

Minutes of the General Assembly
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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Membership: The membership of Malaysia has been terminated for not paying fee for three years. IEEE CS has informed IFIP that they terminated their membership by end of 2011. Russia, Ethiopia, Sweden will have no voting rights at General Assembly 2012, because they are 2 years in arrears with paying their membership fee. According the Statutes end of this year their membership will be terminated.

Election of Officers and Councillors: Mr Strous has been elected as President for a second term. Mr Tjoa has been elected as Secretary Elect. Mr Hinchey has been elected as Vice President. Mr Rannenber and Mr Grebennik have been elected as Councillors. The President nominated Mr Wibe and Mr Wong as Councillors (“nominated by the President”) and GA approved these nominations. Mr Goedicke has been nominated by TA and approved by GA as Councillor (“nominated by TA”).

World CIO Forum 2011: The first World CIO Forum was successfully held on 1-4 Nov at Shenzhen in China. The event was sponsored by IFIP and organized by the Chinese Institute of Electronics (CIE).

World IT Forum 2012: The 5th IFIP WITFOR was held in Delhi, India, in partnership with the Indian government’s Department of Electronics and IT (DeitY). It was supported by multilateral organisations like the World Bank, UNESCO and UNDP. WITFOR 2012 attracted 914 delegates from India, both from Government and Private delegates, 40 foreign delegates, 98 speakers, 20 exhibitors and 12 sponsors.

World IT Forum 2013: After organizing WITFORs in Europe, Africa and Asia, IFIP had decided to go with WITFOR 2013 to Paraguay. A contract with the Paraguayan government and IFIP had already been signed and work on the organisation was on track. After a change in the government of Paraguay the new minister informed IFIP that due to economic circumstances they do not see a possibility for a WITFOR in Paraguay. The contract had been cancelled. As a consequence there will be no WITFOR in 2013.

World Computer Congress 2012: The IFIP World Computer Congress was held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The congress attracted 520 delegates. The WCC 2012 combined 5 plenary sessions with 13 speakers, 3 parallel streams with 64 speakers. This WCC was held in a new format. It was the first time that for an IFIP congress no call for papers has been made; there were only invited speakers and no formal proceedings were produced.

On the financial side the organizers had problems in getting sponsorship. Although big budget reductions and tight expenses control were made, there will be an estimated loss of 160K Euro, which will be shared by NGI and IFIP.

Future of IFIP’s flagships (WCC, WITFOR, WCF): A discussion within General Assembly brought that it was very clear the old style should not be continued and there is a strong demand in finding a new style. It has been decided that for all three flagship events a group has to be formed, which should come up within next 4 months with a proposal answering the questions: What does IFIP want to achieve; with whom; who will be attracted by the event; who will do it next time.

Publications Committee: The Author and Referee Codes of Conduct, originally written by Bertrand Meyer have been reviewed by Technical Assembly and

Publications Committee. Following approval of slightly modified versions General Assembly approved unanimously the "IFIP Author Code of Conduct".

Digital Library: ACS confirmed that the ACS wished to terminate its DL services as soon as possible. The ACS is willing to continue to host the DL at no additional cost for a reasonable period of time until IFIP can find a new DL provider. During the 2012 Board meeting, it was decided that efforts to find a new DL provider should not proceed until a full viability review and audit of the DL is conducted.

Technical Assembly: TC Chairs of TC6, Mr Guy Leduc and of TC14, Mr Ryohei Nakatsu will end their second term as TC Chairs this year. For TC14 a new TC Chair, Mr Matthias Rauterberg, has been elected: In TC 5, Mr Erich Neuhold, TC 8, Mr Jan Pries-Heje and in TC12 Mr Tharam Dillon were re-elected for a second term. Technical Assembly supported the creation of the Domain Committee on Health Informatics.

International Professional Practice Partnership (IP3): IP3 lost two of its founding partners, the BCS and IEEE-CS who have found it exceedingly difficult in these challenging financial times to contribute to maintaining this spirit in the face of shortages around them. At the same time, IP3 welcomed the Korean coalition, including KIISE, KAIST and ABEEK as new member.

IP3 Chair Brenda Aynsley, Vice Chair Stephen Ibaraki and Marketing Director Moira de Roche have attended the 2012 WSIS Forum in Geneva. It was a vital opportunity to promote both IFIP and IP3 since it was a principal influencing event. IP3's successful contribution to WCC2012 attracted a lot of attention and created new promising contacts.

Activity Management Board: Web-based Event Approval system which covers all stages from initial proposal to automatic storage of events in the calendar of events has been implemented. Starting with a trial phase in March 2012 it is now fully in production and has handled already 80 events.

Developing Country Support Committee: For 2012 the initial funds allocated were 6K €. EC accepted to increase the funds to 10K € for 2012; 7K€ of them are already submitted, confirmed 3K € are already allocated.

International Liaison Committee: The partnership of IFIP with UNESCO has been reclassified in "consultative status" according the new UNESCO directives. The new directives include a specific consultation process of NGOs on the elaboration of UNESCO's strategy and program at a bilateral and multilateral level.

IFIP/IP3 participated in the World Summit on the Information Society by organizing an E-workshop "Improving Economic Development, Regional GDP, Innovation, Education, Skills, Sustainability and Security by creating and growing a professional ICT workforce".

Membership Structure: A memorandum of the German Informatics society (GI) with suggestions how IFIP could become stronger and would get more influence has been discussed.

Domain Committee Health Informatics: The establishment of a "Domain Committee Health Informatics" has been approved. The main task for the committee will be to strengthen the cooperation between IMIA and IFIP in this area and to look at possibilities to support each other's activities.

Finances: IFIP's portfolio is keeping up with inflation. IFIP achieved a 2.05% per annum compound rate of return. The next major review of the portfolio will be undertaken in 2015 following the plan to do it every 5 years.

Financial performance in 2012 is expected to be much better than the 2011. IFIP has a reasonably consistent portfolio performance and a healthy portfolio. At General Assembly in 2011, a 2012 budget with a 90,000 Euro deficit has been set. The forecast for 2012 is better than that, perhaps 12,000 Euro deficit.

General Assembly accepted the Auditor's Report, approved the figures for 2011 and discharged the Treasurer and EC for fiscal year 2011. General Assembly adopted budget for 2013 proposed by the Treasurer.

Finance Committee: General Assembly approved the proposed change in IFIP's Standing Orders in that direction that any commitments, guarantees or loans given for events or projects should formally be brought to the notice of General Assembly immediately and not waiting until the next GA meeting.

General Assembly approved the raise of IFIP's membership fee by 5 % for 2013.

2 ACTION LIST

Task	Person/ Body
Future of flagship events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To form a group, which should come up within 4 months with a proposal how to proceed with the flagship events ○ To figure out what does IFIP want to achieve with its flagship events and with whom; who will be attracted by the event; who will do it next time. 	EC Future events group
Publications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Put Author and Referee Codes of Conduct on IFIP's website in order to encourage conference organizers / authors to review and send comments and suggestions to PC / EC, ○ Investigation of involvement of AICT Editorial Board in quality monitoring 	PC PC
Digital Library: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To appoint a review committee for conduction of a viability review and audit of the DL. 	President
Technical Assembly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposal for Emeritus Members ○ Proposal for TC Chair Elect and Immediate Past TC Chair 	TA TA
International Professional Practice Partnership (IP3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To present a working plan for next years in advance. 	IP3
Membership Structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To distribute GI Memorandum 	President
Membership Fee Structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To request proposals for the future from Executive Committee 	President

3 ATTENDANCE LIST

GA Members Present

Member Society Representatives (31 representatives)

Australia	A Wong	Austria	A Min Tjoa
Belgium	D Deschoolmeester	Bulgaria	K Boyanov
Brazil	M Walter	Canada	G Boyton
China	F Lin	Croatia	M Frkovic
Czech Rep	J Pokorny	Finland	O Martikainen
Germany	F Rammig	Hungary	M Raffai
India	M D Agrawal	Ireland	D Brady
Japan	T Saito	Korea	D Y Kim
Lithuania	E Telesius	Netherlands	L Strous
New Zealand	R Delany	Norway	J Wibe
Poland	J Nawrocky	Portugal	A Casaca
Slovakia	I Privara	Slovenia	M Krisper
South Africa	B von Solms	Spain	R Puigjaner
Switzerland	R Morel	Ukraine	I Grebennik
UK	A McGettrick	US-ACM	J Turner
Zimbabwe	L Gudza		

Ex officio Members

C Avram	Treasurer
M Bramer	Councillor
J Nation	InterYIT
L Sawhney	Vice President

Honorary Members

K Brunnstein

TC Chairs (10 TCs were represented)

TC1	M Hinchey	TC2	M Goedicke
TC3	B Cornu	TC5	E Neuhold
TC8	J Pries-Heje	TC9	J Phahlamohlaka
TC11	K Rannenber	TC12	T Dillon
TC13	J Gulliksen	TC14	M Rauterberg

Associate Members

CEPIS	D Brady	IMIA	H Takeda
SEARCC	Y Karunaratne		

Observers

Y Zhang	CIE (China)	B Byers	CIPS (Canada)
R Johnson	IP3 Representative	M de Roche	IP3
B Aynsley	IP3 Chair	A Senteni	
S Ibaraki	IP3	C Thompson	IP3

IFIP Secretariat

E Dundler	IFIP General Secretary
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Apologies

Bosnia&Herzegovina	M Beganovic	
CLEI	R Baeza-Yates	Proxy to R Puigjaner
Danmark	P Bollersev	Proxy to J Wibe
France	G Domeingts	Proxy to B Cornu
Italy	A Frisiani	Proxy to J Turner
Sweden	D Khakhar	
Tunisia	M Zghal	
Ex officio	J Engel	
TC6	G Leduc	
TC10	B Eschermann	Proxy to K Rannenberg
Honorary Member	A Rolstadas	

4 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

4.1 Call Meeting to Order

The President, Mr Strous, opened the General Assembly meeting, formally welcomed all participants and wished to all a constructive meeting. He thanked the local host, the Dutch Computer Society (NGI) for the hospitality and for the local organisation. **Mr Strous** introduced the President of the Dutch Computer Society Mr Klaas Brongers.

