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HIGHLIGHTS

- ° An Ad Hoc UNESCO / IFIP Committee for Informatics and Development being transformed into a Standing Committee entitled IFIP Committee Informatics for Development (ICID)
- ° K. Ando appointed IFIP Liaison Officer for Medinfo 80
- ° Working Group Chairmen Nominations:
 - WG 2.4 B. Wichman to succeed W.A. Wulf
 - WG 2.5 B. Einarsson to succeed J.C.T. Pool
 - WG 5.4 N. Malagardis to succeed T.J. Williams
 - WG 6.1 A. McKenzie to succeed D.L.A. Barber
- ° 1980 First Quarter Council Meeting – to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria (end February / beginning March)
- ° 1979 General Assembly and Related Meetings Schedule:

Thursday	a.m.	APC, ICIL, etc.
20 September	p.m.	Executive Body
Friday	all	Council
21 September	day	
Saturday	all	General
22 September	day	Assembly
Sunday	a.m.	General Assembly
23 September	p.m.	General Assembly (TC reports)
Monday	a.m.	Combined Meeting (TC, WG, IAG, IMIA Chairmen, APC and Executive
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	p.m.	General Assembly

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- TC 6 (preliminary approval, subject to London GA approval)
- co-sponsorship of International Symposium on “Distributed Data Bases” (Paris, 26-28 November 1979)
 - sponsorship of Symposium on “Data Communications” (Bombay, January 1980)
 - sponsorship of Symposium on “Computer Networks Interconnection” (Montreal, April 1980)
 - sponsorship of Symposium on “Data Communications” (Australia, 3rd Quarter 1980)
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COUNCIL MEETING

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ATTENDANCECOUNCIL Members Present

P.A. Bobillier	President
P. Renard	Vice-President
A. A. Dorodnicyn	Vice-President
K. Ando	Vice-President
J. Tuori	Treasurer
O. Zich	Secretary
J.M. Bennett	Trustee
G.N. Boyd	Trustee
L. Iliev	Trustee
N.J. Lehmann	Trustee
G.J. Morris	Trustee
R.C. de Oliveira	Trustee

COUNCIL Members Absent

R. Narasimhan	Trustee
R. Piloty	Trustee

Invitees Present

R.I. Tanaka	IFIP Committee for International Liaison Chairman
H. Zemanek	Publications Committee Chairman
G.A. Fisher	Euro-IFIP 79 OC Chairman
S.A. Overgaard	Euro-IFIP 79 PC Chairman
A.W. Goldsworthy	Congress 80 OC Chairman – Australia
T. Sakai	Congress 80 OC Vice-Chairman – Japan

Observers Present

I. Plander	Director, Institute of Technical Cybernetics of the Slovak Academy of Sciences
L. Gvozdjak	Chairman, Czechoslovak National Committee for IFIP
E. Kostolansky	Secretary, Czechoslovak National Committee for IFIP
S. Passman	Director, Division of Scientific Research and Higher Education, UNESCO
R. Kalman	Computer and Automation Institute, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

In Attendance

A. Eskenasi	Assistant to L. Iliev
Anne L. Kuehner	Assistant to P.A. Bobillier
Gwyneth Roberts	IFIP Secretariat – Geneva

Secretariat

Marta Bellova	Institute of Technical Cybernetics of the Slovak Academy of Sciences
N. Wohland	Institute of Technical Cybernetics of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The President opened the Council Meeting and welcomed all participants. He introduced the Invitees, the Observer from UNESCO, Mr. Passman, and Mr. Kalman of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (the previous UNESCO Observer).

Mr. Gvozdjak, Chairman of the Czechoslovak National Committee for IFIP, welcomed all participants to the historical city of Bratislava on the Danube on behalf of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences

He introduced Mr. Plander, Director of the Institute of Technical Cybernetics of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (Host), Mr. Kostolansky, Secretary of the Czechoslovak National Committee for IFIP and Mrs. Bellova and Mr. Wohland of the Institute.

The President conveyed his appreciation to Messrs. Plander and Gvozdjak and their colleagues for the excellent Meeting arrangements and their hospitality.

The President announced that letters of apology for non-attendance had been received from Messrs. Narasimhan and Piloty.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council unanimously APPROVED the Agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (C1 OSLO-78)

Council unanimously APPROVED the Toronto Minutes.

4. EXECUTIVE BODY REPORTS

4.1 Report of the President

The President presented his report (C1 Bratislava 79/Pres-1) and advised that he had participated in several meetings since the September 1978 Oslo General Assembly.

In December 1978, together with Mr. Tanaka, he had met with UNESCO officials in Paris to discuss UNESCO support of certain IFIP activities and the UNESCO/IFIP Committee for Informatics and Development. The President said these matters would be further presented under the relevant Agenda items 6.5 and 6.12.

In December, he had also visited the British Computer Society headquarters and met with the Euro-IFIP 79 organizing Committee Chairman in an attempt to resolve some communication problems between this Committee and European Member Societies. At the same time, he had also met with the Congress 80 Programme Committee Chairman and had been briefed on PC's progress.

He added that he had attended several WCCE 81 meetings, as an Observer, including the first meeting of the full Organization Committee which took place in Lausanne at the end of January 1979.

The President announced that following a request from Ria Lucas of the IFIP Foundation, Amsterdam, supported by the IAG Chairman and the Foundation Treasurer, he had authorized the hiring of a secretary and a typist. He mentioned that the previous secretary had resigned. The President said ACM Europe desired to utilize the services of the IFIP Foundation and this would be discussed under Agenda item 9.3.

The President referred to the June 1979 Data for Development International Seminar on "The Organization and Use of Data in Public Administration and their role in Economic and Social Development" and confirmed he had nominated Mr. Verrijn Stuart, TC 8 Chairman, to be a member of the Programme Committee.

