO and others). One important item in WSIS 2005 dealt with Internet Governance, which was the subject of a detailed analysis of Jacques Berleur (former TC-9 chair) in IFIP session in PPP. In the forthcoming Internet Governance Forum (IGF, November 2006 in Athens), IFIP President and J. Berleur will present results of this study.

Following discussions related to WSIS and at other events in which Raymond Morel was actively engaged, IFIP had been invited to delegate a member to the board of the newly founded World Solidarity Fund. IFIP has asked Raymond Morel

(representative of ICT Switzerland) to represent IFIP on that Board (see his report under UNESCO relations).

The President reported that IFIP is developing a new dimension of digital services for members of IFIP and IFIP member societies with the IFIP Digital Archive and IFIP Digital Library.

IFIP publications have developed well since 2005 when the Springer contract started, although some communication problems required some intervention. With the growing interest in the IFIP community, as especially addressed by TC and WG chairs, the project "IFIP Digital Library" was started under the control of IFIP Publications Committee. As a meeting originally planned with Springer experts for late 2005 could not be organised, the Task Force developed a stepwise approach and presented it at Council 2005 (with steps A and B starting in parallel):

Step A: In order to safeguard the long-term (if not permanent) availability of papers from past events, the IFIP Digital Archive had been established, which includes all documents (content, papers) of IFIP events; this service will be operated from IFIP secretariat.

Step B: Concerning availability of documents from new events, a first experimental step towards an IFIP Digital Library was discussed. For all IFIP events, not only but especially including those published under the Springer contract, the content of the event, as well as author names and coordinates (including her/his website), keywords for the paper and an abstract will be made available from IFIP DL soon after the event. For papers published under Springer contract, a link to SpringerLink will allow access to the full paper. For other paper, access to the full paper will be provided by the IFIP DL.

An analysis of the management and technical requirements will be discussed and presented by Publications Committee. EB will develop alternative business models as basis for a decision on whether IFIP DL will be operated by IFIP secretariat, with related investment and personnel, or will be an outsourced operation.

The President reported that IFIP will go towards new horizons with a new IFIP Strategy. Prepared in discussions in Council 2005 and GA 2005, the IFIP Strategy Task Force developed a first collection of arguments and suggestions for an IFIP Strategy Plan. The draft document was discussed between members of the Task Force and EB in a meeting mid of December at Goodenough College, London, and Council 2006 devoted much time (both in committees and in the plenary session) to discussion of the draft. Based on input from various sources, the Task Force and EB met again in London (June 2006) to prepare the final draft which was distributed to GA early July, for discussion in GA 2006 committee meetings and in the plenary session. After GA 2006, the implementation of essential steps of the Strategy Plan should be undertaken as soon as possible.

The President wished to emphasize that the work of TCs, WGs and SGs has continued on a high level of activity.

The President thanked the staff of IFIP secretariat esp. including Brigitte Brauneis and Marion Smith (who joined IFIP secretariat after GA 2005) as well as Head of IFIP Secretariat Eduard Dundler for their excellent and very competent work and support.

4.3.4 Secretary's Report

The Secretary drew attention to his report and reminded General Assembly that at July 27th 2006 49 full members had voting rights. Canada has indicated its wish to become a Corresponding Member. Several countries were seriously in arrears at that time. Egypt and Lithuania have not paid for 2004. Brazil, Canada, Egypt, Lithuania, Zambia, Zimbabwe have not paid for 2005.

Mr Johnson informed General Assembly that interest in joining IFIP has been expressed from several other countries (please see Admission Committee report). EB is committed to increasing IFIP membership and always welcomes details of possible contacts for new members.

The Secretary reported that the Secretariat continued to run smoothly and he would like to express all thanks to the staff for their hard work for IFIP. As their experience of IFIP increased so their contribution had increased. In addition he offered his personally thanks for their help in preparing for the IFIP Workshop on IT Practitioner Skills at WCC in Santiago and also for this GA.

The Secretary informed General Assembly that Eduard Dundler has also been active at WCC in running the IFIP booth and telling delegates about IFIP's work and answering their questions. Although prevented from attending through a short period of illness, Eduard Dundler helped to prepare the strategy meeting held in London.

The Secretary was pleased to inform that following discussions at Council 2006 the Secretariat has established and is now populating a Digital Archive which will hold copies of all IFIP publications. The intention was to ensure that IFIP has an electronic copy of all IFIP publications and will safeguard our interests whatever happens in the future with publishing. He invited all past editors of IFIP proceedings who have retained electronic versions to contact the Secretariat with a view to including the material. An IFIP Digital Library will make available material from the Archive which is not restricted by any publisher's agreements.

Mr Johnson reported that the President, Head of the IFIP Secretariat and the Secretary met with Mr Kuo Ge from CIE when he visited Laxenburg. A useful exchange of views took place including a review of China's participation in IFIP TCs and WGs. The President thanked Kuo Ge for the visit and expressed his hope that CIE would play a major role in the future.

4.3.5 EB Meeting Report

Mr Johnson said that Executive Board met in London on June 10th and in Santiago on August 25th 2006 and reviewed issues related to the Digital Library / Archive, Secretariat, progress on WITFOR and WCC, IFIP strategy, membership fee and other issues. EB's recommendations will be conveyed in detail under the respective agenda items.

The Secretary expressed EB's disappointment at the limited response so far by Member Societies to the July 2006 Strategy Report. This reinforced EB's doubts

about the effectiveness of IFIP's communications with MS which have been the subject of adverse comment.

The Secretary informed General Assembly that EB had agreed to hold an IFIP conference on Practitioner Skills. This took the form of a one-day Workshop at WCC 2006. Eight speakers from around the globe spoke at the event which was coordinated by the Secretary and held immediately after the Santiago EB meeting. Almost 60 people attended and participants regarded it as very successful. The President informed EB he intends to establish a Task Force to promote the importance of building highly skilled IT practitioner workforces worldwide. The Task Force will also encourage IFIP MS to work together to achieve this.

The Secretary informed General Assembly that EB is actively pursuing new members – mainly in Europe but including the Middle East and also that informal contacts with Russia will continue.

4.3.6 Treasurer's Report

Mr Khakhar referred to his report and explained the way it was structured. He said that the IFIP auditors had reviewed the 2005 accounts in February 2006. The 2005 result, after amortisation and depreciation according to approved policies is a surplus of 467 830 EUR. The result is much better than the budgeted surplus of 15 K EUR made by the Treasurer at the General Assembly 2005 in Gaborone.

Compared with 2004, the 2005 Result showed a significant increase in income, but also a slight increase in expenses. The Final Result, after Special Funds Provision, was an increase in IFIP's General Fund of 458 K EUR.

Key figures for the last five years are:

<i>(Amounts in K EUR)</i>	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
<i>Income</i>	739	359	568	76	316
<i>Expenses</i>	271	219	374	264	255
<i>Result</i>	467	140	194	-188	61
<i>Assets</i>	2580	2171	2074	1832	2087
<i>Liabilities</i>	101	157	185	114	164
<i>Funds</i>	2479	2013	1889	1717	1923

Total income was 739 K EUR, which was significantly higher than budgeted 436 K EUR. This was due to increases in Royalties from Publications, Proceeds from Activities, and Return on Assets. Income from Return on Assets, managed by UBS London since 1990 showed a surplus of 268 K EUR, significantly higher than the budgeted amount of 103 K EUR. Dues from Members were according to the budget. Royalties from Publications increased by 92 K EUR, or 105,2%, to 180 K EUR. Proceeds from Activities including proceeds from TC Events of 124 K EUR, increased by nearly 400% compared to 2004. Both Royalties from Publications and Proceeds from Activities were extremely encouraging and should be analysed by Technical Assembly and Publication Committee.

Total expenses were 271 K EUR, or 35,4%, below budget. This was due to savings in expenses, at all levels. All TCs had positive balance available at end of 2005, totalling of 383 K EUR. The Technical Committee expenses were 105 K EUR.

The Final Result, after Special Funds Provision, was an increase in IFIP's General Fund of 458 K EUR to 2 078 K EUR.

General Assembly unanimously **ACCEPTED** the 2005 audited accounts.

The Treasurer informed General Assembly that IFIP's financial status for January - June 2006 showed a surplus of 283.875 EUR. Total income was 494.077 EUR, which includes membership dues (169.800 EUR), Royalties from Publications from last quarter 2005 (37.373 EUR), Proceeds from Activities (31.622 EUR) and Return on Assets (255.282 EUR). The total expenses for the period were 212.745 EUR. This was mainly due to administrative secretariat and Technical Committees. No other major expenses have been incurred.