Mr Klaas Brongers, President of NGI welcomed all participants to General Assembly in Amsterdam on behalf of NGI and wished a successful meeting to the participants. **Mr Brongers** was very proud about the great success of the IFIP World Computer Congress held in Amsterdam the days before.

Mr Strous welcomed especially all representatives of Member Societies and TC chairs attending their first IFIP meeting in that role, Mr Rammig (Germany), Mr Agrawal (India), Mr Grebennik (Ukraine), Mr Krisper (Slovenia) and Mr Goedicke (TC2) and Mr Rauterberg (TC14).

4.2 Attendance and Apologies

The **Secretary, Ms Raffai**, announced the GA attendance and apologies received (please refer to the attendance list). 31 Full Members, 10 TC representatives, 3 representatives of Associate Members, 1 Honorary Member and 4 ex officio members with voting rights were represented and 5 valid proxies were given.

Ms Raffai stated that the attendance exceeded the quorum and GA could proceed with its work.

4.3 Business Issues

4.3.1 Approval of Agenda

Mr Strous informed General Assembly that the sequence of items in the agenda would be followed as closely as possible but a few changes would possibly occur during the meeting.

General Assembly unanimously **ADOPTED** the Agenda.

4.3.2 Approval of Minutes GA 2011

Mr Strous informed General Assembly that the minutes have been approved according the procedure agreed in 2010.

4.3.3 President's Report

Mr Strous, the IFIP President, presented his report and said that the time since last General Assembly has been a year of mixed feelings for him. He went through many kinds of emotions, from desperation to hope, from disappointment to encouragement

Mr Strous said that he believes that IFIP is at an important crossroad. IFIP has started to discuss changes a few years ago. Now is the time to take the next steps. The world outside IFIP is moving ahead and changing ever faster. IFIP has great opportunities, which can be realized. If IFIP doesn't do that, the future for IFIP will be very difficult. He looks forward to the help of all in realizing these ambitions.

General Assembly had no questions or comments with respect to the President's report.

4.3.4 Secretary's Report

Ms Raffai reported that the Secretariat continues to run smoothly and on behalf of the IFIP officers she expressed her thanks to the colleagues of the Secretariat for their hard work.

Ms Raffai informed General Assembly that during the year several business meetings took place together with IFIP President Leon Strous, Honorary Secretary Maria Raffai and General Secretary Eduard Dundler on secretarial issues.

Ms Raffai reported that as the termination of the subsidy from the Austrian government needed urgent attention. Mr Strous, Ms Raffai and Mr Dundler discussed with the Ministry BMVIT (Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology) this issue. From the start of the office in Austria, IFIP received two subsidies from the Austrian government based on a 15-year contract. One subsidy was a basic general subsidy; the other was an amount to cover the rent for the office premises. Both amounts were 25K €. The two subsidies were part of one contract, signed by one ministry that was later split in two. The contract however was not split. Therefore, technically, when one ministry (BMWV) decided to end the contract, the other ministry (BMVIT) could have done the same at the same time but they did not. The contract with BMWV relating to 15 years basis subsidy was terminated at the end of 2010. By direction of the Austrian Government the BMWV is not allowed to grant basis subsidy anymore, because of general budget restrictions; therefore contract renewal for this was beyond possibility. BMVIT continued to grant IFIP with subsidy for the leasing expense of the office in Laxenburg. In the course of 2011 BMVIT informed IFIP that they also wanted to end the subsidy but that they did not want to do this immediately but in April 2013. In order to correctly end the old contract and also formally agree on the period until April 2013, a contract to this purpose was signed by both partners (BMVIT and IFIP). BMVIT confirmed the interest in IFIP activities, and announced the willingness for a later discussion (after the IFIP General Assembly or at the beginning of the next year) about possibilities for future support. IFIP's President and General Secretary will arrange a meeting with the responsible Austrian government in autumn this year in order to negotiate a new subsidy contract.

Ms Raffai informed General Assembly that the already seven years old IT server in the Secretariat could not satisfy the requirements anymore. A new server was needed and deployed at the office in Spring 2012. Together with this investment software for finance balancing was also implemented.

Ms Raffai presented the present status of IFIP membership to General Assembly:

- 45 Full Members with voting rights. It is to be regretted that IEEE CS terminated its membership by the end of 2011. Mr Strous made efforts to keep IEEE CS as a

member; at the end of March 2012 he discussed at a face to face meeting all matters relevant for the relationship with IEEE CS.

- 3 Full Members without voting rights at GA 2012. Russia, Ethiopia, Sweden are end of this year 2 years in arrears and if they do not pay the 2 years membership fee latest until the end of 2012 their membership will terminate 1st of January 2013. Malaysia is 3 years in arrears therefore its membership has already been terminated.
- 4 Associate Members (CEPIS, IMIA, SEARCC, VLDP)
- 10 Honorary Members

The category of Corresponding Members has been abolished. The effort of the IFIP President Mr Strous to bring Argentina, Iceland and Serbia from this category to the category of a Full member was unfortunately not successful.

Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Portugal, Singapore, Thailand, and Tunisia did not pay in 2012 yet.

IFIP has received a new application from Namibia (see the Report of the Nominations Committee).

Ms Raffai reported that the new version of IFIP's Statutes and Bylaws as approved at the GA 2011 in Prague has been uploaded to the IFIP website in November 2011.

4.3.5 EC Meetings Report

Ms Raffai reported that the Executive Committee held altogether 7 meetings during the last year (4 face to face meetings and 3 teleconferences, see the EC Report for details). Between these meetings the EC members had frequent discussions by phone and through emails. Most of the EC meetings had been routine business; detailed information can be found elsewhere in these minutes like for finances, IFIP strategy, membership structure and publications).

Ms Raffai reported that EC has decided to keep the IFIP Secretariat in Laxenburg, Austria after analysing an offer to move to Vienna. The President will together with the General Secretary contact the Austrian government (BMVIT) end of this year in order to discuss possibilities of future subsidising the Secretariat.

Ms Raffai informed General Assembly that within EC the issue of the future of WCCs, WITFORs and WCFs has been discussed. These issues will be discussed in General Assembly in more detail.

4.3.6 Election of IFIP Officers and Councillors

Ms Raffai presented the report of the Nominations Committee and informed General Assembly about vacancies in offices and the status of nominations. She informed the members of General Assembly about the possibility to nominate candidates also from the floor.

1. President Elect

Ms Raffai reported that the first term of Mr Strous as President would end in 2013 and therefore there was a vacancy for President Elect. The current post holder, Mr

Strous received 11 nominations for the inclusion on the ballot paper. There was no nomination received from the floor.

General Assembly **ELECTED** (49 votes for YES, 0 votes for NO, 1 abstention)

Mr L Strous (Netherlands) for a second term as President (2013 – 2016).

2. Honorary Secretary Elect

Ms Raffai reported that Mr A Min Tjoa has received 6 nominations for inclusion on the ballot paper. There was no nomination received from the floor.

General Assembly **ELECTED** by acclamation

Mr A Min Tjoa (Austria) as Secretary Elect (2012 – 2013)

3. Vice President (VP)

Ms Raffai reported that there was one vacancy for Vice President (VP) position. Mr Sawhney received 8 nominations for inclusion on the ballot paper. From the floor Mr Hinchey received 11 nominations for inclusion in the ballot paper.

General Assembly **ELECTED** (Mr Hinchey: 32 votes, Mr Sawhney: 17 votes, 1 invalid vote)

Mr M Hinchey (Chair TC1) as Vice President (2012 – 2015)

4. Councillors

Ms Raffai reported that there were two vacancies for councillors to be nominated and elected by General Assembly. Mr Rannenberg received 10 nominations and Mr Grebennik received 4 nominations; consequently both of them were put on the ballot paper. There was no nomination received from the floor.

General Assembly **ELECTED** by acclamation

Mr K Rannenberg (Germany) as Councillor for his second term (2012 – 2015)

Mr I Grebennik (Ukraine) as Councillor for his first term (2012 – 2015)

There were two vacancies for councillor “nominated by the President of IFIP”.

General Assembly **APPROVED** by acclamation

Mr J Wibe (Norway) as Councillor for his second term (2012 – 2015)

Mr A Wong (Australia) as Councillor (2012 – 2013) for the remaining year of Mr Tjoa’s term (according to the current rules this does not count as a first term for Mr Wong).

