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Minutes of the Council and General Assembly Meetings

1 – 6 August 1977

TORONTO, CANADA

COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

Toronto, Canada - 1 – 6 August 1977

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HIGHLIGHTS

ELECTIONS

A.A. Dorodnicyn (U.S.S.R.) was elected Vice-President
for a three-year term

K. Ando (Japan) were elected Trustees
R. Narasimhan (India) for a three-year term
R. Piloty (F.R.G.)

G.J. Morris (U.K.) was elected Trustee
for a two-year term

IFIP COUNCIL COMPOSITION:

P.A. Bobillier	(Switzerland)	President	1977/1980
R.I. Tanaka	(U.S.A.)	Past- President	1977-1980
J.M.Bennett	(Australia)	Vice-President	1975-1978
P.Renard	(France)	Vice-President	1976-1979
A.A. Dorodnicyn	(U.S.S.R.)	Vice-President	1977/1980
J. Tuori	(Finland)	Treasurer	1975/1978
H. Keilhau	(Norway)	Secretary	1975-1978
G.N. Boyd	(Canada)	Trustee	1975-1978
J.E.D. Navez	(Belgium)	Trustee	1976-1978
N.J. Lehmann	(G.D.R.)	Trustee	1976-1979
S.Sem-Sandberg	(Sweden)	Trustee	1976-1979
G.J. Morris	(U.K.)	Trustee	1977/1979
K. Ando	(Japan)	Trustee	1977-1980
R. Narasimhan	(India)	Trustee	1977-1980
R. Piloty	(F.R.G.)	Trustee	1977-1980

ORGANIZATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

R.I. Tanaka	Cognizant for TC 2 and IAG
J.M.Bennett	Cognizant for TC 6 and TC 9
P.Renard	Cognizant for TC 4 and TC 10
A.A. Dorodnicyn	Cognizant for TC 5 and TC 7
G.N. Boyd	Cognizant for TC 8
G.J. Morris	Cognizant for TC 3

CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENTS

- Technical Committees
TC 5 (Computer Applications in Techn'y): Mr. J. Vlietstra
TC 8 (Information Systems): Prof. A.A. Verrijn Stuart

- Standing Committees
Activity Planning Committee: Mr. P.Renard
Admissions Committee: Prof. R. Narasimhan
Congress Guidelines Committee: Mr. F. Genuys
Finance Committee: Mr. G.N. Boyd
ICIL: Dr. R.I. Tanaka
Publications Committee: Prof. H. Zemanek
Public Information Committee: Mr. G.J. Morris
Regional Conference Policy Committee: Prof. N.J. Lehmann

- Ad Hoc Committees
 - Committee on IFIP Operations: Mr. J. Tuori
 - Committee for Liaison with SEARCC: Prof. J.M.Bennett
 - Nominations Committee for Officers: Prof. H. Zemanek
 - Nominations Committee for Trustees: Prof. N.J. Lehmann
 - Committee to revise the "IFIP Guide to Concepts and Terms in Data Processing": Mr. I.H. Gould
 - Committee for Rules and Procedures for Admission: Mr. P.Renard
 - Site Selection Committee Congress 83: Mr. G.N. Boyd
 - Committee for the Transformation of TC 4: Mr. P.Renard
- EURO-IFIP 79
 - Programme Committee Chairman: Mr. S.A. Overgaard
 - Liaison Officer Programme Comm./TC's: Mr. Vlieststra
- Congress 80
 - Organizing Committee Chairman, Australia: Mr. A.W. Goldsworthy
 - Organizing Committee Chairman, Japan: Mr. M. Ozeki
 - Programme Committee Chairman: Prof. F.H. Sumner

AWARDS

- Prof. H. Zemanek unanimously elected as IFIP Honorary Member
- Silver Core Presented to - Prof. A. Balakrishnan
Prof. J.M.Bennett
Prof. P.A. Bobillier
Dr. S. Charp
Mr. P.J. Dixon
Prof. A.S. Douglas
Dr. J.M. Forsythe
Dr. J. Hatvany
Prof. N.J. Lehmann
Dr. C.H. Lindsey
Prof. D.I. Plander
Mr. P.Renard
Dr. J.L. Rosenfeld
Prof. B. Sendov
Prof. Yu D. Shmyglevsky
Prof. G.C. van Steenkiste
Dr. R.I. Tanaka
Mr. J. Tuori
Mr. J. Vlietstra
Prof. T.J. Williams
Prof. H. Zemanek

ADMISSIONS

- Jamaica - Jamaica Computer Society was admitted as a Full Member
- Republic of Korea - Korea Information Science Society (KISS) was admitted as a Full Member, with effect from 1 January 1978
- The Netherlands - IFIP Membership was transferred from the NRMG to a newly-formed body called "Nederlands Genootschap voor Informatica".

WORKING GROUPS

- WG 9.1 (Computers and Work) - Aims and Scope formally approved
- WG 9.2 (Social Accountability) - Aims and Scope formally approved

CONGRESS 80 SCHEDULE

Japan	-	Technical Sessions:	October 6 (Monday) to
Tokyo			October 9 (Thursday)
		Exhibition:	October 8 (Wednesday) to
			October 11 (Saturday)
Australia			October 14 (Tuesday) to
Melbourne			October 17

FUTURE COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

- 1978 Bombay Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 1 through Friday, February 3
- 1978 Oslo Council and General Assembly Meetings
Second week of September
- 1979 Spring Council Meeting
Tentatively C.S.S.R
- 1979 Fall Council and General Assembly Meetings
London
- 1980 Spring Council Meeting
- 1980 Council and General Assembly Meetings
Tokyo October 4 + 5 Council
Melbourne, October 11 – 13 General Assembly

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COUNCIL MEETING

Toronto, Canada - 2 August 1977

ATTENDANCECOUNCIL Members Present

R.I. Tanaka	President
P.A. Bobillier	President-Elect
J.M. Bennett	Vice-President
L. Iliev	Vice-President
P. Renard	Vice-President
H. Keilhau	Secretary
J. Tuori	Treasurer
G.N. Boyd	Trustee
A. A. Dorodnicyn	Trustee
A.S. Douglas	Trustee
N.J. Lehmann	Trustee
R. Narasimhan	Trustee
J.E.D. Navez	Trustee
S. Sem-Sandberg	Trustee

Observers Present (part time)

P.J. Dixon	IAG Chairman
D.H. Wolbers	TC 3 Chairman

In Attendance

P. Doumkov	Assistant to L. Iliev
Miss Gwyneth Roberts	IFIP Administrative Secretary
June Smith	Meeting Secretary

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The President opened the Council Meeting and welcomed all participants.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council unanimously APPROVED the Agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (C1-London-77)

Council unanimously APPROVED the London Minutes.

4. EXECUTIVE BODY REPORT

The President announced that the Executive Body had met the previous day and the content of the discussions would come out during the current Meeting. He also stated that the Council should avoid duplicating discussions which would be held later in the General Assembly Meeting. However, discussions which would help expedite the General Assembly Meeting were encouraged.

5. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES, IAG, IAPR

5.1 TC 2 (Programming)

Mr. Bennett stated that the TC 2 Chairman would be reporting directly to the General Assembly.

5.2 TC 3 (Education)

Mr. Iliev drew attention to the "Third World Conference on Computer Education WCCE 81" scheduled for July 1981 in Lausanne, Switzerland. Details would be presented to the General Assembly. Mr. Bobillier pointed out that in the TC 3 Annual Report, IFIP was requested to guarantee SFr. 10,000 in case of a deficit, but felt this should be amended to SFr. 15,000.

5.3 TC 4 (Health Care and Biomedical Research)

Mr. Iliev referred to the TC 4 Chairman's document concerning the transformation of TC 4 into a SIG.

Following discussion, the Council found the proposal unacceptable and APPOINTED an AD Hoc Committee (Messrs. Bobillier, Keilhau, Renard and Roukens) to restructure the proposal and submit recommendations to the General Assembly.

5.4 TC 5 (Computer Applications in Technology)

Mr. Iliev advised that both the outgoing and incoming TC 5 Chairmen would be reporting to the General Assembly.

5.5 TC 6 (Data Communication)

Mr. Bennett referred to the TC 6 Annual Report and said the Data Communications Seminar scheduled for October 1977 in Budapest had to be formally approved by the General Assembly. It was recalled that insufficient information had been available previously.

5.6 TC 7 (System Modelling and Optimization)

Mr. Renard announced that TC 7 would be requesting approval of two Working Conferences and a co-sponsorship.

5.7 TC 8 (Information Systems)

Mr. Boyd mentioned that TC 8 and WG 8.1 would be holding meetings during the current week and the major request would be for a grant of SFr. 5,000 for a WG 8.2 Working Conference scheduled for June 1977 in Europe.

5.8 TC 9 (Relationship between Computers and Society)

Mr. Bennett pointed out that the main issue pertained to the approval of the Aims and Scopes of WG's 9.1 and 9.2.

5.9 TC10 (Digital Systems Design)

Mr. Renard remarked that a TC 10 meeting was currently taking place and Mr. Piloty would report to the General Assembly.

5.10 IAG

Mr. Bobillier referred to the IAG report in the IFIP Annual Report. He stated that Mr. Dixon had spent a lot of his time and has worked very hard in an attempt to correct the IAG situation. Mr. Bobillier again stressed that all GA Members should support the activities of IAG.