For the remainder of the year the following major income and expenditure could be expected:

<i>Income (in K EUR)</i>		<i>Expenses (in K EUR)</i>	
Royalties	35	Travel	30
Proceeds from activities	30	Salaries incl. Social Security	135
Return on Assets	30	Supplies and Documents	10
		Office Expenses	15
		Auditor's Fee	5
		DCSC related activities	20
		TC related activities	50
		Miscellaneous	40
Total	95		305

The Treasurer's estimate is that 2006 will result in a surplus of approximately 85 K.

In preparing the 2007 Budget, **the Treasurer** had taken account of the 2005 Actual Result and 2006 Budget Approved. He had also considered the budget requested by the different budget holders.

The 2007 budget implied a total income of 397 K EUR and total expenses of 369 K EUR, thus giving a budgeted result a surplus of 28 K EUR. On the income side Royalties are estimated at 97 K EUR; figure based on the information given to Treasurer by Technical Committees. Other components of the income consisted of The Dues from Members (182 K EUR), Proceeds from Activities (59 K EUR) and Return on Assets (60 K EUR). Figures for Proceeds from Activities are based on figures given to Treasurer by Technical Committees. The Treasurer would appreciate an assessment by AMB of the proposed figure for Proceeds from Activities.

On the expense side, expenses for the Administrative Secretariat are estimated at 203 K EUR. Other major expenses are due to funded expenses budgeted by Technical Committees for technical support and DCSC support including Sustainable

Development Programme. The DCSC support includes compensation to developing countries according to the voucher scheme.

General Assembly **APPROVED** unanimously the proposed Budget 2007.

Considering the positive results from past three years and also the appreciation of EURO, Finance Committee and Treasurer proposed to revise the Membership Fee. Executive Board was also concerned about relatively high Membership Fee for 4 members (Germany, Japan, USA/ACM and USA/IEEE). Basic unit of the membership today is 800 EUR. **The Treasurer** proposed to General Assembly to reduce basic unit to 700 EUR instead. At the same time the membership fee for the above mentioned four members to 12 units instead of current 16 units.

The detailed proposal on new membership fee is described more in detail together with report of Finance Committee.

4.3.7 Finance Committee Report

Mr Brady reported (on behalf of Mr Granada) that IFIP's 2005 financial operations were analyzed by Finance Committee. The analysis showed that IFIP business was far above 2004 (+238% > 2004, +54% > 2003), Return on Assets was far above 2004 (+232% > 2004, +90% > 2003) and Dues from Members were stable.

If the "Return on Assets" for the last three years were removed, IFIP's business had strongly increased:

Year	Income	Expenses	Balance	% Dev.
2003	427,083.08	299,105.36	129,977.72	
2004	279,107.51	219,915.22	59,122.29	-54.5 %
2005	471,527.72	271,851.39	199,676.33	+237.7 %

This was mainly due to "Royalties from Publications" (+105 % or +93 K-EUR) and "Proceeds from Activities" (+396 % or +99 K-EUR). The increase on the Income was so high that it should be checked whether it is incidental or structural.

In spite of tight control on the "Expenses" side of the balance sheet, it increased noticeable last year, as can be seen below:

Year	Expenses	Deviation	% Dev.
2003	374,308.76		
2004	219,915.22	-154,393.54	-41.2 %
2005	271,851.39	+51,936.17	+23.6 %

The increase was mainly due to the following reasons:

Item	2005	2004	Deviation	% Dev.
Adm. Secretariat	158,226	162,273	-4,047	-2.5%
Adm. Support	30,843	20,624	+10,219	+49.5%
Tech. Committees	79,514	31,460	+48,054	+152.7%
Tech. Support	3,269	5,558	-2,289	-41.2%

The Secretariat costs slightly decreased; the Administrative Support and the Technical Committees expenses strongly increased and the Technical Support decreased substantially. Finance Committee believed that there may be a positive correlation between the activities based expenses and the business improvement. However, the 2006 evolution should be carefully observed.

Considering the "Return on Assets" alone, the 2005 performance was ahead of 2004 and far ahead of the budget. Compared to "Return on Assets" from previous two years:

Year	Assets	Return	% Return	% Dev.
2003	2,074,289.83	141,469.67	+6.8 %	+148.8 %
2004	2,171,202.77	80,760.30	+3.7 %	- 45.6 %
2005	2,580,108.49	268,154.26	+10.4 %	+281.1 %

The "Securities at Market Value" keep above the book value and increased their worth:

Year	SMV	SBV	Appr/Depr	% Ap./Dep.
2003	1,646,804.00	1,697,071.88	-50,267.88	-2.9 %
2004	1,710,331.00	1,697,071.88	+13,259.12	+0.8 %
2005	2,060,728.13	1,798,631.88	+262,096.25	+14.6 %

General Assembly unanimously **ADOPTED** the accounts.

The IFIP business volume in 2006 prefigured another downturn (281 K-EUR during the 1st semester with a forecast of 85 K-EUR for the end of the year). Regarding the other two items (Expenses and Return on Assets), 2006 seemed to be a normal year. The financial execution is quite close to the budget.

	2006 Budget (B)	2006 Forecast (F)	F-B	(F-B) %
Income	406	589	+183	+45.1
Expenses	403	518	+115	+28.5
Final Result	3	71	+68	+2266.7

The Income is expected to increase by 45.1 %, the Expenses by 28.5 % and, thus, the final result by 2266.7 % (71 K-EUR).

The FC examined the 2007 Budget and considered that it respects IFIP's prudential policies. It can be seen that IFIP's activity stay stable with some small up and down turns (figures in K-EUR without reflecting inflation rate or assets valuation/devaluation):

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 (F)	2007 (B)
Operational Income								
Membership fees	172	159	153	161	166	170	170	182
Proceeds from events	130	110	90	88	86	57	62	59
Royalties from Publicat.	125	133	123	178	88	107	72	96
Return on Assets	-33	-86	-290	141	80	103	285	60
Operational Expenses								
Secretariat	173	192	194	251	162	261	299	203
Administrative Support	28	37	20	53	21	35	81	36
Technical Committees	34	22	40	73	31	35	78	32
Technical Support	25	4	11	32	6	90	60	98
Results	133	61	-189	194	140	468	71	28
Up and Down Turns	↓	→	↓	↑	→	↑	↓	↓

The Finance Committee stated that, if IFIP do not re-launch its activity, the inflation rate will “take care of IFIP” and “save the organization from a long life”.

Following the claims of some Member Societies and the request of EB to revise the Membership Dues, FC drafted a first proposal. However, given the strategic action items that will be proposed to GA, FC felt that this is not the proper time to put this draft into discussion and vote. Instead it is proposed to use this draft as input for the business models that have to be investigated as an inherent consequence of the strategic action items.

Finance Committee stated that IFIP has already taken actions:

Not reflecting the annual inflation rate and keeping them stable;
Demanding the systematic reduction of the operational costs;
Progressing the active search for new members.

After a long period of 4 years of positive results and with a forecast of another positive balance sheet for the next year, FC believed that two more actions could be taken:

Create and market new billable services for our members that may return extra variable income;
Reduce the fixed fee of our member societies: The proposal for reduction of the fixed fee was not fully supported by the FC. Work should be done on the financial models for IFIP. Part of these models could be a reduction of the fixed fee.

The new fee structure proposed by the Treasurer and FC has the following rational:

Reduce the basic unit from 800 € to 700 € (-100 € or – 12.5 %);
Reduce from 16 to 12 units the multiply factor of our 4 larger members (Germany, Japan, USA ACM and USA IEEE). It represents a further 2,800 € decrease for each one or – 25%.

The net effect of this reduction on IFIP’s Income will be 27.5 K-EUR or 16 %. It will compromise one of the prudential rules that states that “IFIP’s fixed income (Membership Fees) should cover IFIP’s fixed costs (Administrative Secretariat plus

Administrative Support)". With the current proposal, the fixed costs covered by the fixed income will decrease from 74 % to 62 % and, although, the active search for new members should rebalance that ratio.

FC believed that splitting the membership costs into a reduced fixed fee and a variable income related to services provided by IFIP directly to members could better clarify the relationship and make evident the contributions. It should be one of the first measures to be taken within the substantial change that FC proposed for the organization.

Mr Johnson commented that he strongly supports the proposal to reduce unit from 800 to 700 and also to reduce the top big societies. He also proposed to link the fee to the inflation rate.

Mr Brady said that more considerations are necessary (UN scale?) to come up with new models.

Mr Engel supported the waiting position of FC.

Mr Tjoa commented that he sees an urgent need for a solid model.

General Assembly **DECIDED** that Finance Committee should prepare an budget for 2008 with 2 alternatives (one with membership fee reduction, one with unchanged membership fee). GA 2007 will decide which of them would be approved.

4.4 Admissions and Elections

4.4.1 Admissions Committee

Mr Kim reported that Admissions Committee received one formal application for IFIP joint full membership from Serbia and Montenegro. JISA (Union of ICT societies Serbia and Montenegro) membership was successfully handled by Admission Committee.