Ms Raffai informed General Assembly that for Councillor “nominated by TA” Mr Goedicke has been nominated.

General Assembly **APPROVED** by acclamation

Mr M Goedicke (TC2 Chair) as Councillor (2012 – 2013) for the remaining year of Mr Hinchey’s term (according to the current rules this does not count as a first term for Mr Goedicke).

4.4 Congresses and Major Events

4.4.1 World CIO Forum (WCF) 2011

Mr Lin, from the Chinese Member Society, presented the report about the World CIO Forum 2011, which was successfully held on 1-4 Nov at Shenzhen in China. The event was sponsored by IFIP and organized by the Chinese Institute of Electronics (CIE). 800 audiences from 50 countries, including CIOs, decision makers, government officials and professors attended the event. During the 4 days, there were 55 presentations, 10 panel discussions, 7 paralleled sessions and 3 tracks and 2 technical tours.

This first IFIP WCF had substantial support from IFIP members, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, China Association for Science and Technology, Advisory Committee for State Information and People’s Government of Shenzhen. On the first day at the plenary meeting, Wu Jichuan, the Chairman of CIE, Zhou Zixue, the chief economist of Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, Tang Jie, the vice mayor of Shenzhen attended and Mr Strous, the President of IFIP made the opening remarks.

Mr Lin said that CIOs group is crucial to the development of IFIP. He expected that WCF can become an IFIP brand event, comparable with WCC. He said that IFIP should make an effort to increase the influence and impact of IFIP on CIOs. In his opinion a special interest group focused on CIOs can be set up. The CIE is willing to provide its input into this attempt.

Mr Strous thanked Mr Lin and the Chinese Institute of Electronics for their event initiative and hard work.

4.4.2 World IT Forum (WITFOR) 2012

Mr Sawhney reported that the 5th IFIP WITFOR 2012 conference in India was held in partnership with the Indian government’s Department of Electronics and IT (DeitY), with crucial knowledge inputs from the Ministries of Health, Agriculture and HRD. It also had the support of multilateral organisations like the World Bank, UNESCO and UNDP.

Top-level government participation was primarily drawn from the Ministry of Communications and IT and other state-level IT departments and nodal agencies. The National Organising Committee was headed by the Indian Union Minister for Communications and IT & Human Resource Development, Shri Kapil Sibal. Individual theme-based Committees were headed by senior government officials

from related ministries and departments, as well as the respective WITFOR Commission Chairs, who are senior members of the academia from various parts of the world.

Mr Sawhney informed General Assembly that WITFOR 2012 had participants from the government cut across states, sectors and services, with high-level participation from the Ministries of Agriculture, Health and HRD, along with key officials involved in the central and state governments' e-governance initiatives. WITFOR 2012 saw participation from over 900 delegates and more than 85 speakers, both from India and other countries.

Speakers included high-level representation from UNESCO, the World Bank and UNDP, senior Ministers and MPs from South Asia, Latin America and Africa, senior bureaucrats and technologists from South Korea, Canada, Nigeria, Estonia, Kenya, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Moldova and from all across India, including a number of Secretaries to the Government of India and Health, Education and IT Secretaries from across states. Recognised experts from academia from both within and outside India featured as prominent speakers, including from the UK, Botswana, Finland, Paraguay and Japan; from higher education institutions like IGNOU, AICTE and NIOS; as well as senior representatives from industry and business chambers, development organisations and those involved in key public-private partnerships. Participants were also drawn from State-funded research organisations, universities and inter-governmental bodies, as well as from independent think tanks, mainstream and specialty media, social entrepreneurs, innovators and researchers from various fields.

There was strong support from government ministries, departments and agencies which shared inputs for the agenda, identified speakers and set up stalls at the conference exhibition. These included Gujarat Informatics Ltd, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, Media LAB Asia, RajCOMP Info Services Ltd, Kerala IT Mission, Passport Seva (Ministry of External Affairs), Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd, National Informatics Centre, National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) and the Common Services Centre.

Mr Sawhney reported that WITFOR 2012 attracted 914 delegates from India, both from Government and Private delegates, 40 foreign delegates, 98 speakers, 20 exhibitors and 12 sponsors.

Mr Strous thanked Mr Sawhney and everybody involved and confirmed that it was a very worthwhile event, with a lot of effort to get it organized.

4.4.3 World IT Forum (WITFOR) 2013

Mr Puigjaner reported that after the sequence of Europe, Africa and Asia, the EC considered that the next two WITFOR events should take place in Latin America, one in South America and another in Central America. IFIP's first choice for WITFOR 2013 was Paraguay. In December 2011 the Memorandum of Understanding between the Paraguayan Government and IFIP has been signed. Late January 2012 the Paraguayan Government appointed people for the key positions of the WITFOR 2013 organization, as well IFIP. Since February, a series of skype teleconference meetings were held. Among the main decisions taken, the date and the venue have been fixed. Ms Margarita Rojas and Benjamín Barán attended WITFOR 2012 where

she presented WITFOR 2013 and he gave a talk on a communications for developing countries topic. Sponsorship of Itaipú Binacional with an important amount (between 300,000 and 500,000 US\$) has been agreed.

In May 2012, the President of Paraguay, Fernando Lugo, was removed from his position by the Senate and the Vice-President replaced him with the consequences of a complete reorganization of the Government Ministers and a stand by situation of the organization of WITFOR 2013. The new Minister of Planning, Fernando Pfannl, was appointed in June 2012. Mr Puigjaner visited in the second half of July Asunción in order to get direct information of the WITFOR situation. In the meeting of Margarita Rojas, Benjamín Barán, Nicolás Pereyra, Rubén Cubilla and Ramon Puigjaner with Fernando Pfannl the key Paraguayan persons in the organization of WITFOR 2013 were confirmed. The Paraguayan authorities confirmed their support to the realization of WITFOR 2013 in Asuncion on the planned dates (June 5-7, 2013). It has been decided to have a next meeting two days later to restart the organization of WITFOR2013.

On the next day Benjamin Barán informed Mr Puigjaner that Margarita Rojas was removed from her position as ICT Minister. It was not possible to get an explanation from Minister Pfannl. In the afternoon of the next day the planned meeting was held without the presence of Margarita Rojas. At the end of the meeting the new Minister, replacing Margarita Rojas arrived. After the explanations of WITFOR characteristics, he confirmed the engagement of the Government with WITFOR.

On the day after unconfirmed information that the Government had decided to cancel WITFOR has been received. Mr Puigjaner tried to join the Minister by phone with no success. Apparently it was planned that somebody from the Ministry would call Mr Puigjaner and that a letter would be sent to IFIP explaining the reasons of this decision.

Beginning of August 2012 President Leon Strous received a letter from Ministers Pfannl and Vazquez informing him about the impossibility to organize WITFOR 2013 in Paraguay.

Mr Puigjaner informed General Assembly that the Executive Committee has decided to send a letter to the Paraguayan Government confirming the cancellation of WITFOR 2013.

Mr Strous regretted that WITFOR 2013 has to be cancelled and he thanked Mr Puigjaner and all the colleagues in Paraguay for their hard work to for WITFOR 2013.

4.4.4 World Computer Congress (WCC) 2012

Mr Strous reported about the first reactions from participants of the IFIP World Computer Congress, held September 24-26, 2012 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The WCC 2012 comprised good sessions on currently important items. The combination of addressing general policy and very technical issues and attracting all stakeholders was quite unique for the congress. Unfortunately the number of participants was low. The congress had very enthusiastic researchers, but high average age. The participants felt that fewer presentations, but more discussion and interaction would make the congress more attractive.

The congress attracted 520 delegates. The WCC 2012 combined 5 plenary sessions with 13 speakers, 3 parallel streams with 64 speakers. On the second day the NGI Annual Conference with 6 speakers was included as fourth stream

Mr Strous informed General Assembly about the financial implications of the WCC 2012. The organizers had problems in getting sponsorship. There was hardly any effect from early bird, discount actions and package deals. Due to the format of invited speakers instead of 300 authors that pay the fee, now about 30 speakers that get expenses refunded and pay no fee. Although big budget reductions and tight expenses control were made, there will be an estimated loss of 160K Euro, which will be shared by NGI and IFIP.

Mr von Solms explained the format and structure of the WCC. He said that it was the first time that for an IFIP congress no call for papers was used; there were only invited speakers and no formal proceedings were produced.

Mr von Solms summarized some general and consistent themes coming from the presentations. He said that there were concerns about the Internet and that there would be a need for a more secure, resilient and trustworthy type of Internet. There were also concerns of the quality of software, of the non-accountability as far as 'broken' software is concerned, of the synchronization between developments in ICT and national and international legal systems and about issues related to copyright and patents in software. Main issues were the role of Open Access and wider access to information and research results, the absolute need for e-skills and a proper IT profession, the short and long term social implications of the Internet, the importance and management of innovation in ICT and the positive and negative use of Big Data.

Mr Strous presented a listing of comments from the Local Organizing Committee and the Steering Committee and what could have been done better.

Mr von Solms said that it became very clear that the days of general type of conferences are finished. This should be the last IFIP WCC. Although IFIP must invest money and take risks, IFIP cannot carry on subsidizing such conferences; even more IFIP cannot expect its member societies to keep subsidizing such conferences.