5.11 IAPR

It was noted that reports would be presented to the General Assembly.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Activity Planning Committee

Mr. Renard pointed out that it had not been possible to hold a further APC meeting since the combined APC/TC Chairman London meeting, but the situation to date would be presented to the General Assembly – including information on the two new Task Groups.

Mr. Douglas felt more activity should be promoted in South America and travel expense support given to accomplish this.

It was felt that Working Groups, not only Technical Committees, should take a more active interest in regional activities.

6.1.1 Nordic Data Union

Mr. Tuori drew attention to the 1 March 1977 letter addressed to the IFIP Council and the IAG Board of Directors indicating the Nordic Computer Societies' suggestions for improvements in IFIP and IAG to increase the benefits of membership and the international relationship.

Mr. Tuori pointed out the main points to which IFIP and IAG should react: strengthening of activities in the user-oriented area; IAG co-operation with the National Member Societies in arranging conferences and seminars, and the development and distribution of an IFIP Newsletter to all individual members of the Member Societies.

Action

Discussion ensued and Council CHARGED APC and IAG to report to Bombay Council on how to strengthen IFIP activities in the user-oriented area.

Action

Council REQUESTED PIC to look into the feasibility of producing IFIP Newsletters for distribution through local channels to individual members of the IFIP Member Societies; also, to make enquiries with commercial publications.

In reply to the Nordic Data Union's comments on representation on the IFIP Executive Body and IAG Board of Directors, Mr. Dixon drew attention to the Norwegian and Finnish members of the IFIP Executive Body, the Swedish member of the IFIP Council and the Danish and Swedish representatives on the IAG Board of Directors.

Reference was made to NDU's suggestion that a full-time General Secretary be engaged to provide a more stable operational service of the organization. Mr. Sem-Sandberg said a proposition by the Finance Committee would be presented to the General Assembly in accordance with London Council's request.

Mr. Navez stated that his Society agreed with the suggestions in NDU's letter.

Action

It was agreed that, after further discussion at General Assembly, the President (incoming) would reply to the NDU 1 March 1977 letter or arrange to meet with NDU representatives in the near future.

Mr. Sem-Sandberg added that the NDU letter was the result of an activity that had been going on in the Nordic countries for the last three years.

6.2 Admissions Committee

Mr. Narasimhan drew attention to his previously circulated report (CGA Toronto 77/AC-1) and, in particular, to the question of admitting the Jamaica Computer Society as a Full Member. He referred to the passive role of Mexico which had not yet sent a representative to a Meeting nor paid its Dues.

Mr. Bennett felt that an application would be forthcoming from Thailand where two interested societies were just completing a merger.

6.3 Congress Guidelines Committee

It was pointed out that a meeting would be taking place following the General Assembly, but Mr. Genuys would be presenting an interim report on activities to date.

6.4 Finance Committee

Mr. Sem-Sandberg confirmed that the points raised in Tashkent and London had been examined and would be presented to the General Assembly.

6.5 Internal Awards Committee

Mr. Bobillier announced that IFIP Honorary Membership would be bestowed upon Mr. Zemanek following a unanimous decision by the General Assembly. He stated that a list of 21 people would be presented to the General Assembly for approval to receive the Silver Core Award. Also, token gifts would be presented to Past Officers (Secretary - Mr. Bobillier and Vice-President – Mr. Douglas).

6.6 IFIP Committee for International Liaison

Mr. Douglas referred to his report (CGA Toronto 77/ICIL-1). He also suggested that IFIP encourage membership by the People's Republic of China, perhaps through the intermediary of UNESCO, as it would be beneficial to have representatives from PRC at IFIP Congress 80.

Action

(refer GA Agenda Item 6)

Discussion ensued on admission requirements and criteria, and Council CHARGED the AC, ICIL and S&B Chairmen to study the rules and procedures for admission (nomenclature, definition of territory) and to report to the Bombay Council

Mr. Douglas remarked that the other ICIL matters could be handled direct with General Assembly.

6.7 Publications Committee

6.8 Public Information Committee

6.9 Regional Conference Policy Committee

6.10 South East Asia Regional Committee

6.11 Statutes and Bylaws Committee

The abovementioned Committee reports did not require discussion in Council and would be presented direct to General Assembly.

7. IFIP CONGRESSES

7.1 Congress 77 OC

7.2 Congress 77 PC

The President commented on the dedicated efforts of both the Organizing and the Programme Committees for Congress 77 and added their reports would be presented to General Assembly.

7.3 MEDINFO 77

The President referred to the significant changes which taken place in the Canadian organization and drew attention to the financial problems crated by the first Committee. He stated that, following the auditor's advice, it was likely that the investigations could not proceed further without resorting to legal proceedings.

7.4 Congress 80 – Australia
Congress 80 – Japan

The President remarked that the incoming President would appreciate the various Committee appointments being made as quickly as possible.

7.5 MEDINFO 80

It was stated that Mr. Roukens would report to the General Assembly

8. CONFERENCES

8.1 IFIP European Conference 1979

Mr. Bobillier announced that the President had taken several steps which were extremely helpful and it had been agreed that Mr. Vlietstra would be the liaison contact between the Technical Committees and the Programme Committee.

8.2 SEARCC 76

Mr. Bennett advised that there had been some difficulty with regard to the Proceedings, but that the matter had been resolved.

8.2A SEARCC 78

8.3 ICCA (AIT) – August 1977

8.4 JCIT 3 – August 1978

8.5 European Fed. for Health / Medical Informatics

These Agenda Items were not discussed in Council as reports would be presented direct to the General Assembly.

9. FUTURE COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

The President advised that invitations had been received for the Council Meeting in Spring 1979 and the General Assembly Meeting in Fall 1979. The President thought these invitations should be considered in General Assembly, taking into account the venues to be selected vis-a-vis the IFIP European Conference 1979 and Congress 80.

10. CLOSING OF MEETING

The President thanked the Council Members for their contributions and declared the Meeting closed.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Toronto, Canada - 3 – 6 August 1977

ATTENDANCEOfficers Present

R.I. Tanaka	President	U.S.A.
P.A. Bobillier	President-Elect	Switzerland
J.M. Bennett	Vice-President	Australia
L. Iliev	Vice-President	Bulgaria
P. Renard	Vice-President	France
H. Keilhau	Secretary	Norway
J. Tuori	Treasurer	Finland

Members Present

O. Zich		Austria
J.E.D. Navez		Belgium
R.C. de Oliveira		Brazil
G.N. Boyd		Canada
R. Piloty		Federal Republic of Germany
N.J. Lehmann		German Democratic Republic
R. Narasimhan		India
D. Chevion		Israel
G. Sacerdoti		Italy
K. Ando		Japan
W.L. van der Poel		Netherlands
T.A. Scoular		New Zealand
L. Lukaszewicz		Poland
G. van der Veer		South Africa
M.A.Eced S.		Spain
S. Sem-Sandberg		Sweden
G.J. Morris		United Kingdom
A. A. Dorodnicyn		U.S.S.R
I.L. Auerbach	Honorary Member	
P.J. Dixon	Assoc. Member	IAG
H. Freeman	Affil Member	IAPR

Members Represented by Proxy

L. Gvozdjak	Czechoslovakia	<u>Proxy Held By</u>
TH Herborg-Nielsen	Denmark	A. A. Dorodnicyn
A.M.G. Marchand	Ireland	J. Tuori
		G.J. Morris

Members Absent

Y. Mentalecheta		Algeria
J. Martinez Martinez		Cuba
A.E. Sarhan		Egypt
I. Kadar		Hungary
		Mexico
T. Aleksic		Yugoslavia

Technical Committee Chairmen Present

M. Paul	TC 2 Chairman
D.H. Wolbers	TC 3 Chairman
J. Roukens	TC 4 Chairman
T.J. Williams	TC 5 Chairman (outgoing)
J.Vlietstra	TC 5 Chairman (incoming)

A.A. Verrijn Stuart
C.C. Gotlieb
R. Piloty

TC 8 Chairman (incoming)
TC 9 Chairman
TC 10 Chairman

Technical Committee Chairmen Absent

L. Pouzin
A.V. Balakrishnan
B. Langefors

TC 6 Chairman
TC 7 Chairman
TC 8 Chairman (outgoing)

Committee Chairmen Present

J.H. Finch
Marion Hart
W.M. Turski
Ria Lucas
Marie Barrett
W. Schneider
A.W. Goldsworthy
N. Inada
E Goto
S.A. Overgaard
F. Genuys
A.S. Douglas
H. Zemanek

Congress 77 Organizing Committee
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Congress 77 Programme Committee- Secretary
MEDINFO 77 Organizing Committee
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Congress 80 Organizing Committee - Australia
Congress 80 Organizing Committee - Japan
Congress 80 Organizing Committee - Japan
EURO-IFIP 79 Programme Committee
Congress Guidelines Committee
IFIP Committee for International Liaison
Publications Committee

Observers Present

R.S. Northcote
G.A. Fisher
G.A. McInnes

H.S.C. Chou

W.E. Phillips
H. Omi
K.T. Park
N-W. Suh
R. Iau
V. Zhurin
R.F. Tomlinson
H.W. Smith
R. Kalman
E. Fredriksson
T. Steinbrinck

President, Australian Computer Society
President, The British Computer Society
President,
Canadian Information Processing Society
President, Computer Society of the Republic
of China
Jamaica Computer Society
Information Processing Society of Japan
Korea Information Science Society
Korea Information Science Society
President, Singapore Computer Society
U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences
ICSU representative
IFAC representative
UNESCO representative
North Holland Publishing Company
ADL Society

In Attendance

P. Doumkov
Miss Gwyneth Roberts
June Smith
Jean Tanaka

Assistant to L. Iliev
IFIP Administrative Secretary
Meeting Secretary
Meeting Assistant

(n.b. certain TC and Committee Chairmen and Observers were not in attendance full-time)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The President opened the General Assembly Meeting and welcomed all participants. He introduced four new National representatives: Mr. Zich – Austria, Mr. Sacerdoti – Italy, Mr. Ando – Japan and Mr. Morris – United Kingdom, and two National representatives appearing for the first time. Mr. de Oliveira – Brazil and Mr. Scoular – New Zealand.