When JISA applied for membership, Serbia and Montenegro was one country. A decision for independence has recently been taken with respect to Serbia and Montenegro. JISA made the decision that it will represent Serbia only.

Since the Admissions Committee has been informed about the decision in June, IFIP Admissions Committee recommended GA to accept Serbia to be a full member starting from 1st of January 2007.

GA **ACCEPTED** unanimously

Mr Dukic gave a short overview about the Serbian society (JISA).

Mr Brunnstein reported that there exists a strong interest within Russia to come back to IFIP membership. Mr Zemanek is working on finding a suitable solution.

Mr Brunnstein will report at next GA to find a solution before 2010.

4.4.2 Nomination Committee for Officers

For President Elect

Mr Brunstein reminded General Assembly that the Nominations Committee for officers had put forward the nominations of Messrs. Khakhar, Schlamberger and von Solms. From the floor Messrs. Johnson and Laprie were nominated.

The result (after three rounds) was:

B.von Solms (South Africa)	24 votes	ELECTED
N.Schlamberger (Slovenia)	10 votes	
D.Khakhar (Sweden)	9 votes	

For Vice Presidents

Mr Brunstein reminded General Assembly that the Nominations Committee for officers had put forward the nominations of Messrs. Schlamberger and Strous and there were no further nominations from the floor. **Mr Brunstein** informed GA that there was a vacancy for two Vice Presidents.

Elected by DECLARATION:

N.Schlamberger	2006 - 2009	RE-ELECTED
L.Strous	2006 - 2007	ELECTED

4.4.3 Nominations Committee Trustees

The Secretary informed that there is a vacancy for three Trustees. Messrs Brady, Engel and Frisiani reached the end of their first term and are eligible for re-election. The Nominations Committee received the nomination of Mr Domolki. In addition Mr Al Naamany was nominated from the floor.

The result of the Election was:

A. Frisiani	30 votes	2006 - 2009	RE-ELECTED
G. Engel	29 votes	2006 - 2009	RE-ELECTED
D. Brady	23 votes	2006 - 2009	RE-ELECTED
A. Al Naamany	20 votes		
B. Domolki	12 votes		

The President congratulated the elected Officers and Trustees.

4.5 Congresses and Major Events

4.5.1 WITFOR 2005

Mr Khakhar informed General Assembly that the full report has been presented already in Gaborone at GA 2005. The full fee has been paid. The Gaborone Protocol has been adopted by UNESCO and presented at WSIS in Tunis. The Proceedings are under edition. Two projects were initiated and supported by Finland and UNESCO.

4.5.2 WITFOR 2007

Mr Strous presented an overview about the main topics of WITFOR 2007 planned in Addis Abba, Ethiopia (full presentation at www.ifip.org/minutes/GA2006.htm). He apologized for Mr Demissie (President of Computer Society Ethiopia); he was not able to come, because he did not get his visa in time. The structure of WITFOR 2007 will be similar to WITFOR 2005 with its 8 commissions. The Government of Ethiopia will be the overall host. The venue will be provided by the main sponsor UN ECA (UN Economic Commission for Africa). All commissions include members of UN. WITFOR 2007 will contain more project proposals.

4.5.3 WITFOR 2009

Mr Khakhar reported that negotiations with a number of countries are ongoing.

4.5.4 WCC 2006

Mr Solar, as Chairman of the OC was pleased to say that from an organisational and also from a financial perspective the Congress was successful.

The number of participants in IFIP WCC and CLEI parts together was over 1,000 (paying and non-paying, esp. organisational staff); almost 700 participants paid the registration fee (differentiated between CLEI and IFIP), out of which about 260 for IFIP related events.

With income from registration (235 K US\$) and (net) income from sponsors (42 K US\$), income of the conference amounted to 277 K US\$; expenses (differentiated in 15 categories, including an amount of 17,5 K US\$ for IFIP fee, which is half the agreed guarantee sum) amounted to 255 K US\$, with a balance of 23 K US\$ having yet to be attributed to specific expenses.

Related to the planned figures (in last version which were presented before the Congress building fire), expenses could have been further reduced.

General Assembly regarded the figures as presented as an extraordinary success due to good budget control.

IPC-2006 chair **Mr Puigjaner** reported about the work of the Program Committee(s), very openly addressing problems (late availability of website, problems with marketing leading to “only” 410 submitted paper, half of number in Toulouse;

problems with paper handling etc) but also presenting successful Congress content. Participants from 43 countries attended WCC-2006 and CLEI and CLEI conference, with Brazil leading (62) before Germany (31) and Chile (29). Details of submitted, accepted and invited papers were given for all events (see report at www.ifip.org/minutes/GA2006.htm). IPC chair rated the technical program as “sound”, and the organisational environment as “good ambiance”.

The President requested **Mr Solar** and **Mr Puigjaner** to convey IFIP’s thanks to the Congress OC and IPC for their hard work in making the WCC 2006 a big success.

4.5.5 WCC 2008

Mr Frisiani reported that the work on the organisation of WCC 2008 in Milan is on track. He explained the system of “Cross sessions” planned for WCC 2008. The Congress will deal with the following (7) areas of “cross sessions”:

ICT form Tourism	chair: Prof. Rodolfo Baggio (Milan)
ICT for Environment	chair: Dr. Djordje Maric (ETH Zuerich)
ICT for Cultural Heritage	chair: Prof. Paolo Paolini (Milan)
ICT for Textile and Fashion	chair: Dr.ing. Massimiliano Croci (SMI-ATI)
ICT for Sports and Fitness	chair: Remo Lombardi (Pavia)
e-government	chair: Prof. Antonio Mazzeo (Napoli)
ICT for Entertainment	chair: Prof. Paolo Ciancarini (Bologna)

For these cross sessions, details of program plans, content as well as information about chairs were presented. In IPC-2008 Prof. de Lotto (president of AICA) will be responsible for these cross sessions.

Concerning the TC-related sessions, the following TCs have signalled their active support:

TC-1 (TCS-2006), TC-2, TC-8, TC-10 and TC-11 (Secure-2006).

Following an agreement with TC-2 chair, Software Engineering will be a major area.

Please note: Immediately after the General Assembly Prof. Judith Bishop (presently vice-chair of TC-2) has accepted the nomination and assignment by the IFIP President to act as co-chair for IPC 2008. Ms Bishop is an outstanding expert in her areas of work, working in the Computer Science Department of Pretoria University (ZA).

Concerning the financial plan, data have not changed since last presentation.

4.5.6 WCC 2010

Mr Brunnstein reminded General Assembly that, while it is still up for discussion (and decision) whether and how future IFIP events may be organised as “IFIP World Computer Congresses”, CSC agreed unanimously that IFIP’s 50th anniversary in 2010 requires a special major event, tentatively called “IFIP World Computer Congress (or Convention) 2010”, WCC-2010.

Consequently, CSC unanimously suggested to GA:

- First, in commemorating the 50th anniversary of IFIP's foundation in 1960, CSC suggested to organize a prominent event "WCC-2010" to present and discuss historical achievements (especially those related to IFIP contributions), scopes and tendencies of Information and Communication Technologies as major drivers of The Information and Knowledge Societies.
- Second, Member Societies are asked to submit a bid for holding IFIP World Computer Congress 2010 in their respective country; any bid shall be submitted until January 31st, 2007.

For preparation of this event, CSC suggested to create a (small) committee ("CSC subcommittee for WCC 2010") to prepare that part related to IFIPs 50th anniversary, including plans for proper financial support. Concerning local organisation, the Member Society to which WCC-2010 will be given (to be decided in GA 2007) will nominate the Organising Committee including its chair. Concerning the technical program, the IFIP President will nominate the IPC chair and, in close contact with TCs interested in supporting WCC-2010, IPC members. Concerning the coordination of that part related to the IFIP 50th anniversary and its integration into the technical program, the chair of "CSC subcommittee for WCC-2010" (to be assigned by the IFIP President) will act as General Congress Chair.

General Assembly unanimously **ACCEPTED**.

4.6 Standing Committee Reports

4.6.1 Publications Committee

Mr Turner drew attention to his report and said that according to the Publisher's report publications and royalties appear to be in time with previous years and projections. A meeting was held with editors from the WCC 2006 proceedings to discuss problems for authors and editors in producing volumes for the IFIP Series published by Springer. Publications Committee approved a plan to clearly designate the IFIP Series and the volume/series number on the front cover of all books in the IFIP Series, and also a format for including an additional logo for ongoing, established conferences on the cover of proceedings books.

Mr Turner informed GA that an effort is underway to revise the copyright form used for IFIP publications and also to improve the instructions for authors and editors for IFIP publications.