4.4.5 Future of WCC

Mr Strous presented to General Assembly the main issues for consideration of the future of WCCs. He said that there is not enough interest in general conferences and the brave attempt with change in format did not help. Dependence on sponsorship is too risky; if economy is bad, no sponsor money will arrive. Volunteers don't necessarily have the required skills for instance for sponsor acquisition. Getting the right promotion channels is difficult, partly due to the nature of IFIP, partly due to the fact that IFIP and often also member societies are not well known. And last but not least the financial burden and risk for member society and IFIP is too big

In order to start the discussion on the future of WCCs within General Assembly **Mr Strous** made the proposal that 2012 was the last WCC, and there will be no further attempts to make changes and try again. IFIP has to find other ways to achieve the goals that WCC was supposed to achieve.

After a very positive and constructive discussion of the participants of General Assembly **Mr Strous** concluded that there is a general wish to investigate where an option for serving IFIP's community is. The old style should not be continued, there is a strong demand in finding a new style. He proposed to form a group which should come up within next 4 months with a proposal answering the questions: What does IFIP like to achieve; with whom; who will be attracted by the event; who will do it next time.

General Assembly **APPROVED** the proposal and entrusted Executive Committee to form the group and give directions to them.

4.4.6 Future of WITFOR

Mr Strous informed General Assembly that there is no planning of the next WITFOR conference yet. He said that before starting planning, IFIP has to work on establishing an active online community that will undertake "WITFOR style" activities. It is absolutely necessary to build up a large enough community and create a good pool of volunteers and work on the messages, what do we want to achieve with WITFOR, how and with whom. He said that working together with UNESCO and ITU, taking advantage of their events and activities and join where useful would be essential. Creating an interest with stakeholders from industry and governments will enable a financial model which is sustainable for continuing the activities. After finishing those tasks thinking about a possible next big event could start.

General Assembly **DISCUSSED** these issues and **AGREED** with these thoughts of **Mr Strous** and entrusted Executive Committee to form a group which will work on these topics and come up with a proposal within 4 months.

4.4.7 Future of WCF

Mr Strous presented his opinion about the World CIO Forum and said that IFIP has to work on the message, what it wants to achieve, how and with whom. It is necessary to find organisations to cooperate with, like industry associations and CIO networks. In cooperation with such bodies a model has to be developed that can be sustainable for a number of consecutive events. After positive conclusion of these actions planning for the next WCF can start.

General Assembly **AGREED** with this opinion of **Mr Strous** and entrusted Executive Committee to form a group which will work on these topics and come up with a proposal within 4 months.

4.5 Publications

4.5.1 Publications Committee

Mr Turner reported that Springer has submitted their Publisher's report to the Publications Committee. The report showed that the number of publications (AICT plus LNCS) was the same in 2011 and 2010. For 2012 the estimate will be in the

same range with about 50 publications. In the Education and Information Technologies were over 50.000 successful Full-Text article requests, which was an increase of about 40%.

Mr Turner presented the Publications report on behalf the Publications Committee. He informed General Assembly of the accomplishments since the 2011 GA meeting:

1. Revision and update of the IFIP Digital Library

Following a reorganization at the ACS (IFIP's DL provider), it was firmly confirmed that the ACS wished to terminate its DL services as soon as possible. The ACS is willing to continue to host the DL at no additional cost for a reasonable period of time until IFIP can find a new DL provider. Issues remain relative to completion of the addition of full author papers up through 2008 according to the agreement for DL services.

During the 2012 Board meeting, it was decided that efforts to find a new DL provider should not proceed until a full viability review and audit of the DL is conducted. A review committee was to be appointed and the review completed prior to the 2012 GA meeting, but so far no committee has been appointed.

Mr Turner reported that on May 31, he met with ACS staff at ACS Headquarters in Sydney to discuss a way forward. The ACS IFIP representative also attended the meeting. He said that there was a discussion of the difficulty of adding the full text of author papers to the DL because of the random organization of the author submission files, resulting in the necessity of manually locating and creating or extracting a pdf file for each paper. The PC Chair showed an example of files that he had created for the 2008 papers in order to make the task more manageable. It was agreed that if files similar to those illustrated could be provided then they would be added to the DL and linked from the corresponding metadata entry. Agreement was reached on the file name conventions and the organization of the file for each volume. It was agreed that the work should be completed within one or two months after receiving the files.

The PC Chair completed the creation of the 2008 files during the remainder of his time in Australia, finishing on his flight back to the US. The files were uploaded to the IFIP DL ftp site and the ACS notified on June 22. There has been no action until one week ago from the ACS. It appears that the ACS is in the process of contracting to have the agreed-upon work done.

General Assembly **REQUESTED** to speed up the forming of a review group and to review the Digital Library.

The President apologized for the late formation of the review group and informed GA that this would be done very quick now.

2. AICT

Mr Turner reported that Springer's operations relative to AICT continue to go well. A new sub-series for surveys has been established, and the first issue is in production.

3. Progress on a new TC-11 journal

Mr Turner informed General Assembly that there has been no further response from the proposers after initial approval was given and a complete proposal was requested.

4. MS proposal to republish selected papers from IFIP publications

Mr Turner reported that a response was finally received from Springer in January. As expected, an on-going general republication process was not considered as possible. An option may be to arrange for access to SpringerLink for selected papers via the Member Society's website with member login. This is under discussion with the MS.

5. Author and referee codes of professional conduct

Mr Turner reported that Technical Assembly has reviewed author and referee codes of conduct that were originally written by Bertrand Meyer. Following approval of slightly modified versions, the Technical Assembly has recommended adoption and implementation of these codes by IFIP. The PC has reviewed the TA recommended codes and recommends adoption with a few modifications. To incorporate the documents as IFIP policy, the revised document of the Publications Policy and Guidelines is recommended for approval.

General Assembly **APPROVED** unanimously the "IFIP Author Code of Conduct".

Mr Turner informed General Assembly about plans and ongoing work in Publications Committee:

1. Continued development of the DL

Mr Turner informed General Assembly that the effort to have the ACS add the 2008 author papers to the DL has been pursued in order to have an example DL implementation from which to work with potential new providers. It is hoped that the ACS will eventually complete this work. The work should be very straightforward given that individual pdfs have been provided for each paper in a predictable file format, although the software that is used to manage the DL often requires recreating the entire DL for such changes.

No effort has been made to find a new DL provider in accordance with the Board's decision to first complete a viability review of the DL. Further progress on the DL awaits the results of this review, which has not yet been organized, or a change in the decision to suspend DL activities until completion of the review.

2. Development of AICT

Mr Turner reported that the intention remains to involve the AICT Editorial Board, along with the PC, in considering how to make AICT a stronger series, perhaps using sub-lines to distinguish between different types of events and publications.

3. Author and Referee Codes of Conduct

Mr Turner said that the Codes will be placed on the IFIP website. Conference organizers will be encouraged to review the codes, and to encourage authors to review the author code prior to submission of a paper and referees to review the referee code prior to accepting a review assignment.

4. Appeal/review policy for IFIP publications

Mr Turner reported that Technical Assembly has recommended that a mechanism will be established to allow intervention by a TC when there is a need to monitor the quality or procedures for conference proceedings. The current contract designates the proceedings editor as IFIP's sole representative for all matters related to proceedings. A mechanism for intervention or other access by an appropriate official

is needed if evidence suggests that appropriate procedures might not have been followed in the review and selection process for proceedings papers. This will be investigated with Springer.

5. Involvement of AICT Editorial Board in quality monitoring

Mr Turner reported that Technical Assembly has suggested that there may be a need to involve the AICT Editorial Board in an active process of approving AICT publications. This will be investigated further by the PC.

The PC recommended adoption of the IFIP Author Code of Conduct, IFIP Referee Code of Conduct, and the revised Bylaw 6.2.1 Publications Policy and Guidelines.

General Assembly **APPROVED** the recommended adoption.

4.5.2 Digital Library

Report on IFIP's Digital Library was included in the Publications Report above.

4.6 Technical Assembly (TA)

Mr Hinchey, Chairman of the Technical Assembly, presented his report to General Assembly:

1. Changes in Technical Assembly

Mr Hinchey reported that the TC Chairs of TC6, Mr Guy Leduc and of TC14, Mr Ryohei Nakatsu end their second term as TC Chairs this year.

For TC14 a new TC Chair has been elected: Mr Matthias Rauterberg.

In TC 5, Mr Erich Neuhold, in TC 8, Mr Jan Pries-Heje and in TC12 Mr Tharam Dillon were re-elected for a second term.

2. Changes in Working Groups

Technical Assembly **APPROVED** the establishment of WG 2.16 on "Programming Language Design", which had been proposed to TA in 2011.

Technical Assembly **APPROVED** the upgrading of the very active and successful SIG 5.1 on "Advanced Information Processing for Agriculture" to a working group (WG 5.14).

Technical Assembly **APPROVED** the renaming of WG 14.4 on "Games and Entertainment Computing" to "Entertainment Games" and the simultaneous establishment of WG 14.8 on "Serious Games". This is to reflect the interest in games in both entertainment and for other ("serious") purposes.