The President called attention to the attendance of the representatives of the Korea Information Science Society, thus formally satisfying the process of admitting the Republic of Korea to IFIP as a Full Member.

The President conveyed his appreciation to Mr. McInnes, President, and Mrs. Hart and Messrs. Boyd and Finch of the Canadian Information Processing Society, for the excellent Meeting arrangements and their hospitality.

Mr. McInnes welcomed all participants on behalf of the Canadian Information Processing Society, gave a resume of the history of and work carried out by CIPS and referred to the tremendous efforts of Mr. Finch and his team in organizing the IFIP Congress 77.

Mr. Keilhau announced that proxies had been received from Mr. Gvozdjak – C.S.S.R. in favour of Mr. Dorodnicyn, Mr. Herborg-Nielsen – Denmark in favour of Mr. Tuori and Mr. Marchand – Ireland in favour of Mr. Morris. He added that no notification had been received from Alteria, Cuba, Egypt, Hungary, Mexico and Yugoslavia.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED the Agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (GA TASHKENT 76)

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED the Minutes of the Tashkent General Assembly Meeting.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In view of the number of topics to be discussed, the President announced that his comments would be presented with each Agenda Item.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Keilhau referred to his report (GA Toronto 77/SECR-1) and to his comments in the Annual Report. He mentioned that the IFIP Summary 1977 had been printed and was being distributed world-wide. He confirmed, per London Council's request, that Chile had been informed regarding the termination of ACTI's Membership in IFIP.

6. ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Narasimhan drew attention to the Annual Report and to document (CGA Toronto 77/AC-1).

Referring to information given in AC-1, Mr. Narasimhan said that the Admissions Committee recommended that the Jamaica Computer Society be admitted as a Full Member. It was pointed out that a representative of JCS would make a personal appearance prior to the closing of the Meeting.

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED the admission of the Jamaica Computer Society as a Full Member.

Mr. Tuori moved that the Membership Dues for Jamaica be SFr. 1,075 for 1977 and SFr. 1,400 form 1978.

General Assembly unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

The President congratulated the persons elected, and thanked Mr. Iliev for his valuable services as Trustee since 1974.

General Assembly gave a VOTE of thanks to Mr. Iliev.

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- * The method of tallying affirmative votes among the candidates did not provide specific count of abstentions.

8. FINANCES

8.1 1976 Audited Accounts

Mr. Tuori referred to TREAS-1, the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for 1976, which showed net assets at the end of 1976 of SFr. 597,719.50. Total expenses for 1976 amounted to SFr. 196,099.80 against an income of SFr. 230,297.80 which included Surpluses from IFIP Congress 74, the 2nd WCCE and TC 7 WC on "Computer Performance Modelling". Mr. Tuori stated that the accounts had been audited (TREAS-2, the Auditor's Report). He also drew attention to TREAS-3, the 1976 Income / Expense versus Budget which more broadly described the financial situation.

Mr. Tuori confirmed that the reports had been discussed at the London Council Meeting.

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED the reports, TREAS-1, 2 and 3.

8.2 1977 Statement – to 30 June 1977

Mr. Tuori presented TREAS-4 and felt that the final result for 1977 would be an income of approximately SFr. 180,000, as budgeted, and expenditures in the region of SFr. 250,000 – indicating a deficit of SFr. 70,000. He pointed out that the Congress 77 Surplus had not been taken into account and underlined how dependent IFIP was on Congress Surpluses.

General Assembly NOTED the report.

8.3 Dues Situation

Mr. Tuori said that TREAS-5 indicated the current year's position on Dues payments, and that 82 % of the Dues had been paid by 28 July 1977.

Referring to the Back Dues situation (TREAS-6), Mr. Tuori said that the Memberships of Chile and Ghana had been terminated and that Yugoslavia was now the only delinquent.

General Assembly NOTED the reports.

8.4 Financial Summary – to 30 June 1977 / Loan and Grant Report

General Assembly NOTED the reports (TREAS-7 and TREAS-8).

8.5 1978 Budget

(The budget discussion was held toward the end of the Meeting, to permit revisions and discussions of proposals, but is reported here for coherence with the other financial reports.)

Mr. Tuori referred to the IFIP 1978 Budget (CGA Toronto 77/ TREAS-9, dated Toronto, August 1977) which resulted from actions taken throughout the General Assembly Meeting. He drew attention to the new format: assured expenditures and contingency reserve. Mr. Tuori indicated that the Interest figure did not take into account any interest from investment of Congress 77 Surplus.

General Assembly ACCEPTED the 1978 budget, with one opposition and three abstention.

9. IFIP FOUNDATION

The President remarked that the IFIP Foundation had given administrative and secretarial services to various IFIP Bodies during the past months and, in particular, had done an outstanding job in assisting the IFIP Congress 77 Programme Committee.

Mr. Tuori announced the availability of the IFIP Foundation Balance Sheet for 1976.

Mr. Bobillier proposed, under Agenda Item 11.10 – IAG – that IFIP agree to extend its bank guarantee of FI.55,000 to the IFIP Foundation to the end of 1978.

General Assembly ACCEPTED this proposal, with one abstention.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Activity Planning Committee

Mr. Renard referred to his report (GA Toronto 77/APC-1) and recalled the Tashkent General Assembly decision to establish two Task Groups:

- "Terminology Difficulties in Computer Applications Fields" (Chairman, Mr. Roukens),
- "Computer Applications in the Humanities and the Social Sciences".

Mr. Renard advised that Mr. Roukens' involvement with MEDINFO 77 had not yet allowed the first Task Group to start. Financial difficulties had prevented the members of the second Task Group from meeting; however, co-ordination with TC 9 had been investigated, but no recommendation was yet available.

Although London Council had recommended that the Review Mechanism be revised, Mr. Renard stated that TC 7 would be reviewed with the existing procedure prior to the next General Assembly. He added that APC would study the possibility of establishing Working Groups for a limited period of time.

Mr. Renard drew attention to the IFIP 6-Year Plan (CGA Toronto 77/APC-2).

Mr. Renard stated that an Evaluation of the Geographical Distribution of IFIP activities had been prepared by Mr. Chevion (CGA Toronto 77/APC-3).

Action

Following discussion of this report, it was recommended that IFIP Officers and TC Chairmen take the initiative of contacting newly-admitted Member Societies to try to organize events in those countries.

Action

TC and WG Chairmen (in particular TC 3 and TC 4) should attempt to organize activities in less active regions, effective 1978.

The President thanked Mr. Chevion for his work in preparing the Evaluation.

Action

Mr. Auerbach moved that APC establish a Task Group, as part of APC, to study the concept of a SIG in the area of governmental and municipal data processing.

General Assembly ADOPTED the motion with two abstentions.

Mr. Kalman said he would be willing to participate in the work of this Task Group, if appropriate.

Mr. Kalman remarked that UNESCO is organizing an Intergovernmental Conference on "Strategies and Policies for Informatics (SPIN)", scheduled for March 1978 and would very much appreciate IFIP participating in the Conference preparation.

Action

It was agreed that the President, and the ICIL and APC Chairmen would co-ordinate with Mr. Kalman.

10.2 Congress Guidelines Committee

Mr. Genuys presented his report (CGA Toronto 77/CGC-1) and said CGC would hold a meeting following the General Assembly. The aim is to produce 17 Chapters. Mr. Genuys expected that by the end of 1978, most would have been revised twice and be ready for release.

In view of his Congress experience, it was suggested that Mr. Finch be asked to join the Committee.

The President expressed his appreciation for the work of CGC.

10.3 Finance Committee

Mr. Sem-Sandberg referred to the FC report in the IFIP Annual Report, and presented document (CGA Toronto 77/FC-1).

As advised to the London Council, Mr. Sem-Sandberg said FC had studied the IFIP investments and, consequently, had transferred same into German Marks and Bonds – bearing a good interest rate – the first week of July 1977.

Mr. Sem-Sandberg drew attention to the new Dues Formula in his document and recalled that the new Dues Structure (30 % increase) would take effect from January 1978 with automatic adjustment in 1981.

Action

FC requested that General Assembly approve a procedure such that when the Dues Formula is applied, the calculated Dues shall be rounded upwards to the nearest SFr. 100.

General Assembly APPROVED this procedure, with three abstentions.