Mr Turner said that it is not clear how to proceed regarding the IFIP digital library. The committee discussed options for implementation, of which only the BCS (outsourcing) proposal was well formulated and relatively complete. The committee decided that it could not proceed to make further recommendations without understanding to what extent the TC conference organizers might be willing to consider inclusion in an IFIP DL as a conference expense.

The proposal for an IFIP Practical Library (PraLib) was discussed. After identifying several potential problems and unanswered questions in the proposal, the committee recommended that no action can be taken on the proposal until after a decision is made concerning the pending IFIP strategic plan and revised business plan.

Mr Turner reported that, following the committee meeting, the committee chairman met with the Technical Assembly. From this meeting it appeared that there is considerable opposition to a cost levied to pay for the inclusion of papers in the IFIP digital library. Additionally, it appeared that a final decision by the TC Chairs regarding charging conferences for putting proceedings papers in the IFIP DL will have to wait until a complete and thorough business plan is developed for various options regarding the DL. Furthermore, it was clear that some TCs believed that the range of 75-200 euros per paper as a cost for the DL is unrealistic and much higher than necessary.

So, as indicated in the notes from the PC meeting, the PC will need guidance as to what further is expected regarding the DL. DL implementation issues have been raised by the PC, but the committee was unable to make a decision on further procedures because of the need to know what possibilities there were from funding for further implementation of the IFIP DL.

Publications Committee **recommended** that feedback from the TC Chairs regarding fees for including papers in a digital library be considered along with the issues raised by the committee in determining future directions. It is also **recommended** that the Practice Library project not be considered further at this time. After completion of the strategic plan and business model, a revised proposal can be considered if interest remains.

Publisher's report

Ms Brais reported that the last year has been a strong year for the IFIP Series to date, with 25 titles published in 2006, including 11 WCC volumes. There are currently 10 titles in production for 2006, with another 9 already expected for 2007.

Springer published 11 titles for this year's World Computer Congress. The volumes represented a wide range of work from 8 different TCs. All of the parties involved worked hard to meet a demanding schedule and the volumes arrived at the conference with time to spare. In order to maintain the timely publication of these volumes, the publisher looks to begin planning for WCC 2008 in advance of the IFIP Council Meeting in 2008.

The Publisher would like to thank all of the authors, editors, and society members involved with producing the WCC books. In particular the publisher would like to thank Leon Strous, Mauricio Solar, Ramon Puigjaner, and Julieta Martinez for all of their invaluable help at various stages of the project.

The Publisher informed General Assembly that due to internal restrictions, the publisher is unable to link the IFIP Series page to the journal EAIT directly. The publisher is investigating a way to add information on the journal to the series page.

The Publisher thanked the IFIP Society for maintaining accurate links to the Springer IFIP Series page and hoped that this linking creates a fluidity of information that is helpful to the community.

Mrs Brais said that after conversations with several volume editors and authors, it was abundantly clear that the author and editor instructions, along with the series templates, are in need of improvement. The publisher will view the opportunity to improve these items as a measure that would be beneficial to authors, editors, and the publisher alike. One measure that has been taken to this end is that the publisher has produced a draft of a "user-friendly" FAQ sheet, designed based on common questions and requests. Unlike some templates and information on the Springer IFIP site, this document is decidedly non-technical. It is intended to be user-friendly and helpful to first-time volume editors and seasoned editors alike. It addresses several common yet easy-to-fix errors the publisher sees, as well as questions often repeated from the volume editors.

The Publisher is looking for feedback from IFIP to improve upon this document and make it as helpful to the editors as possible.

Ms Brais reported that as the content for the IFIP Online Series continued to build, usage statistics continued to increase. There are currently 70 books in the IFIP Series online. This number will keep building as new content becomes available. Due to the difficulties associated with posting previously published titles online in an electronic format, IFIP may find some instances of missing content with posted titles. She asked IFIP to have patience as the SpringerLink team will correct these discrepancies.

As of July 2006, there were 1,930 full content downloads from the IFIP Series. The publisher anticipated that this number will increase as more content is added and marketing efforts continue.

The Publisher informed GA that SpringerLink team has recently made improvements to the SpringerLink platform. The aim was for increased functionality and ease of navigation. Some highlights include:

- a simplified new look
- new metadata that allows for searches by keyword
- the ability to search across types of publications
- ability for individual users to personalize their SpringerLink page
- lists of references to primary literature

The Publisher encouraged society members to explore the SpringerLink Beta site.

Ms Brais said that as mentioned in the Council meeting in March, the IFIP series has been listed in ISI Proceedings, as well as in Math Reviews and Google Book Search.

Citation instructions have been implemented recently on the title page of each chapter in each IFIP volume. The Publisher hoped that in seeing this proper citation form, those who use and cite IFIP books will do so in a way that can be easily tracked by citation indexes.

The Publisher has received the suggestion that a series title be added to the IFIP cover. The volume number is currently on the back cover, but it would be possible to make it more prominent if desired. The hope behind enhancing the clarity of the series affiliation on the cover be to assist correct citations. The publisher welcomes IFIP's feedback on this matter.

The Publisher's goal is to increase the number of IFIP citations and the number of abstracting and indexing services that carry IFIP. Ultimately, he would like to see IFIP gain entry into the Journal Citation Report, which could give the series an Impact Factor. Through the measure of providing citation instructions and continuing to promote the usage of the IFIP Series, he looks to reach this goal.

Ms Brais informed GA that as requested at the IFIP Council meeting, the IFIP Online flyer has been updated. The publisher is currently investigating new ways to promote the IFIP Series, including any options out of the improved SpringerLink platform. The publisher hoped to present more detailed information on such measures at the next IFIP Council meeting.

The Publisher was pleased to announce that Dr. Ian Selwood is the new Editor-in-Chief of the journal Education and Information Technologies. As previously mentioned at the IFIP Council meeting, Dr. Ian Selwood has taught at the University of Birmingham School of Education since 1987. Selwood received his Cert. of Education C.F. from the Mott College of Education, a B.Ed. from Lancaster University, a M.Ed. from the University of Birmingham, and a PhD from the University of Birmingham. In addition, Dr. Selwood was one of the founding members of EAIT, currently serves as a member of the EAIT Editorial Board, and is the vice chair of IFIP TC 3.7. Dr. Selwood has already done strong work through a transition phase for the journal from an "old" journal articles tracking system to our new online system, Editorial Manager. The publisher looks forward to continued success working with Dr. Selwood in the future.

The journal continued to publish on time for 2006. The journal exceeded its paper budget (the projected number of papers to be published) for 2006, and as such, the journal will show an increase in content for 2007.

As of July 31, the journal had 9,576 full-text downloads. This number is on pace to beat 2005's downloads (totalling 14,674 for the year) and is trending upwards towards 2004 levels (with 17,343 total downloads for the year 2004).

To increase usage, **the Publisher** encouraged the IFIP community to sign up for "Table of Contents" Alerting. Table of Contents Alerting works to send out email alerts upon the publication of a new journal issue. This email alert provides a link to the Table of Contents for the journal in SpringerLink. For users who have a personal or institutional subscription to SpringerLink, they would then be directed to downloadable content. For users who do not have such a subscription, they would be able to see the title and author information as well as an abstract for the papers.

The Table of Contents Alert is an opt-in service for SpringerLink users. To sign in, the user would go to the journal page on www.springer.com and follow the simple sign-up instructions to the right of the page.

The Publisher was pleased to announce that since IFIP Council the journal EAIT has been accepted into the abstracting and indexing database The Education Resources Information Center; an abstracting and indexing service focused on education-based publications. The Education Resources Information Center (ERIC) is sponsored by the US Department of Education and is a leading world resource for journal and non-journal education literature.

Ms Brais showed the financial evolution consolidated into the following chart:

	<u>USD</u>	<u>Euro</u>	<u>New Books</u>
January - June 1999	\$256,290.99	€266,542.63	8
July - December 1999	\$332,633.65	€345,939.04	16
January—June 2000	\$297,686.69	€309,594.19	12
July—December 2000	\$355,897.89	€391,487.68	11
January—June 2001	\$261,495.37	€291,567.34	8
July—December 2001	\$289,309.21	€324,315.57	15
January—June 2002	\$218,871.18	€244,763.70	8
July—December 2002	\$414,840.22	€418,615.27	23
January—June 2003	\$449,935.03	€408,271.11	13
July—December 2003	\$287,117.00	€248,557.00	8
January—June 2004	\$122,224.00	€99,099.00	6
July—December 2004	\$406,789.89	€324,486.37	28
January—June 2005	\$257,281.63	€200,087.93	12
July—December 2005	\$234,616.49	€198,037.01	13
January—June 2006	\$246,597.82	€199,349.70	25

Sales of IFIP titles in the first half of 2006 totalled nearly 200,000 Euro (\$245K+).

In 2005, bulk sales accounted for slightly over twenty percent of revenue. Bulk sales accounted for approximately a third of revenue for 2006 to date.