In addition, WG 9.5 proposed to add "Social Networking" to its title, to better reflect its interests. It was agreed to delay this while WG 9.5 and WG 2.8 meet to discuss joint interests and consider a joint working group as an option. TC 11 may also participate and have contributions to make.

3. Domain Committee on Health Informatics

Mr Hinchey informed General Assembly that Technical Assembly considered the proposed domain committee on Health Informatics. A number of queries were raised on the role of the committee, its composition and how decisions would be made on the creation and/or cancellation of future such committees.

Following discussion with IFIP's President, Technical Assembly **SUPPORTED** the creation of this Domain Committee but **REQUESTED** clarification of the process, role, and remit of domain committees for future such committees.

4. Digital Library

Mr Hinchey said that Technical Assembly recognized the benefit of a fully-functional open access of IFIP publications for members. This must be significantly more than merely a repository, with appropriate indexing, and search options. Moreover, publications must be available in a timely fashion, which may be possible when the next publishing contract is negotiated starting next year.

Technical Assembly met PC Chair, Mr Turner, and offered support and assistance on this matter. The PC Chair informed Technical Assembly that currently progress on the DL is stalled pending a viability review.

5. Emeritus Members

Mr Hinchey reported that the possibility of a formal role for emeritus members was considered. Some TCs have such roles (or honorary or category C membership) but there is not a formal role. Such a role may assist retired or other past members receive travel funding from their organizations and continues organizational memory.

Technical Assembly will bring a proposal to the next General Assembly.

6. TC Chair Elect and Immediate Past Chair

Mr Hinchey said that in order to preserve organizational memory, and assist new chairs, Technical Assembly would like to have the option of having Chair Elect and Past Chair roles at both the TC and WG level. TCs/WGs would not be required to have these roles, but for those who wished to have them it would be advantageous to have consistency across IFIP.

Technical Assembly will bring a proposal to the next General Assembly.

7. Author and Reviewer Code of Conduct

Mr Hinchey informed General Assembly that Technical Assembly **APPROVED** Author and Referee Codes of Conduct, originated by Bertrand Meyer (previously TC-2 Chair), but will likely ask for further improvements in the future.

8. Quality of AICT volumes

Mr Hinchey informed General Assembly that Technical Assembly expressed its concerns over quality control of publications. In particular, the approval of volumes in the AICT book series, for which each TC provides one member of the Editorial Board was raised. Technical Assembly will work with PC and suggest some potentially suitable mechanisms.

9. *Other issues*

Mr Hinchey said that Technical Assembly requested a longer meeting at the next General Assembly, one full day plus evening meeting and also requested a longer reporting period at next GA, one hour is suggested.

General Assembly **ACCEPTED** the report.

4.7 InterYIT

Mr Nation, Director of Young IT at the Australian Computer Society, presented the current status of the proposed 4 major initiatives for InterYIT.

1. *Young IT Platform*

Mr Nation said that the primary focus of this initiative was to launch the InterYIT website (interyit.org), which was done in July of 2012. The site currently has over 10.000 hits with a growing collection of articles and information for Young IT people. This will form the basis of all work that InterYIT is involved in and is an important milestone. He appealed to the GA to promote the website more across the computer societies.

2. *Taking IT Global*

This forms a major part of the new site and already has a number of countries with pertinent information. This will be an actively updated part of the website and will continue to grow as more countries are added. A list of useful organizations has been identified.

3. *New Young IT Group*

Mr Nation reported that there was initial enthusiasm from several member societies, particularly the UK, Canada and the Netherlands (who all already had existing Young IT groups), as well as interest from a number of other societies that did not have any formal Young IT groups. Unfortunately progress on this stalled, partly so that the remaining active volunteers could focus on the website, WCC etc. However, a lot of work has been done to document the work of the existing Young IT groups, including constitutions, event ideas, discussions around structure and suggestions on how to fund and integrate such a group. This means that a lot of information is ready to be handed over once an actively engaged member society is identified.

4. *Student to Professional Transition*

Mr Nation reported that work has been done independently by the Young IT boards of the Australian and New Zealand member societies. As there are no other Young IT groups active on the InterYIT board this information has not currently been shared. This initiative has been postponed until more Young IT groups are on-board

Financial status: **Mr Nation** informed General Assembly that the InterYIT has not spent its budget provided in the 2011-12 IFIP budget. This was mainly due to delay in getting some of the initiatives off the ground and a focus on reducing costs when it came to the website launch. He expected the remainder of the website budget this calendar year as InterYIT finalise the last parts of the site.

Mr Nation said that creating a new younger platform for IFIP was never going to be an easy task, particularly when few of the member societies have youth bodies of their own. This has meant a slower than expected turn around for many of the

initiatives of InterYIT. A lot of the ground work has now been delivered and with the website in place, and a body of knowledge to share the group can start getting the results it originally expected. Effort is required from the other member societies of IFIP to provide contacts and support for the growth of Young IT members. This not only increases the volunteer base of InterYIT, but more importantly can encourage younger members to join their respective societies.

General Assembly **NOTED** the report.

President thanked Mr Nation and his InterYIT team for their work and wished them good luck for the next steps.

4.8 Professionalism Program

Ms Aynsley, Chair of IFIP IP3, presented the IP3 report to the General Assembly. **Ms Aynsley** led through the history of IP3 and showed the main achievements of the program since it has been established in 2007:

- IP3 created and published policies and procedures
- IP3 conducted successful accreditation of ACS CP
- IP3 accredited CIPS Professionalism Scheme
- IP3 established Professional Standard and Accreditation committees (2010) now the Standards and Accreditation Council
- IP3 established Global Industry Council whose members have participated in IP3 session at WCC2010, speaking at WCC2012, and provided advice and input on WCF, WITFOR, WCC, IFIP
- IP3 published Professionalism standard based on SFIA.

Ms Aynsley informed General Assembly that IP3 lost two of its founding partners, the BCS and IEEE-CS who have found it exceedingly difficult in these challenging financial times to contribute to maintaining this spirit in the face of shortages around them. At the same time, IP3 welcomed the Korean coalition, including KIISE, KAIST and ABEEK as new member.

Ms Aynsley reported that in October 2011 IFIP IP3 held its annual general meeting for members and its regular Board meeting at which planning for the ensuing period is conducted. Following that meeting, a new structure was adopted with two Vice Chairman positions created to assist the efforts of the Board to achieve outcomes set up in the planning process. Colin Thompson accepted the role of Vice Chairman Standards and Accreditation as well as Chief Assessor and Stephen Ibaraki was elevated to Vice Chairman Strategic Relations. In addition an honorary Executive-Director was appointed, Mr. Bob Hart, who served with distinction in this role as well as continuing his work in standards development for IP3 working alongside the Vice Chairman Colin Thompson until his resignation in mid-year.

Ms Aynsley informed General Assembly that IFIP IP3 has participated in a number of events in this financial year through the offices of its champions, Vice Chairman Stephen Ibaraki and Marketing Director Moira de Roche who both have attended the 2012 WSIS Forum in Geneva along with her. It was a vital opportunity to promote both IFIP and IP3 since it was a principal influencing event.

In November 2011 IP3 was given an opportunity to give a presentation on professionalism in ICT before the delegates at the SEARCC (South East Asian Regional Computer Confederation) Conference in Mumbai hosted by IFIP member

CSI. **Ms Aynsley** met many influential leaders of the Indian ICT industry including Mr. Som Mittal President of the Indian ICT industry association (NASSCOM), the then President of CSI MD Agarwal and current President Satish Babu as well as IFIP President Leon Strous and Vice Presidents Lalit Sawhney and Ramon Puigjaner. She also took the opportunity to meet with senior members of KPMG and Infosys and TCS to discuss ways in which they could partner to pursue the IP3 mission. At this conference, the IP3 group was able to meet a number of presidents and representatives of regional professional association in ICT. In talks with these people it has become evident that there are some significant difficulties with them joining IP3 and IFIP too. In resolving these issues they expect to see some substantial results in the future.

Ms Aynsley reported that Stephen Ibaraki has been tireless in presenting the professionalism argument at each and every speaking engagement he has been, from the World CIO Forum (WCF) China late in 2011 through to the ITU/UN World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in Geneva, V Astana Economic Forum (AEF) in Kazakhstan and ISACA World Congress in San Francisco in June. Not only has he been 'out front' with this promotion of the IP3 mission, but his contribution to the growth of the IP3 Global Industry Council (GIC) which he founded and chairs, through continuing nominations for membership of influential senior industry leaders cannot be overstated. In this period he has successfully added five new prominent members to their ranks, and with several more under consideration at this time. In addition he has recommended to the IP3 Board three globally recognized and eminently qualified people who also sit on the GIC to participate in the Standards and Accreditation Council which will launch in the next period to assist IP3 in its work going forward.

Marketing Director Moira de Roche has been a significant force in designing the new collateral that IFIP IP3 now has available including IP3 banner and brochures with which to spread IP3's message at events.

Ms Aynsley said that Vice Chairman Standards and Accreditation, Colin Thompson, has worked carefully and steadily together with the former Honorary Executive Director Bob Hart on developing IP3's maturity model and the terms of reference for its Standards and Accreditation Council. 2012-13 will be an exciting year to see these come to fruition ahead of what she believe will be a veritable rush of enthusiasm and interest in joining IP3 in the 2013-2015 period.