Mr. Sem-Sandberg presented a hypothetical budget, as requested by London Council, reflecting the effect of hiring a Director of Operations as had been proposed by the Finance Committee.

After lengthy debate, it was the consensus that the question of hiring a Director of Operations be held in abeyance and that other possibilities of generating income be further explored.

Consequently, the President established an Ad Hoc Committee on IFIP Operations to present suggestions prior to the closing of the Meeting.

General Assembly later EXAMINED the report of this Committee, and unanimously APPROVED the continuation of an Ad Hoc Committee on IFIP Operations, to be established by the incoming President, to work on the following recommendations and to report to APC:

Action

- to request GA Members to define new activities desirable in their geographical areas
- to inform each Member Society, through direct contact, that TC's and IAG are available to participate in their national events and that IFIP is willing, through this channel, to provide its resources to the Member Societies.
- to stimulate TC's and WG's to conduct "State of the Art" seminars at different levels and to request the assistance of IAG, where appropriate
- to authorize IAG to investigate arrangements with a professional organization / qualified person to provide defined services for a limited period of time
- to urge Member Societies to be sure that TC representatives are supported and are aware of national needs, and to set up committees to define these needs, where appropriate
- to examine the possibility of a self-supported technical Newsletter for IFIP on a regular basis.

10.4 Internal Awards Committee

The President said it was his great honour and pleasure to announce that the General Assembly had unanimously ELECTED Mr. Zemanek as Honorary Member, in recognition of his long and deep dedication to the IFIP cause.

General Assembly APPLAUDED Mr. Zemanek.

Mr. Zemanek spoke a few words and ended with – "formally I express my sincere thanks for the extraordinary recognition I have received, informally I shake hands with each of you".

Mr. Bobillier presented the proposed list of 21 Silver Core Recipients (CGA Toronto 77/IAC-1)

General Assembly ACCEPTED the list, with two abstentions.

(Refer General Assembly Closing Ceremony, Agenda Item 20)

10.5 IFIP Committee for International Liaison

Mr. Douglas referred to the ICIL report in the IFIP Annual Report, listing ICIL's actions in the international field and requested that it be noted and approved.

General Assembly NOTED and APPROVED the report.

Mr. Douglas presented document (CGA Toronto 77/ICIL-1) and said ICIL had sent a representative to the CAFRAD meeting (First African Conference on Informatics in Administration – Algiers, December 1976). He suggested that consideration be given to forming a new Working Group under TC 8, devoted to “Information Systems for Development” (refer Appendix A of document).

Mr. Douglas suggested that IFIP become an associate member of Data for Development at an annual cost of SFr. 300. He explained it was an International Association without political motivation which studied and evaluated the concepts, tools and operations used by human organizations to inform themselves.

Following discussion on the issue, Mr. van der Veer proposed that IFIP join and subsequently withdraw if no results were forthcoming.

General Assembly ACCEPTED the proposal, with one opposition and six abstentions.

Action

The ICIL Chairman was requested to finalize the arrangements for IFIP to become an associate member of Data for Development.

Mr. Bobillier said ICIL be responsible for representation at meetings and distribution of information received from Data for Development.

Mr. Douglas requested that the reports on meetings of ISO TC 97 and TC 95 and suggested actions by IFIP – TC 6 and TC 9 (refer Appendix C of document) be noted.

General Assembly NOTED these reports.

Action

The ICIL Chairman was requested to consider the suggestion of Mr. Tomlinson of ICSU – to establish liaison members from IFIP TC's with appropriate Working Groups in other Scientific Unions to discuss mutual problems, etc.

10.6 Publications Committee

Mr. Zemanek presented his report (GA Toronto 77/PC-1) and announced that the flow of publications (refer Appendix I of report) and of royalties was under good control and that excellent co-operation existed among all parties concerned.

Action

Because the IFIP publications contribute to IFIP's image in the professional world, Mr. Zemanek requested that everyone assure compliance with the IFIP Publications Policy (approved in Tashkent, October 1976).

Mr. Zemanek drew attention to Appendix II of his report containing Mr. I.H. Gould's recommendations for the “IFIP Guide to Concepts and Terms in Data Processing” resulting from a meeting with Mr. E. Fredriksson of North-Holland.

Mr. Zemanek proposed either to reactivate WG 1.1 or to ask the President to establish an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of revising this Guide. He added that Mr. Gould, proposed as Chairman, would be willing to find members of the Committee.

Mr. Sem-Sandberg said this Guide had proved to be a valuable tool and moved that the General Assembly accept Mr. Gould's proposition.

General Assembly unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

Mr. Zemanek announced that PC is investigating the possibility of limited IFIP publications, based on North-Holland production and internal IFIP distribution. When developed, the plan will be presented to the General Assembly.

10.7 Public Information Committee

Mr. Navez said his report (CGA Toronto 77/PIC-1) contained the status report of PIC as presented to London Council. At that time, it had been decided that no further action would be taken prior to the Toronto General Assembly.

Discussion followed on how to improve the dissemination of information on IFIP events and to stimulate Member Societies to distribute extracts of interest to their individual members.

Mr. Boyd remarked that CIPS published a Review, reporting on IFIP, ten times a year.

Mr. van der Veer commented that the Congress 77 Newsletters had been very helpful for developing countries which could not afford to send participants to Congress.

Action

Mr. Lehmann proposed that PIC be responsible for charging organizers of IFIP events to produce a short report immediately after each event, on the technical aspects (including name of Proceedings publisher and anticipated publication date) for dissemination via the Secretariat to Member Societies and others. Mr. Dixon suggested that TC's be charged by PIC to produce a one-page announcement six months prior to an event. Mr. Freeman felt PIC should consider establishing a form for gathering such information.

General Assembly unanimously ACCEPTED these propositions and NOTED the report of Mr. Navez.

10.8 Regional Conference Policy Committee

Mr. Bennett said that as the Chapter drafts became available from the Congress Guidelines Committee, they were being distributed to the members of his Committee for comments and editing, where necessary. Additional points specific to Regional Conferences had been listed.

Action

The President summarized suggestions made from the floor and charged Mr. Bennett to incorporate in the Guidelines for IFIP Regional Conferences that IFIP must be involved in the selection of site, PC and OC Chairmen and subject. For IFIP-sponsored Regional Conferences where financial liability is involved, details should be presented to the IFIP President for prior approval or definition of conditions.

10.9 South East Asia Regional Committee

Mr. Bennett presented his report (CGA Toronto 77/SEARCC) and advised that the SEARCC 78 Site Selection Committee, headed by Mr. Iau, President of the Singapore Computer Society, had received two bids which had been evaluated on the basis of convention facilities and support offered, cost to delegates from the region, and relevance of location to the concept of SEARCC. Manila, Philippines was selected. The hosting society will be the Data Processing Management Association of Philippines (DPMA) and the Conference date 4-8 September 1978.

Mr. Bennett drew attention to the excerpt from the SEARCC 78 Site Selection report proposing a two-tier organization – SEARCC Liaison Committee and a Local Organizing Committee – and spelling out the functions and structure.

Mr. Bennett said SEARCC 78 would be further discussed under Agenda Item 17.1 when Mr. Iau would be present.

10.10 Statutes and Bylaws Committee

Mr. Lehmann referred to his report (GA Toronto 77/SBC-1) distributed to General Assembly Members in June 1977.

Action

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED the following proposed amendments which the Secretariat will incorporate in the next edition of the IFIP Statutes and Bylaws:

- Bylaws 4.2.1
“... For each Technical Committee there shall be a paragraph included in the IFIP Summary which shall be issued or updated at least twice during the period between consecutive IFIP Congresses.”
- Bylaws 4.2.7
“...The Scope of an established Working Group shall be included in the IFIP Summary. ...”
- throughout Bylaws
The term “cognizant Vice-President” to be replaced by the term “cognizant Vice-President or Trustee”.
- Bylaws 3.7.3 b) and 4.1 b)
Publications and Information Committee to be referred to as “Publications Committee” in 3.7.2 b) and “Publications Committee” and “Public Information Committee” in 4.1 b).
- Bylaws 4.2.7
Add to first paragraph “A Working Group may be dissolved or redirected by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of its Technical Committee”.

Add to the second paragraph “The appointment of Working Group Chairmen may be terminated by the cognizant Vice-President or Trustee upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the associated Technical Committee”.

- Bylaws 2.3
Third sentence to read “All proposals shall be examined by the Admissions Committee and a recommendation including arrangements for liaison between IFIP and the organization requesting Affiliate Membership shall be submitted to the General Assembly”.

Mr. Lehmann referred to Mr. Bennett’s recommendation for defining the status of the President, as put forward at the suggestion of the Australian Computer Society.

General Assembly VOTED, with three oppositions and two abstentions, against adding to Bylaw 3.4 “A President may elect to become an Individual Member during the period of this Presidency and for one year thereafter”.

Action

General Assembly subsequently VOTED, with two abstentions, in favour of the Statutes and Bylaws Committee Chairman reporting to Bombay Council on the issue “A President may request the General Assembly to elect him an Individual Member during his term of Presidency”.

As the quorum rules in the Standing Orders do not exactly correspond to those in the Statutes and Bylaws, it was proposed that the second and third sentences of Standing Orders 5.7 be amended to read “Decisions cannot be taken unless at least 50 percent of the appointed members are present or have provided proxies”.