Royalties to be paid to IFIP for the IFIP Series totalled €15,669.77 (\$19,383.69) for the first half of 2006.

Royalties paid IFIP for the IFIP-LNCS series totalled €20,919 for the first half of 2006.

There were 25 books published or in production for 2006, with 10 additional titles in production for 2006. Sales on the more recently published IFIP titles (including the WCC titles) were not yet included in the above chart. IFIP should expect to see greater revenues for the second half of 2006.

Detailed report is available at <http://www.ifip.org/minutes/GA2006.htm>

4.6.2 Marketing

Mr Laprie drew attention to his report and said that besides many congratulations for the IFIP Presentation Slides there have been suggestions for improvement, either of editorial nature or content wise. A bullet will be added on slide #3 to give more visibility to the important actions of IFIP towards developing countries. To stress the synergistic nature of IFIP activities the second bullet of slide #6 will be redrafted. For consistency the modifications will also be performed accordingly on the IFIP leaflet. Some comments expressed uncomfot regarding the availability of the slides in pdf format only. Therefore a set in PowerPoint has been produced.

Mr Laprie reported that Springer had forwarded two requests. Firstly to introduce on the corner the notion of series, by analogy with the LNCS series. MC fully agreed and suggested to add around the lower right corner "IFIP series in Information Technology #xxxx". Secondly there was a specific request to the publisher from

WG11.10 for the possibility of having specific covers for their production. MC agreed on introducing a distinctive indication in the lower right corner (as done for WCC2004 and WCC2006). However, the Committee strongly requested to keep the TC11 colour.

Mr Laprie reported that the new web site is operational. In order to have it evolve and be a living object a web editor should be nominated. This task could be entrusted to a trustee.

Mr Laprie informed General Assembly that the World Digital Solidarity Agency has been officially established on July 13th, 2006. The Agency has been created under French Law for non-profit organisations, and its headquarters are located in Lyon. Following the positive recommendations of the Council, IFIP has been granted the vice-presidency of the Agency. (More details are presented in section 14 of the ICT Switzerland report at www.ifip.org/minutes/ga2006.htm).

Mr Laprie reported on the tasks assigned to MC in the Strategy report:

- Collect proposals to increase IFIP's visibility. MC urged national reps and TC chairs to forward such proposals. An action that was agreed to be undertaken was to explore the possibility of having periodical announcements in widely distributed magazines, such as IEEE Computer and Communications of ACM.
- Promote IFIP as the place to start initiatives. As mentioned in the report this task is in relation with section 4.1.k. MC felt it was not a marketing issue.
- Improve web site and draft plan for continuous maintenance. MC suggested the nomination of a web site editor.
- Investigate new technologies and existing but not used channels for disseminating information. Again MC urged national reps and TC chairs to forward such proposals. The interactive Web and RSS (Really Simple Syndication) are examples of such technologies.

Marketing Committee had the opinion that the adoption of the new IFIP logo should be accompanied by a reflection about the name and appearance of the IFIP top award, the Silver Core, in the sake of consistency. The Committee recommended the Internal Awards Committee to undertake this task.

General Assembly saw no necessity to do this and **REJECTED** the proposal.

Marketing Committee asked the creation of affiliation cards for all "IFIPers" as listed in the Bulletin to be considered. Such affiliation cards, besides being a form of (moral) recognition for devoting time and energy to IFIP, should be considered in conjunction with reduced registration fees for IFIP events.

General Assembly **AGREED**.

4.6.3 Activity Management Board

Mr Schlamberger drew attention to his report and said that AMB has revised the Event Request Form based on the acceptance of the draft by the Council 2006. The AMB believed that the orientation to simplify it and make it more understandable has been followed.

The AMB has also revised the Publisher Information Form following the same instructions and an orientation that it be separated from the ERF. AMB proposed the GA to confirm the both forms whereupon they will be available on the IFIP web pages for further use by event organizers.

Regarding the Financial Plan and Report Form the Council 2006 was of the opinion that it is not necessarily a part of event documentation as some event organizers may have their own support for that purpose. However, the AMB feel that for the sake of completeness such form should be provided and will finalize its draft.

Mr Schlamberger reported that AMB has produced the first draft description of an Event Support System for discussion at the Council 2006. The draft has been accepted by the Council 2006 and it has been recommended that the Technical Assembly and Technical Committees provide their views and inputs. The AMB received only one modest input. The AMB nevertheless felt that the work should continue and will provide a draft description of a system. The main reason to have an ESS is that there are about 100 IFIP events each year. Although some event organizers use their own system a common one would be welcome also as in this way the IFIP Secretariat would receive unified input. Some elements of the ESS are available at IFIP web site, forms and reports are under development by the AMB, other elements as identified in the draft proposal are still missing. To produce a consistent system will require engagement of the AMB in the phase of system design. Development of a working system will probably require an investment which will be possible estimated at a later time.

Mr Schlamberger informed GA that AMB had a look at the Strategy Task Force report in order to relate its future work with strategic actions as envisaged in the Report regardless of the fact that it has not been yet approved and adopted by the General Assembly. The following has been seen as an input for the AMB (either itself or in cooperation with other IFIP bodies):

Deliverable(s)	Time Schedule	Cost
Proposals for conditions and incentives that should make it attractive to organize an event under the IFIP umbrella	Council 2007	none
Proposal for further improvement of event procedures	Council 2007	none

While the Strategy Task Force in its report does not see that producing the deliverables would imply any finance the AMB feels that the ESS could require some investment which is at this time not yet estimated.

Mr Schlamberger informed GA that the Event Facilitator's Report was not discussed by the AMB as the Event Facilitator has not been available at the time of the meeting.

GA unanimously **ADOPTED** the report.

4.6.4 Developing Countries Support Committee

Mr Kim reported that due to the relatively short notice, DCSC had not received any application for the SDP program. DCSC decided to postpone application deadline to

31st of January 2007, but will accept early applications and will process them on first come first serve basis. IFIP has budget to support up to five young professionals. DCSC encouraged TC chairs and MS representatives to introduce SDP programs to their young professionals. Information and application form is available at www.ifip.org. Please click on Sustainable Development Programme.

DCSC recommended GA to spare up to 3,000 Euros of DCSC fund for the purpose of IFIP school instructors' accommodation expenses which will be held in prior to WITFOR 2007. Those accommodation expenses will apply for every TC`s.

General Assembly **AGREED**.

4.6.5 Internal Awards

The Secretary advised that TC3, TC5 and TC8 had submitted nominations for the Outstanding Service Award (OSA) a follows:

Mr Peter Waker (TC3)
Mr Sindre Roesvik (TC3)
Ms Rosa Maria Bottino (TC3)
Ms Esther Gelle (TC5)
Mr Keng Siau (TC8)
Mr Terry Halpin (TC8)
Mr Trevor Wood-Harper (TC8)

General Assembly **AGREED**.

4.6.6 Congress Steering Committee

Mr Brunnstein informed General Assembly that Mr Frisiani reported in CSC about the status and progress of program plan of WCC 2008 (details see WCC-2008).

Mr Brunnstein reported that OC-2006 chair Mauricio Solar presented detailed figures about participation and financial outcome of IFIP WCC-2006; at this time, only 2 days after the end of the Congress, the figures were (unusually in comparison with previous WCCs) very detailed and almost in finalized status (details see WCC2006). Also the IPC Chair Ramon Puigjaner presented his report about the work of Program Committees addressing problems very openly (details see WCC2006). CSC expressed its sincere thanks to both Mauricio Solar and Ramon Puigjaner for their excellent and hard work. CSC also thanked CLEI president Benjamino Baran for the excellent support of CLEI and its members. Regarding the technical program and organisation, CSC regarded WCC-2006 as very successful, the financial outcome of which was also – despite major problems – essentially positive.

Mr Brunnstein informed GA that CSC discussed how problems with congress software may be solved. As IEEE CS has very good experiences with its (proprietary) successful conference system, Mr Engel agreed to send a list of requirements for related systems. OCG representative Mr Tjoa informed CSC about his society's experiences and work, which he agreed to report to CSC. Before the next CSC meeting (at Council 2007), CSC will collect suggestions and prepare a proposal

concerning whether and which conference managing system IFIP may offer to event organisers.

Mr Brunnstein explained the position of CSC concerning WCC2010 (see WCC2010).

General Assembly unanimously **ACCEPTED** the proposal to organize a WCC 2010.

Mr Brunnstein reported that CLEI president Mr Baran suggested, based on good experiences in CLEI conferences with student programs on Master level, that IFIP establishes a program for awards for “best PhD theses” submitted to IFIP events such as WCC (possibly also WCCE etc). This suggestion was very positively received by CSC members. As several member societies have related programs, one may also think of offering the winners of related MS events a possibility to present their awarded work at IFIP events. Positive comments regard the possibility of winning sponsors, whereas some critical comments address potential problems of authors with other than English mother tongue. CSC suggests that such PhD competitions be included in future (larger) IFIP events.