Ms Aynsley thanked Roger Johnson the immediate past chairman for stepping into the breach following the restructure in 2011 to bring IP3 back to being the IFIP IP3 Project which has allowed IP3 to take the strides it has.

Mr Puigjaner requested a working plan for next years in advance. **Ms Aynsley** will provide one in the next time.

Mr Brunnstein commented that he would like to see more communication and collaboration to overcome the different misunderstandings and status of various countries.

Mr Strous thanked Ms Aynsley for the detailed report and he confirmed that a lot of progress has been made.

4.9 Standing Committee Reports

4.9.1 Activity Management Board (AMB)

Mr Dundler reported from the AMB that a Web-based Event Approval system has been implemented. At the General Assembly in Prague last September Max Bramer made a presentation about development of the Federation's website, on behalf of the Website Task Force which ended with a request for funding to undertake the following additional work:

- Automate the Event Approval Process and further develop the Events Database. Also store associated financial information and use for report generation.
- All stages from initial proposal through to automatic storage in the calendar of events.
- Expected benefit: easier creation of event requests for organizers, also better control of event requests at all stages leading to quicker and more reliable payment.
- Target date (including pilot testing): live by 2012 Board.

This proposal was agreed and the work has been finished by end of February 2012. All event requests are running over the new system. The history since 1991 has been included, partly by programs, partly manually; but not all data as we request now, were in the history available.

Mr Dundler said that 80 new events (for 2012 and 2013) were stored over the new system. Some minor corrections were made on the system and it is now stable and fits nearly all requirements.

One request came in from two TCs: If a request is already in the system and is running through the several approval steps, it is not possible to change it after it has been rejected from one of the necessary approvers. The only way is to delete the request and start from the beginning again. We checked the feasibility to include this request into the system. It would be a major change, because the change of a contract (like this event request is) can only be handled carefully.

Since the start of the system the requirement to change a running event approval occurred only twice (out of 80 events). The proposal would be waiting if this is really a critical request and make the changes only if it turns out that this is really a "roadblock" in the system.

Mr Dundler presented a statistic over the events performed since 2008. It showed that the number of events was in 2011 slightly below the years before, but increased in the first 8 months of 2012. It can be expected that the number will be in the same range since the last years. The income from the event fees was also stable (average over 60.000 EUR each year) with the exception of 2010, where the fee from the WCCE was received in addition.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Nbr events (main)	45	39	47	37	39	8
Nbr events (co-sponsored)	29	24	27	30	36	13
Total	74	63	74	67	75	22
Event fee received	57.079	55.608	71.009	62.836	6.620	

As there is no income from most of the co-sponsored events, FC is asked to come up with a better finance model for events with inclusion of the co-sponsored events (where work of IFIP volunteers is also included).

Liability insurance for events:

Mr Dundler said that he contacted some insurance companies requesting offers for worldwide general liability insurance. The outcome was for the time very low and disappointing. AMB will work further on this topic and will come up with a result at the next Board meeting.

General Assembly **ACCEPTED** the report.

4.9.2 Developing Countries Support Committee (DCSC)

Mr Puigjaner reported from DCSC that the composition of the committee has not changed. It is composed by the chairmen of the two WGs specially dedicated to Developing Countries and a representative of each continent with an important proportion of developing countries (Asia-Oceania, Latin America and Africa).

Mr Puigjaner informed General Assembly that for 2012 the initial funds allocated were 6000 euros. However in May the amount of funding requested for different activities was over the assigned amount. EC discussed the proposal of funding increasing to 10K € and finally accepted to increase the funds to 10K € for 2012.

Mr Puigjaner informed General Assembly about the change in the procedure for allocating the fund to requesters. Till now the requests were answered at its arrival. However the increasing number of requests has recommended to refining the allocation procedure for 2013. The criteria for funding allocation will be maintained but the allocation assignment will be decided just in two moments in the year: March and September in order to avoid problems like those we have had this year. This new procedure will be announced to the TCs after this GA.

Mr Puigjaner reported that DCSC funded the following activities after the last GA:

- WG6.9 Teaching Activity 2011 2.000 €.
- Workshop on Creating Viable ICT Societies 10.000 US\$
- WG6.9 Teaching Activity 2012 2.500 €
- SIMPDA 2012 IFIP WG 2.6 and WG 2.12/12.4 joint symposium 1.000 euros.
- AERICT 2012 and OST 2012 2.500 € (used 1.354,26 €)

For the rest of 2012 the following funds are allocated:

- NoF 2012 1.000 €
- HWID 2012 1.250 €

General Assembly **ACCEPTED** the report.

4.9.3 International Liaison Committee (ILC)

The Chair of the International Liaison Committee, **Mr Tjoa** reported on the activities of the ILC. He said that ILC increased its contacts to international organisations like UNESCO and ITU and strengthened its visibility at these organisations.

UNESCO

Mr Tjoa reported that the partnership of IFIP with UNESCO has been reclassified in “consultative status” according to the new UNESCO directives. Under the new directives there is the possibility for NGOs in official relations with UNESCO to use the label “UNESCO partner NGO” and also the logo of UNESCO for conferences after approval by UNESCO. The new directives include a specific consultation process of NGOs on the elaboration of UNESCO’s strategy and program at a bilateral and multilateral level.

This resolution enables NGOs to contribute to defining UNESCO’s goals rather than being regarded solely as vehicles for program delivery. This means, NGOs will be individually invited to submit their recommendations which will then be collectively communicated to the Director General through the International Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations.

Some of IFIP’ TCs already expressed their interest to take part on next year’s “Program of Participation in the activities of Member States” of UNESCO.

The status of IFIP is included in the UNESCO-Database.

Mr Tjoa suggested that plans should be made to achieve “Associative status” within UNESCO till 2015.

WSIS/ITU/UN-CSTD

Mr Tjoa reported that IFIP/IP3 participates in the World Summit on the Information Society at leads an E-workshop "Improving Economic Development, Regional GDP, Innovation, Education, Skills, Sustainability and Security by creating and growing a professional ICT workforce". There were contacts with Peter Bruck on involvement of IFIP for the WORLD SUMMIT AWARDS.

UN-CSTD with its double mandate for science/technology and WSIS are informed about IFIP’s interest to participate as an NGO at the Sessions Meeting . UN-CSTD as a more academic arm of the UN would be very appropriate for the involvement of IFIP additionally to the active participation of IFIP members at ITU.

IIASA (International Institute of Advanced Systems Analysis)

Mr Tjoa informed General Assembly that meetings with Prof. Nakicenovic of IIASA as a multinational organisation on cooperation in IT-related topics (especially on climate change, population growth) are under planning. Especially with TCs dealing with simulation, information systems, and developing countries many potential synergies are possible.

ASEF (ASIA-EUROPE FOUNDATION)

Mr Tjoa informed General Assembly that ASEF, founded by the ASEM (Asian-Europe Meeting of head of states), with mandates in Academic Cooperation & Education, Sustainable development could build an anchor for cooperation with IFIP. Through participation in ASEM Workshops and first contacts with ASEF IFIP could think about cooperation with ASEF.

Mr Strous asked ILC to collect an overview of contacts (who is contact person in which organisation) and to circulate it to colleagues.

4.9.4 Internal Awards Committee (IAC)

Mr Pries-Heje presented the report of the Internal Awards Committee. The Internal Awards Committee published a call for nominations to all relevant parties within IFIP on 28 February 2012 for the Outstanding Service Award (OSA). By the deadline 15 August 2012 twenty-two nominations had been received.

Based on the received nominations and after careful consideration the Internal Awards Committee recommend the following 22 persons for the IFIP Outstanding Service Award (OSA):

- Mr Colin J. ARMSTRONG
- Prof. David BENZIE
- Prof. Ana CARVALHO
- Prof. Valentina DAGIENE
- Prof. Dirk DESCHOOLMEESTER
- Dr. Yves DESWARTE
- Prof. Dr. Javier LOPEZ
- Ms Anne PERSSON
- Prof Geert POELS
- Prof. Dr. Hartmut POHL
- Mr Erik PROPER
- Prof. Dr. Sihan QING
- Prof. Dr. Daniel RAGSDALE
- Prof. Davide SANGIORGI
- Prof. Dr. Ryoichi SASAKI
- Prof. Dr. Ingrid SCHAUMÜLLER-BICHL
- Ms Annikken SEIP
- Dr. Arthur TATNALL
- Dr. Marta TURCSANYI-SZABO
- Dr. Jozef VYSKOC
- Prof. Dr. Tatjana WELZER
- Mr Marco WINCKLER

General Assembly **APPROVED** the Outstanding Service Award for the twenty-two nominees and congratulated them with this recognition of their contributions to IFIP.

4.10 Membership

4.10.1 Admissions Committee (AC)

On behalf of the Chair of IFIP's Admissions Committee **Mr Strous** reported that one specific letter was received by the committee asking about the possibility to get full membership.

The request was from the Namibia Information Communication Technology Association. After review of the application, members of the committee had concern that the organization seemed to be more of a trade group than an individual member

society as is the case in most of the current members. The Admissions Committee noted this to the organization, and suggested several other organizations that they might want to consider for membership.