Action

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED the amendment which the Secretariat will include in the next edition of the Standing Orders.

11. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES, IAG, IAPR

11.1 TC 2 (Programming)

Mr. Paul drew attention to his report in the IFIP Annual Report.

He said TC 2 had just held a meeting in St. Andrews, N.B., Canada in conjunction with the WC on “Formal Description of Programming Concepts”. This WC was very successful, with 70 participants, interesting papers and lively discussions. Mr. Paul felt the Proceedings would be available October / November 1977.

Mr. Paul remarked that the WG 2.1 / 2.3 / 2.4 WC on “Constructing Quality Software”, held May 1977 in Novosibirsk, had proven to be scientifically successful, with 65 participants. Proceedings were underway with North-Holland.

Mr. Paul requested approval of a WG 2.5 WC on “Performance Evaluation of Numerical Software” scheduled for 11-15 December 1978 in Baden, Austria. Conference and Programme Committee Chairman would be Prof. L.D. Fosdick of the University of Colorado. A grant of SFr. 8,000 was requested.

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED this WG 2.5 Working Conference.

Action

Mr. Paul confirmed that the postponed WC on “Microprogramming, Firmware and Restructurable Hardware” (approved in Rio) was being planned for the end of 1978 / early 1979. The President suggested that this WC be combined with TC 10 activity and Mr. Paul agreed to investigate this possibility.

Action

Mr. Paul requested travel support for the TC and WG Secretaries. Following discussion, it was moved that travel support for TC and WG Secretaries be made only on an emergency basis and not as a standard procedure.

General Assembly ADOPTED the motion, with three abstentions.

It was also proposed that the Treasurer’s recommendations for the TC 2 budget be accepted.

General Assembly VOTED, in favour of the proposal, with two oppositions and one abstention.

Mr. Paul announced that the next TC 2 meeting was scheduled for April 1978 in the U.K., in conjunction with a WG 2.3 meeting.

11.2 TC 3 (Education)

Mr. Wolbers commented on his report in the IFIP Annual Report and mentioned that he had omitted details, requested by London Council, on CEPIA’s International Seminars on Education Informatics. He said the Seminars had been started under the supervision and with the help of TC 3.

Mr. Wolbers advised that the WC on “Post Secondary and Vocational Education in EDP and the Needs of Commerce, Government and Industry”, scheduled for October 1977 in Austria, had to be cancelled due to insufficient local financial support. However, it was hoped to hold the WC in the U.K. or The Netherlands in either the Fall of 1978 or the Spring of 1979. General Assembly was requested to approve this change in time and to allow the original grant of SFr. 6,000 to remain.

Mr. Wolbers also requested approval for the following Working Conferences:

- “CAI – Scope, Progress and Limits” – provisionally planned for 1979. This WC would be prepared by WG 3.3. A grant of SFr. 2,000 for 1978 was requested.
- “The Role of Teaching Programming in Informatics Education” – planned for 1979 in co-operation with TC 2. A grant of SFr. 2,000 for 1978 was requested.
- “Implications of Micro Computer Technology for Education” – planned for 1980 in Europe. Grants will be asked for 1979 and 1980.

Mr. Wolbers further requested approval of a General Conference on “The Use of Computers in Education” to be prepared by TC 3 together with an AFIPS constituent society, scheduled for 1979 in the U.S.A. If necessary, a loan of SFr. 2,000 would be requested.

Mr. Wolbers remarked that TC 3 had decided to hold the “Third World Conference on Computer Education WCCE 81” in Lausanne, Switzerland from 27-31 July. Prof. B. Levrat of the University of Geneva has been proposed as the Programme Committee Chairman. Mr. Bobillier added that Mr. P. Immer, Administrative Director of the Ecole Polytechnique of Lausanne, would accept the chairmanship of the Organizing Committee and that the Conference would be sponsored by the Swiss Government.

Mr. Wolbers requested approval of WCCE 81 and drew attention to the budget details in the Annual Report. An IFIP loan of SFr. 15,000 (SFr. 3,000 in 1978, SFr. 6,000 in 1979, SFr. 6,000 in 1980) was requested and an IFIP guarantee of SFr. 15,000 in case of deficit. The Conference site, Palais de Beaulieu, would guarantee SFr. 30,000 in case of deficit due to a “force majeure”.

General Assembly NOTED these Conferences and unanimously APPROVED them.

11.3 TC 4 (Health Care and Biomedical Research)

Mr. Roukens drew attention to the proposed TC 4 6-Year Plan (GA Toronto 77/TC 4-1).

Mr. Roukens presented his report (GA Toronto 77/TC 4-2) and the proposal for the transformation of TC 4 into a SIG, including a draft of the Bylaws.

The President stated that this matter had been discussed in Council, and the Council had appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to present recommendations to the General Assembly (refer document GA Toronto 77/TC 4-SIG). It was proposed to agree to the preparation of the transformation of TC 4 into a SIG; subject to respecting certain IFIP Bylaws principles, and to writing the SIG Bylaws to make clear that IFIP must have financial control.

Action

Following an exchange of observations, it was suggested that an Ad Hoc Committee for the Transformation of TC 4 be appointed and charged to proceed along the lines of the initial Ad Hoc Committee recommendations, to report to Bombay Council in preparation for a proposal to the Oslo General Assembly.

General Assembly APPROVED the suggestion, with six abstentions.

Mr. Roukens referred to MEDINFO 77 and 80 – to be discussed under Agenda Items 13 and 15 respectively.

Mr. Roukens requested approval of the following Working Conferences:

- “Computer-aided Ultrasonics and Tomography in Medicine”, planned for 30 July – 2 August 1978 in Haifa, Israel. A grant of SFr. 5,000 was requested.
- “The Use of Microprocessors in Medical Care Systems”, planned for September 1978 or March 1979 in Italy. A grant of SFr. 5,000 was requested.
- “Health Care Management and Informatics”, planned for June 1979 in Geilo, Norway. A grant of SFr. 5,000 was requested, to be spent in 1978 and 1979.

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED these Working Conferences.

Mr. Roukens drew attention to WG 4.4’s preliminary report – ‘Considerations on the subject “Data Protection” ’.

11.4 TC 5 (Computer Applications in Technology)

Mr. Williams referred to his report (CGA Toronto 77/TC 5-1) in the IFIP Annual Report.

He said he had been Chairman of TC 5 for seven years and would be succeeded by Mr. Vlietstra. Mr. Vlietstra requested General Assembly to join with him in acknowledging the work carried out by Mr. Williams, under whose Chairmanship TC 5 and six Working Groups had come into existence.

General Assembly gave unanimous VOTE of thanks to Mr. Williams.

Mr. Vlietstra drew attention to document (CGA Toronto 77/TC 5-2) and requested approval of the following events:

- IFAC / IFIP Real Time Programming Workshop.
20 – 22 June 1978 in Helsinki, Finland.
- IFIP / IFAC Symposium on “Automation of Offshore Oil Field Operation”.
June 1979, probably in the U.K.
- IFAC / IFIP Real Time Programming Workshop.
19 – 21 June 1979 in Prague, CSSR
- IFAC / IFIP Symposium on “Control in Transportation Systems”.
September 1979 in France.
- IFAC / IFIP 3rd Symposium on “Ship Operation Automation”.
Probably October 1979 in Tokyo, Japan

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED these events.

Mr. Vlietstra pointed out that action had been taken to revive the cancelled IFIP / IFAC WC on “Socio-Technical Aspects of Computerization” and this was now planned for 1979 in Budapest, Hungary. Indications were that participation should not be a problem.

Mr. Vlietstra referred to an earlier request for a SFr. 5,000 grant, and requested approval at this time for a grant of that amount.

Mr. Vlietstra said it had been necessary to change the date of the Tashkent-approved IFIP / IFAC Conference on “Programming Languages for Machine Tools – PROAMAT ‘79” to 21-23 May 1979 to avoid a scheduling conflict with a CIRP (International Committee on Discrete Manufacturing) event – venue, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

General Assembly APPROVED the revival of the IFIP / IFAC WC on “Socio-Technical Aspects of Computerization” and the change in date of “PROLAMAT ‘79”.

Mr. Renard expressed his appreciation to TC 5 on behalf of APC for the clarity and organization of the presentation of their activities.

11.5 TC 6 (Data Communication)

Mr. Bennett drew attention to Mr. Pouzin’s report in the IFIP Annual Report.

Mr. van der Veer presented document (GA Toronto 77/TC 6-1 and 2) with a request for formal approval of the European Symposium on “Data Communication” taking place in Budapest, Hungary on 3 – 7 October 1977 (refer TC 6-3). He added that this was the first event organized by TC 6 in Europe and an attendance of 400 was expected. A loan of SFr. 5,000 was requested – to be converted to a grant in case of a deficit.

Action

General Assembly APPROVED, with one abstention, this Data Communications Seminar subject to the proviso that Mr. Pouzin’s attention be drawn to the IFIP publications procedures.

Approval was requested for a Workshop: “Trends in Terminals by WG 6.1”, planned for April 1978 in Amsterdam, with a grant of SFr. 1,300.

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED the Workshop.