General Assembly **AGREED**.

4.6.7 Future Strategy

Mr Strous gave an introduction to the Strategy Report created at Goodenough in London (see <http://www.ifip.org/minutes/GA2006.htm>). He explained the structure of the report and ask for comments. The comments should concentrate mainly on chapter 3 and 4.

Mr Sääksjärvi was very happy about the “Goodenough report”. He was missing an internal strategy with all TCs involved.

Ms Avgerou would like to add a study of IFIP’s governance.

Mr Engel said that the question of what IFIP is and what IFIP will be in the future is necessarily for ever, the adaptation of the strategy will be an ongoing task. Some substructures and costs are needed.

Mr Tjoa said that a clarification of “consultancy” / “service” should be included.

Ms Pejtersen said that a big task has been done. This basis can now be used for going on and setting priorities. She had concerns about the internal organization and was missing an extra chapter for this. She had the opinion that much more specific information is needed and asked how it can be made visible outside IFIP.

Mr Rammig made the suggestion to take care of membership issues and also individual membership proposal with several rights should be included.

Mr Waxman said that it is necessary to get closer to industry standards.

Mr Saito observed that IFIP is very far away from the proposals in the paper. The question is how this gap can be filled.

Mr Wibe suggested to create a forum for discussion for stakeholders, similar to “agora” meeting in TC3. The cooperation between TCs is essential for a success.

Mr von Solms reminded GA not to concentrate on all action in chapter 4. He suggested concentrating on 5 priorities, as to determine the needs of MS, to collect proposals to increase IFIP’s visibility, to establish IFIP as a place to start initiatives, to establish links with bodies, to investigate membership of IFIP. He proposed to visit MS and also the industry with these 5 priorities and come back to next Council.

Mr Bramer said that there is a need for reform strategies like this. In his opinion governance has highest priority. A look closely to financial issues is a good first step on the road. There is a need for an IFIP insider (paid) to move ahead.

Ms Avgerou responded to Mr Bramer’s suggestion by commenting that it should not to be an insider in order to bring new ideas into IFIP.

Mr Pejtersen meant that it would need a combination of both: a person from outside, who would work closely with a person who knows IFIP.

Mr Casaca proposed to identify now the people and assign them to bring it forward.

Mr Turner said that too many actions are listed in the paper and prioritizing is necessary. He suggested building a strong force supporting IT professional in order that people want to join IFIP.

Mr Johnson felt that prioritizing of suggested actions is necessary. He had concerns about the role of IFIP, like an identity crisis: IFIP is not sure what to do in a changed world and IFIP has to find its role.

Mr Brunstein had also the opinion that IFIP is in an identity crisis as IFIP still behaves as it started in 1960. An analysis should be done and it is also important to set priorities.

Mr von Solms said that the workshop on Practitioner Skills at WCC 2006 has been an indication what IFIP should do. He also encouraged that IFIP has to find out what MS are doing.

Mr Saito said that IFIP’s academic persons are very well known and accepted. He wondered how could this be extended to industry and MS and how to setup an organisation to cope with the variety of the world outside.

Mr Sääksjärvi had the opinion that an improvement in the alignment of practice and theory is necessary.

Ms Pejtersen said that she sees a mismatch between IFIP’s academic persons and the industries; she also was missing the identification of niches, where IFIP’s competences are.

Mr Strous said that prioritisation of activities is necessary. He also asked for comments on chapter 3.

Mr Kim suggested that IFIP should ask how IFIP can make MS happy and how IFIP could share ideas with MS. He mentioned to utilize IFIP’s website to share ideas.

Mr Morel stated that the strategic paper should be understood as a dynamic report and just as a beginning of a process.

Mr Bramer said that the report should be accepted as it is. He made the proposal that the President Elect should bring it forward.

Mr Brunnstein said that IFIP is still in the dark and has to find its position; IFIP should look for preferred partners. He proposed that the President Elect should get a budget to go ahead. He suggested that Mr von Solms should not do it by himself but should be in control of the process.

General Assembly **ACCEPTED** the received report.

General Assembly **AUTHORIZED** Mr von Solms to control the forthcoming implementation and will give their full support.

4.6.8 UN Liaison

Mr Brunnstein reported that historically, IFIP maintained good contacts with UNESCO, originator (“mother”) of IFIP’s foundation in Paris (1960), with many projects and contacts inaugurated and maintained by TC-3. Here, several members of TC-3 – most actively Bernard Cornu, Raymond Morel and Jan Wibe - continued to maintain close relations with UNESCO’s institutions for Education, esp. with IITE in Moscow. TC-3 developed these contacts further and assisted in starting new projects in diverse areas of Education.

IFIP also supported UNESCO’s projects related to ICT developments in different areas. Here, IFIP (through UN Liaison Officer) has participated in conferences about ICT usage in projects related to “Access for All” and “Multilingualism” programs of UNESCO, which were also addressed in UNESCO General Conference (Paris, October 2005).

Since GA-2005, contacts with UN organisations have been intensified and diversified. WITFOR-2005 was actively supported by several UN organisations (UNESCO, FAO, UNDP, Worldbank et al). Contacts with these organisations were essentially maintained by Dipak Khakhar. The Gaborone Protocol, result of WITFOR-2005, has been presented at WSIS-2005 by the vice president of Botswana. Both the Gaborone Protocol and Stellenbosch Declarations have been reported at UNESCO General Conference (October 2005) by the UN Liaison Officer.

One major project was IFIP’s support of the conference “Past, Present and Future of the Information Society” (PPF), preceding the 2nd Phase of World Summit on Information Society (WSIS-2005) in Tunis (November 2005). This event followed a preconference of WSIS-2003 in Geneva, organised by Raymond Morel on behalf of different organisations including IFIP. In Tunis, 2 sessions were organised by IFIP, presenting the results of WITFOR-2005 (Gaborone Declaration), presented by Dipak Khakhar, and WCCE-2005 (Stellenbosch Declaration), presented by Bernard Cornu. Moreover, Jacques Berleur (past TC-9 chair) presented an in-depth analysis of the state of Internet Governance, and Dimitris Gritzalis (TC-11) and Klaus Brunnstein (TC-9) addressed different aspects of the impact of ICT Security upon the Information Society. The conference volume, published by Springer (under a non-

IFIP contract), with Klaus Brunnstein as co-editor, is ready for print and should be available in fall 2006.

Following discussion in World Summits on Information Society (Geneva 2003 and Tunis 2005), the Digital Solidarity Fund has been established. IFIP has been asked for support, and due to his active work in this area, IFIP has delegated Raymond Morel into the Board of Digital Solidarity Fund.

Last but not least, IFIP supported – as an affiliate member - the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) which also actively participated in the PPF conference; these contacts were maintained by Klaus Brunnstein.

Although a non-UN organisation, UN secretary General Kofi Annan supported the foundation of “World Future Council” (with its seat in London), to be formally established in spring 2007 in the High Sea Court in Hamburg, Germany. Among the 24 commissions addressing many essential topics (and problems) for the future of humankind, so far do not address issues related to development of Information and Knowledge Societies. IFIP Liaison Officer / President had recently offered IFIP’s support concerning expertise in development of technologies and applications, as well as in implications of their usage (reply expected).

Mr Morel explained the Digital Solidarity Fund (DSF) and also Digital Solidarity Agency (DSA) (details are at www.ifip.org/minutes/ga2006.htm at Swiss Society report Chapter 14).

4.7 Member Societies

4.7.1 Member Society Relations Committee

Mr Brunnstein reported that the installation of a “Task Force on Professional IT Skills”, initially supported by BCS, ACS, CIPS, CSSA and KISS, with assistance of ACM and IEEE CS has been discussed.

The major part of this 2nd meeting of MSRC (established in GA 2005) was devoted to reports and discussions about essential developments in Member Societies whose representatives were present. Most member societies had submitted a written report to GA (detailed reports see www.ifip.org/minutes/ga2006.htm).

Mr Brunnstein informed General Assembly that Mr Avram had reported (on behalf of SEARCC president Richard Hogg) on recent developments in SEARCC, which has presently 10 members. In its recent EXCO meeting, a decision was tabled to resolve SEARCC; following SEARCC statutes, the decision must be tabled for a final decision after 6 months.

Mr Brunnstein informed General Assembly that in addition, BCS (UK) and GI (Germany) reported about new developments. British Computer Society mark its 50th anniversary in 2007, a conference on history of Computing in UK, to be held in Bletchley Park (with a presentation of a rebuilt Bomba) and BCS headquarters in July 2007. German Informatics society had more than 100 small to large events including major political support, during 2007 officially announced by the Federal Minister of Research and Technology as “Year of Informatics” (following 2006 as the “Year of Einstein”); related events had very good media coverage.