Since that time, the Namibia organization has indicated that they have gone ahead and joined one of the other organizations, and expressed their thanks for IFIP helping them line up with a more appropriate organization.

4.10.2 CEPIS

Mr Brady, Vice President of CEPIS, presented his report to General Assembly and said that rather than describe CEPIS, its aims, activities and he would give an update on the initiatives he spoke about in Prague last year.

A comprehensive study into Professional e-Competence in Europe has been undertaken. The study was a ground-breaking research project involving 2000 professionals across 28 European countries. The aims of the project were:

- To provide a picture of the competences of ICT practitioners in Europe today
- To promote and raise awareness of the European e-Competence Framework by using it as the basis for analysis, demonstrating its practical application
- To work towards developing a pan-European vision of professionalism.

In addition, the project sought to:

- promote IT Professionalism in Europe and assist in developing a pan-European vision of professionalism.
- provide an individual profile report to each participant showing gap analysis against e-CF competences
- provide a country report that enables each country to be benchmarked against the European results
- provide a pan-European report

The survey was conducted via on-line tools, using information taken from the e-CF. The research undertaken by CEPIS produced National Reports for 10 countries and a Pan-European Report. These research outputs demonstrate the utility of the e-CF as a practical competence framework as stated in the feedback received from the respondents.

Mr Brady showed the highlights of some of the more interesting items from the report:

- Only 21% of professionals had the e-competences to match their declared profile. In other words, 79% may not have the breadth of e-competences needed for their roles.
- IT Manager was the most declared job profile, however only 8% of these match the e-competences needed for the role.
- IT professionals across Europe show a low level of competence in some of the five e-CF e-competence areas especially in 'Enable'.

The final report produced the following recommendations:

- The young talent that Europe needs is lacking. Therefore promoting the IT profession among young people is essential.
- Continuous Professional Development (CPD) needs to play a greater role and should be targeted to existing and anticipated e-competence gaps.
- Career paths with defined training and education requirements are needed.
- All countries urgently need to address the gender imbalance.

- The e-CF should be applied as a pan-European reference tool to categorise competences and identify competence gaps. It has become clear that the e-CF is a practical reference tool and it should be further disseminated across Europe.

This project has been enormously well received by both the European Commission, and by all the member societies participating. CEPIS is now looking at how to take this further forward, and create an indispensable resource for all stakeholders interested in the shape of professional e-competences across Europe. The full European and national reports can be found at <http://cepis.org/professionalecompetence>.

Mr Brady reported that the second initiative, a European funded study into “A European Framework for ICT Professionalism” was heading into its final phase at last GA in Prague. This project, conducted in partnership with the Innovation Value Institute (www.ivi.ie), has now published its final report to considerable acclaim in the European Commission. This project has repositioned the European Commission’s thinking on IT Professionalism in relation to its strategy on addressing the future of the IT Industry in Europe.

Some findings from this project include:

- Little awareness of ICT Competence frameworks and low adoption rates
- E-Competence frameworks are unbalanced and often neglect non-technical skills
- Two leading benefits identified from ICT Competency frameworks: Process consistency and Workforce capability planning

The final report, and other details about this important research project, can be found at: <http://www.cepis.org/index.jsp?p=827&n=940#CEPISIVI>.

Mr Brady informed General Assembly of a further initiative, based on recommended next steps from the European Framework for ICT Professionalism report, has been to create a repository of Codes of Conduct, Practice and Ethics, as part of the CEPIS Professionalism Taskforce’s work in looking at the importance of ethics in ICT Professionalism. This repository can be found at: <http://cepis.org/index.jsp?p=940&n=2849>.

Mr Brady finished his report by confirming that CEPIS looks forward to continued cooperation with IFIP.

4.10.3 SEARCC

Mr Karunaratne, Secretary General of SEARCC, presented the report from SEARCC. He reported that SEARCC has currently 7 members; four of them are also IFIP members. SEARCC received an application for membership from the South Pacific Computer Society.

Mr Karunaratne informed General Assembly that the SEARCC’2012 Convention takes place on October 8 – 10, 2012 in Sydney, Australia hosted by the Australian Computer Society (ACS). The convention will be followed by the SEARCC EXCO meeting on October 10, 2012.

Mr Karunaratne informed General Assembly that the International Schools Software Competition for 2012 (ISSC 2012) will take place October 25 – 29, 2012 in Colombo, Sri Lanka hosted by Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSI). This competition has been

launched in 1989 in Singapore and has provided an immense service to the younger generation and motivated them to embrace the field of Information Technology.

Mr Karunaratne reported that the SEARCC workshop "Creating Viable ICT Societies Workshop" which was sponsored by IFIP took place on December 13, 2011 in Mumbai, India. The objective of the workshop was a better understanding of the challenges faced by ICT Societies and how IFIP and SEARCC could work together to create viable ICT Societies in the Asia Pacific region.

Topics covered in the workshop included:

- Perspectives on the Future
- ICT Society Challenges
- Best Practices
- ICT Professionalism & Tools for ICT Societies

Following challenges were identified as common to most of the attending computer societies;

- Deciding to continue traditional membership or new ways.
- Engaging with broader society
- Understanding what is our product in today's world and who will buy what the society offers
- Financial concerns in a volatile economy
- Brand Recognition
- Membership Recruitment, Retention and Recognition
- Presence of too many ICT related newer bodies
- Local chapters by organizations such as BCS
- New generations collaboration in social media rather than the traditional society
- Gap between academia and industry, brain drain to developed countries
- ICT societies not trying out new offerings
- Low awareness on ICT, political instability in developing countries
- Collateral membership options as it's a global industry

Mr Strous thanked Mr Karunaratne for his report and emphasized that the workshop was a good signal for co-operation and that they should proceed this way in the future.

4.10.4 Membership Structure

Mr Strous informed General Assembly that in his work on this, he recognized that it is important to get in contact with IFIP's members on a one by one basis. He will continue to talk with the Member Societies about their views on the membership structure. For the moment there are no drastic changes planned and there is no proposal to put forward.

Mr Rammig presented a memorandum of the German Informatics society (GI). In the memorandum the German Informatics society (GI) confirmed that GI is very interested to have IFIP as strong as possible; but IFIP could be stronger providing two steps, IFIP should be open for individual members. IFIP should support any important society in IT. The memorandum included the proposal that IFIP should present itself as a strong technical society.

Mr Strous will distribute the GI memorandum to all members of the General Assembly.

There was support from General Assembly for a number of suggestions in the memorandum; but it has to be discussed in more detail.

The issue of two Full Members from the US that has been brought to General Assembly by Honorary Members has been discussed very shortly.

General Assembly **POSTPONED** the decision and will discuss it in connection with a new membership model.

4.10.5 Membership Fee Structure

Mr Strous informed General Assembly that he was disappointed about the low number of reactions from Member Societies on his attempt to get information about their structure in membership fees. He will bring the issue to the Executive Committee requesting proposals for the future.

4.11 IFIP Organization Chart and Substructures

4.11.1 Proposal for Domain Committee Health Informatics

Mr Takeda presented to General Assembly the proposal for a “Domain Committee Health Informatics”. The main task for the committee will be to strengthen the cooperation between IMIA and IFIP in this area and to look at possibilities to support each other's activities. The chair is appointed by the IFIP president but can be anyone who is willing and able to do the job. It can therefore also be someone from the IMIA environment; it will not have to be an IFIP person. Since the concept is also new for IFIP, the two initiators Mr Hiroshi Takeda and Mr Leon Strous will be the driving force of the new DC. The IFIP president's involvement can then be reduced as work progresses and others start participating.

Mr Takeda informed General Assembly about the present status of the proposal.

- discussed in the IMIA Board Meeting on 24-06-2012 and approved;
- the IMIA board recommended that the chair of the DC will be the current liaison to IFIP (Hiroshi Takeda) and that the president-elect of IMIA (Dr. Lincoln de Assis Moura Jr) and the VP for special affairs (Prof. Arie Hasman) will join as the core member of the DC;
- discussed in IFIP TA on 27-09-2012 and advised positive;
- discussed in the Executive Committee on 27-09-2012 and approved.

Mr Strous added that as suggested by TA, he will contact the working groups in IFIP that have an interest in this field and ask for participation in the DC.

General Assembly **NOTED** the establishment of the Domain Committee Health Informatics.

4.11.2 IMIA

Mr Takeda reported that as one of the liaison activities, he presented a paper at the session of “Simplifying Health Information Architecture Management” at IFIP WITFOR 2012 held in Delhi, India.

It has been planned that the joint IFIP - IMIA International Working Conference on Interfacing bio- and medical informatics would be held in connection with WCC 2012 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. IMIA Vice President, Prof. Arie Hasman has played a major role to establish the joint conference. However, regrettably the conference had to be cancelled due to insufficient submissions

4.12 IFIP Strategy

Mr Strous presented the 5 items of IFIP’s Strategy Plan for 2007 – 2012. As a starting point for discussion within General Assembly he asked the questions whether these goals were too ambitious, or the distinction between different activities was not clear enough.