Mr. van der Veer advised that a Conference on “Networking / Internetworking” was being planned for Japan in October 1978 together with ICCS and the local society (Information Processing Society of Japan). Approval was requested, together with a loan of SFr. 3,900 to be repaid from surplus.

Action

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED this Conference with the proviso that Mr. Pouzin seek an equivalent financial commitment from the other Conference hosts.

Mr. Bennett said that, due to time constraint, TC 6 had taken action to be a co-sponsor, with the ACM Belgian Chapter, for a Symposium on “Computer Network Protocols” (13 – 15 February 1978) at the University of Liege. Approval of this action was requested, with no budget required.

Discussion ensued, concerning involvement with subgroups. Also noted was the desirability of involving the local IFIP Society. The President suggested that the President be approached when considering such co-sponsorships, so any resultant problems would be his responsibility.

Action

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED TC 6 Co-sponsorship of the “Computer Network Protocols” Symposium, but requested the TC 6 Chairman to be aware of general procedure when arranging to sponsor such Symposia.

Mr. Bennett drew attention to a proposed 2nd International Conference on “Teleinformatics” to be sponsored by TC 6 and other parties, not yet known. This Conference will explore new services resulting from the development of recent technologies in computers and communications and is planned for late 1978 or early 1979 in either Paris or Brussels. An attendance of 700 – 2,000 is envisaged with a budget of SFr. 250,000. EEC or UNESCO support may be sought.

It was proposed by Mr. Sem-Sandberg that IAG be contacted re co-sponsorship. Mr. van der Veer felt this would comply with Mr. Dixon's idea of having a State of the Art Conference, but underlined that TC 6 should be the main body organizer.

Action

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED this project, in principle, subject to Mr. Puozin submitting additional information to Council concerning the other sponsors, and communicating with IAG to explore their sponsorship.

Action

Responding to the reference to possible UNESCO support, Mr. Kalman suggested that ICIL screen all IFIP requests for UNESCO support and forward them under the same signature. The President confirmed that the ICIL Chairman, in conjunction with the APC Chairman, would heed this request.

Mr. Bennett gave preliminary notice that TC 6 was planning to hold a small Conference in conjunction with Congress 80.

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED, in principle, the TC 6 Conference plan.

Mr. Bennett referred to the TC 6 Review Committee report. Mr. Renard said APC had not met since the distribution of the report, but suggested proceeding with the recommendations.

Mr. Zemanek suggested that future Review Committee reports be in two parts: evaluation and recommendations.

11.6 TC 7 (Systems Modelling and Optimization)

Mr. Renard referred to his report (CGA Toronto 77/TC 7-CVP) and the current TC 7-sponsored activities.

He drew attention to document (CGA Toronto 77/TC 7-1) and requested approval of:

- WG 7.2 WC on "Stochastic Differential Systems: Filtering and Control". 28 August – 1 September 1978 – Vilnius, USSR. No financial implication to IFIP Proceedings royalties will be assigned to IFIP.

In reply to the query on latitude permitted in choice of publisher, the President asserted that only in exceptional circumstances should other than North-Holland be used.

- WG 7.3 on "Computer Performance and Modelling". September 1978, Canada or U.S.A. No financial implication to IFIP.
- TC 7 and WG 7.1 co-sponsorship with the Weizmann Institute of Science for a Conference on "Modelling and Simulation Methodology", scheduled for 13 -16 August 1978, Rehovot, Israel. This Conference would be held in conjunction with the Conference on Information Technology in Jerusalem.

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED these events.

Mr. Renard pointed out that the previously-approved TC 7 9th Conference on "Optimization", scheduled for the first week of September 1979, would be held in Warsaw under the Chairmanships of Messrs. R. Kulikowsky and C. Olech.

11.7 TC 8 (Information Systems)

Mr. Verrijn Stuart, by previous agreement, became the Chairman of TC 8 as of this General Assembly. He referred to the retiring Chairman's report on the IFIP Annual Report.

Mr. Verrijn Stuart indicated that the TC 3 / TC 8 WC on "The Educational Requirements Introduced by Large Information Systems" held in The Hague during April 1977 had been very successful; the Proceedings, published by North-Holland, would be available shortly.

He announced that WG 8.1 had just met in Toronto and requested approval of a WC on "Formal Models and Practical Tools for the Design of Information Systems". This WC, originally planned for September 1978, was now being scheduled for the second quarter of 1979 in the U.K. A grant of SFr 2,500 was

requested. Prof. A. Solvberg has been proposed as Programme Committee Chairman and Prof. H.J. Schneider as Editor of the Proceedings.

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED this WC, with the proviso that it be held at a time not interfering with other conferences.

Mr. Verrijn Stuart recalled that WG 8.2, established a short while ago, has been given three years to show what could be produced. He advised that WG 8.2 had met in Belgium during June (refer document CGA Toronto 77 / TC 8-WG 8.2) and had discussed the preparation of a WC on "The Informations Systems Environment: Organizational Variables and the Design of Information Systems" to be held in Europe in June 1979. (The initial plan was to hold it in September 1978). Mr. E Plug of Philips, The Netherlands, has been nominated as General Conference Chairman and Prof. H.C. Lucas as Editor of the Proceedings, to be published by North-Holland. A grant of SFr. 5,000 was requested.

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED this WC.

Mr. Boyd complimented Mr. Verrijn Stuart on his constructive actions for TC 8 and its Working Groups.

11.8 TC 9 (Relationship between Computers and Society)

Mr. Gotlieb referred to his report in the IFIP Annual Report and presented document (CGA Toronto 77 / TC 9-1)

Action

He mentioned that TC 8 Newsletter No: 3 had been issued in June 1977 and, for the moment, the Newsletters were free-of-charge. In view of their technical content, Mr. Tuori proposed that Member Societies contact the TC 9 Chairman if they would like to receive a copy of the TC 9 Newsletter (3-4 issues per year).

Mr. Gotlieb commented that TC 9 had organized five panels for Congress 77.

Mr. Gotlieb recalled that the proposed Aims and Scopes of Working Groups 9.1 (Computers and Work) and 9.2 (Social Accountability) had been presented to London Council for approval and that Council had asked the Council Members to communicate their views to Mr. Gotlieb. Mr. Gotlieb said that a suggestion regarding the WG 9.2 Scope had been taken into consideration and he now requested formal approval of these Aims and Scopes. (Refer Appendices 1 and 2 of the Minutes).

General Assembly APPROVED, with three oppositions and two abstentions, the formal establishment of WG 9.1 under the Chairmanship of Mr. S. Jonasson.

General Assembly APPROVED, with three abstentions, the formal establishment of WG 9.2 with North American Core and a European Core. Chairman – Mr. R. Kling; Vice-Chairman – Mr. K. Brunnstein.

Mr. Gotlieb pointed out that TC 9 expected to be dealing with controversial matters, but did not regard itself as a generator of controversy.

Mr. Gotlieb requested approval of a 2nd Conference on "Human Choice and Computers" during Spring or Fall 1979 in Austria. He mentioned that September 1978 had been the originally-discussed date, but, for various reasons, 1979 was now proposed. He added that the Austrian Computer Society had indicated its willingness to host the Conference and financial support would most probably be forthcoming from the Austrian Government.

Action

General Assembly APPROVED, in principle, with four abstentions, the 2nd Conference on "Human Choice and Computers" subject to the TC 9 Chairman submitting more detailed information to Council.

A grant of SFr. 8,000 was requested, but a loan of SFr. 4,000 was finally approved in the 1978 IFIP Budget.

11.9 TC 10 (Digital Systems Design)

Mr. Piloty reported that, following formal approval of TC 10 at the Tashkent General Assembly, the Member Societies nominating representatives were: Australia, Federal Republic of Germany, France, Finland, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland and the U.S.A.

Mr. Piloty announced that a TC 10 meeting had been scheduled for Toronto in conjunction with the Congress, but, due to lack of travel funds, the meeting would not be complete. Therefore, he would arrange to convene the Committee again, probably in the Fall of 1977, in Europe.

Action

The President urged General Assembly Members to get their respective Member Societies to nominate representatives to TC 10.

11-10 IAG

Mr. Dixon referred to his report in the IFIP Annual Report and said the financial position had greatly improved. Instead of a Fl. 75,000 deficit at the end of 1976 as forecast, the final deficit was Fl. 16,000. He added that, year-to-date, IAG was operating at break-even. Mr. Bobillier pointed out that IAG's greatly improved position was due to the untiring effort of and tight control by the new IAG Chairman, Mr. Dixon.

Mr. Dixon said the decline in partners had stopped; 28 new partners were acquired during 1977 with the assistance of senior executives of large corporations or institutions.

Mr. Dixon remarked that IAG has succeeded in implementing a number of activities, in accordance with its Activities Plan, but there was a shortage of people to sustain them on a regular basis.

Mr. Dixon announced that the "Management Datamatics" publication had been discontinued. However, a new journal – "Information & Management" was in creation and Prof. E.H. Sibley had accepted the post of Chairman of the Editorial Board, comprised of user executives and academicians. North-Holland has agreed to be the publisher.

Action

General Assembly Members were requested to generate and solicit papers for "Information & Management" and to support all the IAG activities.