Mr Brunnstein reported that some MS representatives contributed constructive comments regarding the "IFIP Strategy Plan". Mr Turner from ACM mentioned that industrial and government organisation could contribute to IFIP funding. Mr Engel from IEEE-CS said that IFIP membership had developed very different from the time of IFIP's foundation. This development must be properly addressed. The representation of MS in IFIP events, esp. TC meetings, brings major financial problems which should be more precisely addressed. IFIP is also well advised to define what IFIP should NOT do. Concerning financial sources, IFIP should avoid becoming dependant upon governments. He also suggested thinking about whether and how corporates may become members. Mr Avram from ACS mentioned that there are several comments from Australia that IFIP does not do enough for ACS and its members. He suggests that IFIP should be more actively engaged in acquiring new members (though within the present model). Moreover, he suggested to establish more relations with professional bodies and industries.

Ms de Roche, president of CSSA (Computer Society South Africa) gave a short overview about her society. They have created a new logo. CSSA has about 3000 members; the main income is from ECDL and member subscriptions. CSSA had a new project started: Computer Olympia Competition. An South Africa forum had already been started.

4.7.2 Affiliate Members

Mr D Brady gave a presentation on CEPIS and its activities (Please refer to <http://www.ifip.org/minutes/GA2006.htm>).

4.8 Technical Assembly

Mr von Solms drew attention to his report and welcomed all, especially the new TC5 chair, Ron Waxman, the vice-chair / acting chair of TC8, David Avison and the secretary of SG16. He thanked the outgoing TC5 chair, Gus Olling, for the six years of very active participation in the TA work and issues.

On behalf of Technical Assembly **Mr von Solms** wished TC8 chair, Dewald Roode, strength and courage with respect to his health condition.

TA requested Council, EB and FC to draft a new agreement with respect to the event proceeds for TCs participating in a WCC. No new proposal has been circulated yet. Since clarity about this issue is one of the elements in the motivation for TC members to participate in WCC 2008, TA requested that such a proposal would be drafted before mid October and that this be circulated to the TC-chairs for comments.

A considerable number of contributions to the strategy discussion were received. These contributions have been integrated in a multi-step process in the draft strategy report that is submitted to GA.

With respect to the work to be done by the Finance Committee on suggestions for further improvements in the accounting system, no progress has been made to the knowledge of TA. The current reporting to the TCs, although valuable in itself and an improvement, the information provided does still not provide sufficient details to

quickly analyze deviations in trends and budgets. TA requested the FC to work on this with priority and provide plans for improvement at the next Council meeting at the latest.

So far only TC6 has provided some input and therefore the TC chairs are reminded to send information about their existing or planned schools and about the way they deal with schools in their TCs to the TC3 Chair. This inventory will be analysed and further discussed at the next TA.

Regrettably Leon Strous had not managed to report more in detail about the WSIS follow-up meeting which was organized by UNESCO, ITU and UNDP on the 24th of February in Geneva. This meeting was meant to be the kick start for the implementation of the action lines that were agreed in Tunis at the WSIS meetings in November 2005. Otto Spaniol will attend another follow-up meeting.

SEARCC is in the process of discussing its future. Depending on the outcome of the internal SEARCC discussions, the issue of appointing representatives in working groups (which is not normal practice in IFIP) will be addressed again.

Reviewing the aims and scopes, which are published in the bulletin and on the web, should be a periodic exercise for the TCs and WGs.

The original intention of the idea to establish a directory of experts is not clear enough yet for all who have been invited to deliver input to this directory. The TC13 chair has written a short note on this. The note will be updated by the TC13 and TC9 chairs taking into account the TA discussion and further input is invited from all TC chairs.

Mr von Solms drew General Assembly's attention to the following issues related to IFIP's Technical Committees:

TC-2: proposed a new working group 2.13 Open Source Software. The topic covers a broad spectrum of aspects and the group is open for and will seek cooperation with other TCs and working groups. TA approved the establishment of this new working group.

TC-3 proposed a change of the name of working group 3.6 from Distance Learning into Distance Education. TA approved the name change.

TC-5 proposed the establishment of a new Special Interest Group (SIG) on Enterprise Interoperability. TA welcomed the establishment of this SIG.

TC-8 tabled a proposal for a new working group 8.9 Enterprise Information Systems. As a rule, a proposal that requires approval must be submitted to the TA members in a timely enough manner to study the proposal. TA agreed, by way of exception, to study the proposal during this meeting. TA approved the establishment of this new working group.

TC-10 proposed to upgrade the SIG Embedded Systems (currently residing under working group 10.5) to a working group status (WG 10.2, thus reusing an open number in the sequence which has not been used for a sufficiently long period). TA approved the upgrade and thus establishment of the new working group.

TC-11 proposed two new working groups: WG 11.6 Identity Management (reusing an open number in the sequence which has not been used for a sufficiently long period) and WG 11.11 Trust Management. TA approved the establishment of the two new working groups.

SG-16 submitted the request to be transformed from a Specialist Group into a Technical Committee. For such an important decision TA decided to vote on this proposal resulting in 10 in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions. TA endorsed for approval by GA the transformation of SG-16 into a TC .

Mr von Solms informed General Assembly about additional issues of specific interest:

- TC-3. The TC-3 chair invited all TCs to become member of the IPC for WCCE 2009 and to participate in this event. The TC-3 chair brought into memory that TC-3 has a good conference management system that can be made available for other TCs.
- TC-11. It was worthwhile noting that WG 11.11 has been initiated by a group of people who were already active in established communities with their own conferences. These communities were looking for possibilities to be more globally active and considered IFIP to be the organization to achieve this.
- TC-13 was putting effort into attracting young people by way of establishing SIGs (which are more flexible in terms of starting and stopping).
- **IFIP Schools.** During the conference and meeting days a number of ideas had emerged with respect to having IFIP Schools in Ethiopia just before or after WITFOR 2007. It was felt that this could be beneficial from many perspectives. Since at least three TCs (TC2, TC6 and TC13) already expressed an interest to have an IFIP School there, it was decided that a small group of people would coordinate this. The three TCs mentioned will participate in this (either by the chair or by a designated person) and the WITFOR 2007 Program Chair will coordinate it in order to keep a close link to WITFOR. TCs who are interested in this activity are invited to send their ideas and proposals to Leon Strous.

Strategy Report

Mr von Solms reported that the Goodenough Strategy Report was extensively discussed during the TC chairs dinner. The TA meeting for time reasons did not address the report formally and hence there are no formal TA recommendations or requests with respect to the report.

Digital Library

The Publication Committee extensively discussed the Digital Library and reported to TA about this, inviting TC chairs to express whether or not the TCs would be interested using a centrally IFIP hosted DL on a cost per paper basis. A first estimate of the per paper cost was given. The TC chairs felt it not possible to answer the request, either positive or negative, since they miss a business plan on paper which would identify in sufficient detail the goals of a DL, alternative solutions, the constraints of each solution, the initial and permanent costs and benefits. TA requested the PC to provide a business plan with sufficient information as indicated above in order to take a well-founded decision.

WCC2006

It was briefly reported from the Congress Steering Committee meeting that WCC 2006 was a success, pending the final report, seems to have not made a loss due to the combination with the CLEI conference which was instrumental in sharing the cost and attracting participants. Even though the CLEI participants will not contribute to the IFIP fee, they also attended many presentations which were of great value to establish new contacts in the South American region.

WCC 2008

Prof. Frisiani reported on the status for WCC 2008. IPC co-chairs are Prof. Ivo De Lotto (Italy) and Prof. Mario Barbacci (USA, Carnegie Mellon – SEI). WCC 2008 will have two main streams: Cross sessions / TC and WG sessions. The IPC chairs will soon send a letter to the TCs inviting them to participate. The letter will include more details and TC chairs are invited to respond to the appeal of the IPC.

e-Journals by TCs

Those TCs or WGs who want to start an e-journal are invited to inform Basie von Solms.

TC Website Hosting

Mr von Solms informed General Assembly that TC chairs had asked to investigate the possible options for central IFIP services with respect to hosting TC and WG websites, which could possibly also help in sharing the costs necessary for the DL. Similar to the DL issue, here also a written plan is needed containing the goals, possible solutions, constraints and financial consequences. TA requested EB to provide a business plan with sufficient information as indicated above in order to take a well-founded decision. In order to provide the necessary information about the users (TCs / WGs) needs, interested TCs will provide inputs to the TA Chair by October 15, 2006. These inputs will be based on a template sent to TC Chairs by the first week in September, 2006. These inputs will then be consolidated by the TA Chair, and passed on to EB with the request to provide the business plan, e.g. by asking a technical consultant to determine the possible technical solutions and financial implications. These financial implications will then be provided to FC by November 30, 2006.