The general feeling of the members of General Assembly was that the achieved results are not as bad as presented; progress has been made, although not everything has been achieved. Maybe the measurement was not the right one. A Federation with volunteers is not comparable with commercial companies. Some members found that the objectives are a duplicate what member societies do; so it would make much sense to work together with Members Societies in order to achieve the topics. One problem could be the visibility of IFIP; a complete change would be necessary. In general IFIP is seen as too dependent on volunteers, a professional infrastructure might be missing. As an other reason it was seen that the IT world grows much faster than IFIP does.

Work on the next five-year Strategy Plan will be continued and linked to the various discussions on the future of flagship events, membership structures and some other issues.

4.13 Statutes and Bylaws

Mr Strous reported on behalf of the Chair of the Statutes and Bylaws Committee that the proposal for an electronic voting procedure has been postponed for next General Assembly.

There were no additional issues pending.

4.14 Finances

4.14.1 Proposal for travel expenses

Mr Strous presented a proposal for compensation of officers’ travelling costs. Members of the IFIP Executive Committee who are neither General Assembly representatives of an IFIP member organization nor TC chairs may claim expenses for attending Board and GA meetings. Members of the IFIP Executive Committee may claim expenses for travel other than the above mentioned EC meetings and

made in their capacity as IFIP-appointed or IFIP-elected persons, but only to the extent that funding of such expenses is not available from sources outside IFIP.

The result of the voting was: Pro: 41 votes, Cons: 0 votes, Abstention: 1

General Assembly **APPROVED** the proposal.

4.14.2 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, **Mr Avram**, drew attention to his written report and informed GA that the 2011 accounts have been audited. The "Auditors opinion" addressed to the General Assembly is attached to these minutes (Attachment 1). The audited report, titled "Finance General Statement" is attached to these minutes (Attachment 2). It has also added a column for the 2013 budget.

Mr Avram recommended the General Assembly to take note that the Auditor's report was tabled.

Mr Avram reported that IFIP's portfolio is managed by UBS in London under a mandate giving them discretion, requiring a largely Euro denominated portfolio with moderate risk, often called a balanced portfolio, balanced between fixed interest assets and equity. As per the most recent review of portfolio strategy, UBS use mainly Exchange Traded Funds at present. UBS has been IFIP's portfolio managers for 13 years.

Mr Avram reviewed the portfolio performance over that time and in more detail over recent years. In summary, IFIP's portfolio is keeping up with inflation. Over the entire time, IFIP achieved a 2.05% per annum compound rate of return. The rate of return fluctuates in line with the movements of the share market. The portfolio is intended to preserve IFIP's assets, keeping up with inflation, and supplementing IFIP's income. In 2012 2.01% were budgeted for return. This was based on historical figures.

The Treasurer recommended doing the same for the 2013 budget year.

Mr Avram said that he reviewed the portfolio manager's performance. Their costs were as expected, the portfolio has been structured as requested, and their communications have been good.

Mr Avram recommended continuing with IFIP's strategy, and undertaking the next major review of portfolio management during 2015, once every 5 years as planned.

Mr Avram proposed to continue to monitor the long run portfolio performance, and budget a return in line with that long run return.

Mr Avram informed General Assembly that the IFIP Secretariat has developed a system to regularly report financial performance and financial position to Technical Committees, project leaders, IFIP Executive Committee and the IFIP Secretariat.

Mr Avram reported that the budget requests have substantially been adopted. Please find attached an IFIP Profit/Loss Statement (TREAS 4) at attachment 2, its purpose is to propose a budget for 2013 and place that budget proposal in the context of recent actual financial performance.

Mr Avram recommended the General Assembly adopt the 2013 budget presented.

Mr Avram concluded that IFIP's financial performance in 2012 is expected to be much better than the 2011. IFIP has a reasonably consistent portfolio performance and a healthy portfolio.

At General Assembly in 2011, a 2012 budget with a 90,000 Euro deficit has been set. The forecast for 2012 is better than that, perhaps 11,987 Euro deficit.

IFIP has a structural financial problem; the income is not enough to cover the costs without help from the portfolio. Ideally IFIP would be growing the portfolio above inflation, but IFIP is not quite up to that at present.

General Assembly **APPROVED** the recommendations from the Treasurer.

4.14.3 Finance Committee Report (FC)

Mr Wibe presented the report of the Finance Committee and said that The General Secretary has circulated the Finance General Statement, which gave a very good overview of the financial situation in IFIP. FC checked the statement and recommended that:

- GA discharge the Treasurer and the EC for fiscal year 2011
- GA accept the Auditors' report
- GA adopts the Treasurer's recommendations regarding the proposed Budget for 2013.

General Assembly **ACCEPTED** the Auditor's Report, **APPROVED** the figures for 2011 and **DISCHARGED** the Treasurer and EC for fiscal year 2011.

General Assembly **APPROVED** the proposed budget for 2013.

Mr Wibe reported that Finance Committee recommended changing IFIP's Standing Orders in that direction that any commitments, guarantees or loans given for events or projects should formally be brought to the notice of General Assembly at the following GA meeting.

General Assembly **APPROVED** the change with the stricter rule, that General Assembly has to be informed immediately.

Mr Wibe reported that Finance Committee was together with the TCs involved in the analysis of the reasons for the drop in TC income. The FC chair has followed this up together with TA Chair Mike Hinchey. The analysis has been provided by the Secretariat.

Mr Wibe informed General Assembly that it has been planned that Finance Committee together with The TCs develop a finance plan for the implementation and for running of IFIP Digital Library. Due to lack of capacity there was no progress.

Mr Wibe reported that within Finance Committee a long discussion about the IFIP membership fee level took place. The annual membership dues have not been raised since 2000, for more than 10 years. The inflation in the European Union from 2000 to 2009 added up to 21.6% and in the USA to 25.6%.

Finance Committee proposed to raise the membership fee for 2013 of 5%. Based upon experiences of this, the FC recommended a discussion at GA 2013 about the fees for 2014.

After a voting (Pro: 23, Against: 8, Abstention: 1) General Assembly **APPROVED** the raise of IFIP's membership fee by 5 % for 2013.

4.15 Future Meetings

Ms Raffai presented the schedule for the next meetings:

2012

29th September postGA EC meeting next the GA meeting, Amsterdam

2013

28th of February preBoard EC meeting Shanghai (China)
1st - 2nd of March Board meeting in Shanghai (China)
2nd of March postBoard EC meeting in Shanghai (China)
13th-14th of September GA meeting in Poznan (Poland)

2014

March Board meeting invitations are welcome
September GA meeting invitations are welcome

EC teleconferences are held at least twice every year in the middle both between GA–Board and Board–GA meetings; and special EC teleconference meeting(s) will be organized if certain issues require immediate action(s).

4.16 Closing of Meeting

The President thanked the outgoing Vice President Mr Sawhney for his hard work and service for IFIP. He presented a trophy to him. Also Councillor Bernard Eschermann was thanked for his contributions to IFIP.

The President once more thanked the hosts for their hospitality and the participants of General Assembly for the very constructive and active contributions and wished everybody a good journey home.

The President declared the meeting closed.

5 ATTACHMENTS

5.1 Attachment 1: Auditor's Report

Report of the auditors to the members of the General Assembly of

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on the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2011.

As auditors of your federation, we examined the accounts and the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2011 in accordance with legal requirements. Our audit was performed in accordance with auditing standards promulgated by the profession. We confirm that we meet the legal requirements concerning professional qualification and independence.

Based on our examination we conclude that the accounts and the financial statements are in accordance with the law and the requirements of the statutes.

We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you be approved.

Vienna, April 2012
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5.2 Attachment 2: Finance General Statement (TREAS 4)

<i>Jul 23rd, 2012</i>							
IFIP Finance General Statement (TREAS 4)							
	PY 2009	PY 2010	PY 2011	Budget 2012	Jan-Jun 2012	Estim.2012	Budget 2013
INCOME	323.855	288.482	313.828	312.756	223.689	259.578	276.290
Dues from Members	164.200	159.000	170.400	175.000	160.000	153.600	170.000
Return On Assets	4.874	1.843	2.481	7.000	177	2.000	3.000
Royalties from Publications	72.817	56.631	69.841	43.428	39.886	64.452	51.690
Proceeds from Activities	55.609	71.009	61.944	47.328	23.626	39.526	46.600
Congress Proceeds	25.800	0	9.161	40.000	0	0	5.000
Other Income	555	0	0	0	0	0	0
EXPENSES	395.900	319.995	352.568	394.574	166.273	346.565	409.500
Admin.Secretariat	187.502	184.989	207.945	225.500	97.103	212.165	247.200
Admin.Support	28.062	31.294	24.809	47.750	6.227	28.700	42.000
Technical Committees	82.176	54.155	47.723	90.824	31.008	70.200	88.300
DCSC Supp to TC Events	3.235	1.000	7.152	6.000	2.671	10.000	10.000
Projects	770	38.293	54.158	15.000	8.500	3.000	5.000
Events (WCC, WITFOR, CIO)	94.156	10.265	10.781	9.500	20.764	22.500	17.000
PROFIT / LOSS	-72.046	-31.513	-38.741	-81.818	57.417	-86.987	-133.210
Funded Projects	19.000	47.750	0	30.000	0	0	45.000
Return On Portfolio	371.734	140.815	-140.625	21.000	-66.550	75.000	75.000
GRAND TOTAL	280.688	61.552	-179.366	-90.818	-9.133	-11.987	-103.210