Mr. Dixon put forward a proposal emanating from the IAG 10th Annual General Conference to increase the number of Vice-Chairmen from two to three to cover the following areas of responsibility: Activities Programme, Editorial Board and Partnership Planning Services. Since this would require a change in the IFIP Statutes and Bylaws, Mr. Dixon said he had discussed the issue with Mr. Lehmann.

Mr. Lehmann recommended that the IFIP Bylaws 5.5 be amended to read "three Vice-Chairmen".

Action

General Assembly unanimously ACCEPTED this recommendation; the Secretariat will incorporate it in the next edition of the IFIP Statutes and Bylaws.

Mr. Dixon said that IAG wished to create two classes of partnership outside Europe and North America only: Normal Partners – as at present; and Corresponding Partners – at a reduce fee, eligible to receive only the Journal "Information & Management" and IAG Communications. He added that the Corresponding Partners would not be allowed to attend activities at the reduced fee available to Normal Partners.

Mr. Dixon drew attention to the proposed 1978 IAG Budget, indicating a net surplus of Fl. 7,500.

Mr. Bobillier moved that the IAG report and 1978 Budget be approved.

General Assembly ADOPTED, the motion, with two abstentions

General Assembly unanimously AFFIRMED the IAG effort to improve its overall situation, including financial.

11.11 IAPR

Mr. Freeman referred to his report in the IFIP Annual Report summarizing IAPR activities.

Mr. Freeman presented document (GA Toronto 77/IAPR-1) and pointed out that the next important event was the 4th International Conference on Pattern Recognition, to be held in Kyoto, Japan during 7

– 10 November 1978. He regretted that the initial Call for Papers did not mention IAPR's affiliation with IFIP, but stated that this would be corrected in future publications.

He said that plans had been made to issue a periodic IAPR Newsletter and that copies would be sent to the IFIP Secretariat.

Mr. Chevion, IFIP / IAPR Liaison Officer, drew attention to his report (CGA Toronto 77/IAPR-2) and requested reiteration of the following decision made at London Council.

“The Council noted that a number of national groups have grown up under the aegis of IAPR. It was agreed that it is desirable that relationships between these groups and IFIP Member Societies should be as cordial and co-operative as possible.

Action

IFIP Member Societies are urged to explore with local groups a form of local co-operation suitable to their own structures and activities, whilst bearing in mind the proper concern and interest of IAPR in the development of such groups. Where no local group exists, consideration should be given to the formation within the framework of the IFIP Society of a suitable group which should be encouraged to affiliate with IAPR. Where a local group exists which is not affiliated with either the IFIP Member Society or IAPR, careful and co-ordinated approaches for affiliation with both bodies should be considered.”

12. IFIP CONGRESS 77

12.1 Organizing Committee

Mr. Finch presented the members of his Committee to the General Assembly. He said they were working around the clock to finalize arrangements and to react to the air controllers strike.

General Assembly JOINED the President in EXPRESSING appreciation for the efforts of Mr. Finch and his Committee.

Mr. Finch referred to his report (CGA Toronto 77/C77OC-1) and commented on the registrations to date and on the Exhibition.

Mr. Finch indicated that a detailed Summary Report would be prepared for presentation at the 1978 Council and General Assembly Meetings and for reference by the Congress Guidelines Committee.

12.2 Programme Committee

Mr. Turski referred to his report in the IFIP Annual Report and presented document (GA Toronto 77/C77PC-1) indicating there would be 63 formal sessions (some running in parallel), 4 symposia, 29 panels and, for the first time in IFIP history, one Working Group report session – WG 2.2. The Proceedings would contain 165 papers, including 24 invited papers. He added that two new areas were being covered in the sessions: computer networks and computer-aided design.

Mr. Turski pointed out the difficulties to be overcome in putting together a Programme and said that the General Assembly should be aware of two necessary factors: sufficient financial support and full co-operation of the Member Societies. He proposed that the Congress Guidelines Committee Chairman consider incorporating in the Guidelines the necessity for establishing National Correspondents, or one person in each Member Society, with responsibility for feed-back to the Congress Programme.

Mr. Dixon remarked that if it had not been for the capabilities and devotion of Mr. Turski to the task, the Congress 77 Technical Programme would not have turned out to be so successful. The President heartily endorsed Mr. Dixon's comments.

It was pointed out that the PC's activities would also be subject to inconvenience because of the air controllers strike.

13. MEDINFO 77

13.1 Steering Committee

Mr. Roukens recalled that significant changes had taken place with respect to MEDINFO 77. The Canadian organization had been completely re-established in November 1976 as a joint effort of CIPS and COACH (Canadian organization for the Advancement of Computers in Health).

Action

Discussion ensued concerning the initial MEDINFO 77 Committee financial accounts, which appeared unclear. A motion was put forward to empower the Executive Body to look into the matter and to write off up to SFr. 5,000, if necessary.

General Assembly ADOPTED, the motion, with one abstention.

13.2 Organizing Committee

Mr. Roukens introduced Mrs. Barrett, the Chairman of the re-established Organizing Committee who, in turn, presented the members of her Committee to the General Assembly.

General Assembly THANKED Mrs. Barrett and her colleagues for their efforts to make MEDINFO 77 successful despite the earlier difficulties.

Mrs. Barrett referred to her report (CGA Toronto 77/MED77-1) and to the Financial Statement at 30 July 1977. She felt MEDINFO 77 would at least break even and hoped there would be slight surplus.

13.3 Programme Committee

Mr. Schneider gave a brief run-down of the Programme, structured so that all groups of professionals would have a logical sequence of main topics to hold their interest. In addition, the Programme included topics of special interest to particular groups such as: hospital and other health administrators, clinicians and other physicians, health care planners and researchers.

14. CONGRESS 80

14.1 Australia

Mr. Goldsworthy presented his report (GA Toronto 77/C80A-1) and indicated that the OC staffing was now complete.

He advised that a preliminary announcement would be included in the C77 kit for delegates with a tear-off "request for further information" card. This preliminary announcement would subsequently appear in computer publications throughout the world.

Mr. Goldsworthy said it was planned to have the registration form available 12 – 18 months prior to the Congress. Efforts would be done to facilitate and promote attendance. He added that a single registration fee would cover attendance at both sites. Registration forms for participation at both sites would go first to Japan, as the first venue, which each week would mail copies to Australia. Each Society would be separately responsible for those registrants attending only the local segments of the Congress.

Mr. Goldsworthy mentioned that every Member Society would be asked to nominate an official travel agent in their country whose name would appear in the publicity. Delegates could, therefore, approach these agents for group fares.

Mr. Goldsworthy indicated that an all-out effort would be made to publicize Congress 80 at major National and IFIP activities.

It was pointed out that Australia and New Zealand would not be holding their National Conferences in 1979/1980 to avoid conflict with Congress 80.

Action

Tentative estimates had been made for financing, but a revised budget would be presented to the Bombay Council.

Mr. Goldsworthy added that AFIPS had already nominated a Congress 80 Liaison Chairman and that already attempts would be made to set up Liaison Committees in each country.

It was suggested that the IFIP Secretariat be used for dissemination of Congress 80 correspondence in Europe.

14.2 Japan

Mr. Ando presented his report (GA Toronto 77/C80J-1) and said the success of Congress 80 heavily depended on the co-operation of domestic organizations. To date, 17 professional institutes in Japan had agreed to co-sponsor Congress 80 and support, in principle, had been promised by 12 government ministries and agencies.

Mr. Ando announced the change in venue of the Technical Sessions from Kyoto to Tokyo, for the reduction of operating costs and the convenience of delegates. He requested General Assembly approval of this change.

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED the change in location of the Technical Sessions.

Mr. Ando submitted the names recommended by IPSJ for the C80 OC-J under the Chairmanship of Mr. M. Ozeki.

Mr. Ando said that JAL (Japan Air Lines) had been nominated as an official carrier and JTB (Japan Travel Bureau) as travel agent for Congress 80-J.

Action

Mr. Ando pointed out that currency exchange ratios and pricing factors had to be studied to make the budget more realistic and that revised details would be presented to the Bombay Council.

In reply to Mr. Auerbach's query concerning competitive events in Japan during 1980, Mr. Ando said that IPSJ would be celebrating its 20th anniversary. Mr. Goto remarked that their Conference would be purely Japanese-oriented and would not affect Congress 80.

The Congress 80 schedule is as follows:

Japan	-	Technical	Oct.	6 (Monday) to
Tokyo		Sessions	Oct.	9 (Thursday)
	-	Exhibition	Oct.	8 (Wednesday) to
			Oct.	11 (Saturday)
Australia			Oct.	14 (Tuesday) to
Melbourne			Oct.	17 (Friday)

15. MEDINFO 80

Mr. Roukens recalled that Japan's invitation to host MEDINFO 80 had been accepted by the Tashkent General Assembly.

He drew attention to the Second Progress Report from the MEDINFO 80 OC which indicated that plans were well underway. MEDINFO 80 has been scheduled for Tokyo from 29 September to 4 October 1980. The organization structure has been established, with Mr. M. Oshima as Organizing Committee Chairman. Even at this early stage, 30 booths have been reserved at the Exhibition.

A total IFIP loan of SFr. 45,000 was requested; SFr. 5,000 in 1978 and SFr. 40,000 in 1979.