Role of TC Chairs in GA/EB

Mr von Solms informed GA that the TC chairs would like to see their wishes and concerns with respect to the role, position and eligibility of TC chairs for offices in the IFIP structure taken into account in the strategy action items that affect the structure of IFIP.

Archive material for IFIP Archive

TCs are requested to provide archive material, especially past proceedings, to the IFIP Secretariat.

General Assembly **ADOPTED** the report.

4.9 Technical Committee Chairs Reports

The attending TC Chairs presented their reports to GA. The full reports, including participation statistics are available at: <http://www.ifip.org/minutes/GA2006.htm>. In order to avoid duplication only key information and issues addressed during General

Assembly are included below. Regularly updated directory information for all IFIP Technical Committees and Working Groups is available at: http://www.ifip.org/bulletin/bulltcs/b_tcs.htm .

4.9.1 TC 1 Foundations of Computer Science

URL: <http://www.kb.ecei.tohoku.ac.jp/IFIP-TC1/>

Forthcoming business meetings:

TC1	Feb 2007	London, UK
TC1	Mar 2007	Braga, Portugal
TC1	Jun 2007	San Diego, CA, USA
TC1	Aug 2007	Bergen, Norway

4.9.2 TC 2 Software: Theory and Practice

URL: <http://www.ifip-tc2.org>

New working group 2.13 Open Source Software

Forthcoming business meetings:

TC2	Jun 2007	Bulgaria
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4.9.3 TC 3 Education

URL: <http://www.edu.ge.ch/cptic/prospective/projets/ifip/>

Change of the name of working group 3.6 from Distance Learning into Distance Education.

Mr Wibe presented AGORA (Discussion Forum for Life Long Learning) as the TC3 contribution to the discussion about IFIP's Future Strategy (see www.ifip.org/minutes/GA2006.htm).

Forthcoming business meetings:

TC3	Sep 2007	Prague, Czech Rep.
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4.9.4 TC 5 Information Technology Application

Directory information: <http://www.ifip.org/bulletin/bulltcs/memtc05.htm>

Mr Brunnstein Welcome to new chair Mr Waxman and was very pleased about the excellent decision to use Mr Olling's experience after his retirement.

Establishment of a new Special Interest Group (SIG) on Enterprise Interoperability.

Forthcoming business meetings:

TC5	Mar 2007	Executive Meeting
TC5	Sep 2007	

4.9.5 TC 6 Communication Systems

URL: <http://www.ifip.tu-graz.ac.at/TC6/>

Forthcoming business meetings:

TC6	Sep 2006	Paris, France
TC6	May 2007	Atlanta, USA

4.9.6 TC 7 System Modelling and Optimization

URL: <http://www.math.Virginia.EDU/~ifip>

4.9.7 TC 8 Information Systems

URL: <http://ifiptc8.itu.dk>

Mr Brunstein wished Dewald all the best for recovery. **Mr Brunstein** declared Mr Avison as acting chair of TC8.

New working group 8.9 Enterprise Information Systems

4.9.8 TC 9 Relationship Between Computers and Society

URL: http://www.info.fundp.ac.be/~jbl/IFIP_tc9/index.html

Forthcoming business meetings:

TC9	Sep 2006	Maribor, Slovenia
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4.9.9 TC 10 Computer Systems Technology

URL: <http://www.upb.de/cs/aq/-ammig/TC10-Webpages/membertc10.htm>

Upgrade the SIG Embedded Systems (currently residing under working group 10.5) to a working group status (WG 10.2).

4.9.10 TC 11 Security and Protection in IP Systems

URL: <http://www.ifip.tu-graz.ac.at/TC11/>

New Working Groups WG 11.6 Identity Management and WG 11.11 Trust Management.

Forthcoming business meetings:

TC11	May 2007	Johannesburg, South Africa
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4.9.11 TC 12 Artificial Intelligence

URL: <http://www.ifitc12.org>

4.9.12 TC 13 Human-Computer Interaction

URL: <http://www.ifip-hci.org>

Forthcoming business meetings:

TC13	Mar 2007	Salamanca, Spain
TC13	Sep 2007	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

4.9.13 SG 16 Specialist Group on Entertainment Computing

GA ADOPTED the transformation from a SG to a TC (TC14) with 2 abstentions.

The President ASIGNED Mr Nakatsu as TC Chair. **Mr Nakatsu** accepted.

Forthcoming business meetings:

SG16	Sep 2006	Cambridge, UK
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4.10 Appointments

The President announced the following appointments:

Technical Assembly (TA):

B. von Solms, Chairman	(as before)
TC chairs	(as before)
Technical Affiliate member representatives	(as before)
Ex-officio: EB members	(as before)

Activity Management Board (AMB):

N. Schlamberger, Chairman	(as before)
M.Hinchey, R.Morel, I.Privara, F. Rammig,	(as before)
O.Spaniol, J. Wibe,	(as before)
Ex-officio: DCSC chairman, EB members	(as before)

Admissions Committee (AC):

D.Y. Kim, Chairman	(as before)
A. Ramaribana, N. Schlamberger	(as before)
B. von Solms, J. Turner	(as before)

Marketing Committee (MC):

J-C. Laprie, Chairman	(as before)
D. Bradley, W. Grafendorfer,	(as before)
G. Gregersen, R. Morel , A.Pejtersen	(as before)
R. Reis, N. Schlamberger,	(as before)
Ex-officio: PC chairman, NL Editor: E.Dundler	(as before)
Ex-officio: Web Editor: C. Avram	(NEW)

Publications Committee (PC):

J. Turner, Chairman	(as before)
J. Engel, A. Frisiani, R. Johnson, J. Wibe	(as before)
R. Waxman	(NEW)
Ex-officio: Contracts Officer: E Dundler	(as before)

Developing Countries Support Committee (DCSC):

D.Y. Kim, Chairman	(as before)
C. Avgerou, D.Khakhhar, C. Muthukrishnan	(as before)
A. Ramaribana, D. Roode	(as before)
R.Morel, L. Srous	(NEW)
Ex-officio: Contracts Officer: E Dundler	(as before)

Statutes and Bylaws Committee (S&BC):

R. Johnson, Chairman	(as before)
A. Melbye, G. Morris	(as before)

Finance Committee (FC):

J. Granado, Chairman (as before)
 C.Avrarn, D. Brady, A. Frisiani, L. Strous (as before)
 Ex-officio: Treasurer: D.Khakhar (as before)

Congress Steering Committee (CSC)

K. Brunnstein, Chairman (as before)
 J. Engel, A. Frisiani, W. Grafendorfer, J. Granado (as before)
 J-C. Laprie, F. Rammig, B. von Solms, M. Solar (as before)
 G. Occhini (OC-2008 chair) (NEW)
 J Bishop (IPC-2008 co-chair) (NEW)
 I. de Lotto (IPC-2008 co-chair) (NEW)
 Ex-officio: EB members, E. Dundler (as before)

Member Society Relations Committee (MSRC)

K. Brunnstein, Chairman (as before)
 C. Avram, B. Domolki, D.Y. Kim, J. Engel, (as before)
 D. Khakhar, R. Reis, J. Turner (as before)

Internal Awards Committee:

R. Johnson, Chairman (as before)
 P. Bobillier, G. Morris (as before)

Nomination Committee for Officers:

R. Johnson, Chairman (as before)
 J .Granado, G. Morris (as before)

Nomination Committee for Trustees:

N. Schlamberger, Chairman (as before)
 W. Grafendorfer, R. Reis (as before)

IFIP UNESCO Liaison Officer:

K. Brunnstein (as before)
 D. Khakhar, R. Morel (NEW)

IFIP Newsletter Editor:

E. Dundler (as before)

IFIP Contracts Officer:

E. Dundler (as before)

Web Editor:

C. Avram (NEW)

Task Force for Web site:

A. Pejtersen, W. Grafendorfer, R. Reis (as before)
 E. Dundler
 Web Editor: C. Avram (NEW)

Task Force for Digital Library:

J. Turner, Chairman (as before)
 K. Brunnstein, R. Johnson, O. Spaniol (as before)
 Ex-officio: E. Dundler (as before)

4.11 Future Meetings

The next meetings are:

- 2007 Council February 28th - March 3rd, London, UK to mark BCS 50th anniversary
GA August 24th - 27th (following WITFOR 2007 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from August 22nd - 24th 2007)
- 2008 Council March, Amsterdam, Netherlands (provisional, to be confirmed)
GA September (potentially following WCC 2008, Sept 7th-10th 2008 in Milan, Italy)
- 2009 Council March, Open for Invitations
GA September (potentially following WITFOR 2009)

The attention of member societies is drawn to the importance of venues having easy access to major international airports.

4.12 Closing of Meeting

The President thanked again the host for their hospitality and the General Assembly attendees for their contribution. He declared the General Assembly meeting closed and wished everybody a safe journey home.