16. IFIP EUROPEAN CONFERENCE 1979

Mr. Bobillier introduced Mr. Overgaard, the Programme Committee Chairman, who drew attention to his report (GA Toronto 77/ECPC-1) outlining the Aims and Scope of the IFIP European Conference 79 Programme. Mr. Overgaard felt that the Programme Committee should search for topics that are of particular importance to European data processing professionals, users and policy makers. It was proposed to have a four-day Conference with up to eight parallel technical sessions.

Action

Mr. Overgaard envisaged up to 100 plenary sessions with the active participation of the Technical Committees and IAG and referred to a letter he would address to the TC Chairmen soliciting their contributions to the Conference.

The President stated that Mr. Vlietstra had been appointed as special Liaison Officer between the Technical Committees and the Programme Committee.

The President thanked Mr. Overgaard for his excellent presentation.

Mr. Fisher confirmed that The British Computer Society had already reserved the Wembley Conference Centre and an Exhibition was planned with between 80 to 100 booths.

As to finances, Mr. Fisher requested an IFIP loan of SFr. 25,000 on the understanding that IFIP would receive the first SFr. 25,000 of the net surplus. Of any surplus above that amount, the BCS would receive 30% and IFIP 70%. In the event of a deficit, BCS would guarantee up to SFr. 25,000. Mr. Fisher said the Conference would pay the PC and OC costs unless funds could be obtained from other sources.

Mr. Fisher added that the calculations had been based on a minimum attendance of 750 participants, although it was hoped to have an attendance up to 2,000. It was pointed out that this Conference would encompass the U.K. Datafair and the forecast basic attendance could be considered a certainty.

Mr. Overgaard suggested adopting a shortened version of the Conference title "IFIP European Conference on Applied Information Technology 79" for use in publicity campaigns and literature.

After a short debate, it was moved that the Conference be known as "EURO-IFIP 79".

General Assembly unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

17. OTHER EVENTS

17.1 SEARCC 78

Mr. Bennett introduced Mr. Iau, President of the Singapore Computer Society and Chairman of the SEARCC 78 Site Selection Committee.

Action

Following discussion on the subjects of the autonomy of SEARCC and an IFIP loan, it was moved that IFIP provide a loan of SFr. 8,000 to the organizers of SEARCC 78 on the same basis as the loan for SEARCC 77, i.e. subject to informing the President of further details, including membership of the Organizing Committee.

General Assembly ADOPTED the motion, with one abstention.

As mentioned under Agenda Item 10.9, SEARCC 78 is scheduled for 4 – 8 September 1978 in Manila, Philippines and it was proposed that the IFIP Ad Hoc committee for liaison with SEARCC continue and assist SEARCC on the matter of speakers.

Mr. Bennett drew attention to Mr. Chevion's proposal for a permanent SEARCC Committee to be responsible for site selection and permanent international relations between the computer communities in the region and other regions.

Reference was made to the envisaged SEARCC 80 and Mr. Dorodnicyn proposed that it be postponed to 1981 in view of Congress 80. Mr. Iau said this consideration would be examined very closely.

17.2 ICCA (AIT) – August 1977

Mr. Chevion presented his report (CGA Toronto 77/AITC-1) on the IFIP co-sponsored International Conference on “Computer Applications in Developing Countries” to take place in late August 1977 in Bangkok. 80 papers, representing 38 countries had been accepted out of 153 submissions on topics such as computer applications in applied science, computer applications in information processing and education in computer technology.

Action

Mr. Chevion said that 400 participants were expected, and that he would report on the Conference once it was over.

Mr. Chevion regretted there would not be an IFIP representative at the Conference.

17.3 JCIT 3 – August 1978

Mr. Chevion referred to his report (CGA Toronto 77/JCIT-1) on the Third Jerusalem Conference on Information Technology (IFIP co-sponsored), to be held from 6 – 9 August 1978. Attendance of 500 from abroad and 1,500 from Israel was anticipated.

Action

Mr. Chevion said the Call for Papers was already in the possession of General Assembly Members. They were requested to disseminate information on JCIT 3 to the professional publications in their countries.

17.4 European Federation for Health / Medical Informatics (Cambridge Congress)

Mr. Roukens advised that, as requested by London Council, further details on the European Federation for Health / Medical Informatics had been submitted to the APC Chairman. He felt that nominal IFIP sponsorship of the Cambridge Congress was necessary to pave the way for collaboration between this Federation and the proposed, restructured TC 4.

Mr. Roukens moved that IFIP agree to co-sponsor – without financial implication – the First Congress of the European Federation for Health / Medical Informatics.

General Assembly ADOPTED the motion, with two abstentions.

18. FUTURE MEETINGS

Following discussion of the invitations received for future Meetings, the President asked the General Assembly to vote on the choices.

General Assembly APPROVED, with two oppositions and nine abstentions, holding the 1978 Council and General Assembly Meetings in Oslo during the second week of September.

General Assembly APPROVED, with one opposition and eleven abstentions, holding the 1979 Spring Council Meeting in Prague, and the 1979 Council and General Assembly Meetings in London (in conjunction with EURO-IFIP 79).

General Assembly APPROVED, with three abstentions, scheduling the Fall 1980 Council Meeting in Tokyo on 4 and 5 October, and the General Assembly Meeting in Melbourne from 11 – 13 October.

Mr. van der Veer announced that his Society would be celebrating its 21st anniversary in 1979 and would have welcomed a General Assembly Meeting in South Africa. He would, however, be pleased to extend an invitation to hold the Spring 1980 Council Meeting in South Africa or Swaziland.

Mr. Lehmann said that his Society had asked him to suggest the possibility of fewer General Assembly Meetings between Congresses. After a debate on the subject, it was the general consensus that it was necessary to adhere to the current schedule, in view of decisions to be made and budget implications.

19. OTHER GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

19.1 C83 Site Selection Committee Appointment

Mr. Bobillier, incoming President, named Mr. Boyd as Chairman of the C83 Site Selection Committee with the following members: Messrs. Ando, Lehmann, Tuori and van der Veer.

Action

General Assembly Members were requested to submit to this Committee, as soon as possible, their invitations to host Congress 83, to enable discussion at the Spring Council 1978, for presentation to General Assembly 1978 and final decision at or before General Assembly 1979.

General Assembly unanimously SUPPORTED this request.

19.2 Expiration of Terms of Office

Mr. Keilhau presented his report (GA Toronto 77/SECR-2) and asked the General Assembly to approve the following statement:

“The General Assembly approves of the interpretation that the term of office of a TC or WG officer or member begins with the official appointment to that position and ends, either by an official re-appointment in cases where re-appointment is allowed, or by the official appointment of a successor, or by some extraordinary action such as the formal dissolution of the body in question. It is the responsibility of the IFIP Secretary to supervise that proper action to end a term is instigated at such a time that the statutory three-year period, where applicable, becomes meaningful.”

General Assembly unanimously APPROVED this statement which the Secretariat will include in the next edition of the Standing Orders.

19.3 Appointment of Committee and Ad Hoc Committee Chairmen

Mr. Bobillier, the incoming President, appointed the Chairmen of the Committees and Ad Hoc Committees. (kindly refer to the Highlights.)

20. CLOSING OF MEETING 12 August 1977 – 5:00 p.m.)

The President recessed the General Assembly Meeting until the end of the Congress. He expressed his thanks for the individual contributions and his appreciation to the Canadian Information Processing Society for their hospitality and excellent arrangements.

At the closing of Congress 77, the President presented the Silver Core Award to the following: A. Balakrishnan, J.M. Bennett, P.A. Bobillier, S.Charp, P.J. Dixon, A.S. Douglas, J.M. Forsythe, J. Hatvany, N.J. Lehmann, C.H. Lindsey, D.I. Plander, P. Renard, J.L. Rosenfeld, B. Sendov, Yu D. Shmyglevsky, G.C. van Steenkiste, J. Tuori, J. Vlietstra, T.J. Williams and H. Zemanek. Mr. Bobillier presented the Silver Core Award to R.I. Tanaka.

The President stated his appreciation for the support and co-operation during his term of Presidency and handed the Presidential gavel to his successor, Mr. Bobillier.

General Assembly gave a VOTE of thanks to the outgoing President.

APPENDIX I

WG 9.1 (Computers and Work)

Aims To study and report on how computers have affected employment levels, job content and structure, working conditions, career patterns, and participation problems.

To collect, exchange, and disseminate information relating to the above.

To give account of problems relating to computers and work, and of proposed measures for dealing with these problems.

To encourage and support the design and development of systems which promote not only efficiency, but provide job satisfaction, for example, through interesting work and reduction of stress.

Scope WG 9.1 will be concerned with the effects of computerization on the life of three distinct groups of person:

- computer professionals,
- users of computers,
- non-users affected by computers.

APPENDIX I

WG 9.2 (Social Accountability)

Aims Helping make computer professionals and system designers and others aware of the social consequences of their work.

Developing criteria to determine how well the public is served when it comes into contact with computerized systems.

Enabling and encouraging designers and users of computer systems to make a human choice, i.e. a choice which takes into account human needs and wishes.

Scope The Scope embraces those aspects of computers which affect the public interest. Among these are;

- ethical issues arising out of the use of computers,
- the freedom of access to information, as well as the right to privacy and to the protection of sensitive data,
- shifts in the balance of power arising out of the use of computers,
- the effects of computers in public and private organizations,
- education of the public about computers, and of computer professionals about the effects of their work.