The President drew attention to the SFr. 3,000 budget allowance accorded to TC 2 at the Oslo General Assembly to permit “grants for students from developing countries”. In the interim, the TC 2 Chairman had requested IFIP participation of \$4,000 (approx. SFr. 7,000) in the University of California, Santa Cruz Extension Summer School “Advanced Course on programming Methodology” to cover scholarships for students from developing countries. The event was scheduled for August 1979 in cooperation with WG 2.3. The President added that a surplus was expected, of which IFIP would receive the first \$5,000. In view of this and, above all, IFIP’s desire to assist the developing countries, the President confirmed he had approved this request. (refer Agenda item 4.3). He felt UNESCO might also be willing to give some support. The President considered this as a test case and hoped it could be repeated on other areas.

The President advised that he had been approached by the TC 4/IMIA Chairman to posthumously award the Silver Core to the late TC 4 Secretary, Mr. van Egmond, in recognition of his outstanding services to TC 4. The President confirmed, following discussion with the appropriate parties, that it had been agreed to make this posthumous award during the IMIA Inaugural Meeting taking place in Paris, May 1979.

The President expressed his concern about Spain’s lack of contact with IFIP and stated that Mr. Renard would attempt to meet with the Spanish General Assembly representative shortly to resolve this state of affairs.

The President referred to an invitation IFIP had received to participate in the 9th International Teletraffic Congress scheduled for October 1979 in Torremolinos, Spain. He had transmitted this to the TC 6 Chairman, but had received no reaction to-date. Following discussion, in which the President pointed out that the International Teletraffic Congresses had been in existence since 1955 and their main objective was “the application of the theory of probability to telecommunication research, engineering and administration”, Council Members felt the TC 6 Chairman should investigate the background of same.

Action

The President said he would follow up with the TC 6 Chairman regarding TC 6’s possible interest in co-sponsoring the 9th ITC and subsequently inform the organizers of IFIP’s intentions.

The President indicated that, during the forthcoming months, he would attend the IMIA Inaugural Meeting in Paris, a FIACC Meeting in Laxenburg, TELEINFORMATICS 79 in Paris and Euro-IFIP 79 in London.

The President announced his intention of setting up another combined TC/SIG Chairmen, Executive Body and APC Members Meeting at the time of the London General Assembly (Monday morning, 24 September 1979).

Council NOTED the report.

4.2 Report of the Secretary

Mr. Zich recalled that he had taken over the function of Secretary following the Oslo General Assembly.

In accordance with a decision made in Oslo, he had requested TC and SIG Chairmen to provide a list of speakers, with topics, who would be possible candidates for Member Society National Conferences, Seminars, etc. The letter had also been addressed to National Member Societies and General Assembly Members. Mr. Zich commented that only three lists had been received thus far. (refer Agenda item 6.4).

Mr. Zich said he had sent a written request to all General Assembly Members for ideas and suggestions to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of work within IFIP. Mr. Zich expressed his appreciation to those people who had replied and said he hoped to receive additional comments.

Mr. Zich mentioned he had visited the Secretariat in Geneva during January 1979, had observed the great work load, and confirmed that everything was running very efficiently.

(note Mr. Zich’s motion – Agenda item 6.2)

4.3 Report of the Treasurer

Mr. Tuori referred to TREAS-1, the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for 1978, and to TREAS-2, the Auditor's Report. He indicated they were for information purposes only and would be presented to the General Assembly in London for approval.

Mr. Tuori drew attention to TREAS-3, 1978 Income / Expense versus Budget, showing total expenditures of SFr. 240,067.16 against a total income of SFr. 301,405.39. Mr. Tuori pointed out that the Royalties appeared approximately SFr. 30,000 under the budgeted amount. However, this was due to the fact that North-Holland had over paid IFIP in 1977 and, consequently, rectified the position when effecting the 1978 payment. Mr. Tuori said the negative interest figure was due partly to the transition period of IFIP's changed investment policy and partly to the strength of the Swiss Franc against other currencies, which reflected in the final accounting.

Mr. Tuori commented on the IFIP Congress 77 Surplus and said a final transfer of approximately SFr. 11,000 was expected from Canada. To-date, the IFIP books showed a Surplus of approximately SFr. 187,000, but this figure was subject to adjustment in relation to PC expenses, etc.

On the expenditure side, Mr. Tuori commented on TC 5 which appeared to be over budget by approximately SFr. 5,000. Mr. Tuori said this was due to certain 1977 expenses having been submitted during 1978 and booked accordingly. He confirmed that, otherwise, TC 5 was very well managed financially. Mr. Tuori reported that approximately SFr. 39,000 had been utilized of the SFr. 49,800 Grants budget.

Mr. Tuori presented TREAS-4, Member Dues Situation as at 13 March 1979, and indicated that all countries had paid in 1978 with the exception of Ireland, Spain and Yugoslavia. Spain was also delinquent in respect of 1977. He added that the Secretariat had sent out the 1979 Dues invoices during January 1979 and a third of the Member Societies had already paid.

Mr. Tuori drew attention to TREAS-5, financial Summary as at 31 December 1978, and to TREAS-6, Cumulative Record of Loans and Grants active in 1976-1979. He stated that many loans would have to be paid out in 1979.

Mr. Tuori referred to the TC 2 request to increase the 1979 budget allowance for "grants for students from developing countries" (as presented by the President under Agenda item 4.1) and to a decision taken by the President to accord an additional grant of SFr. 2,500 to the WG 8.1 WC on "Formal Models and Practical Tools for Information Systems Design" (Oxford, U.K., April 1979) from the President's 1978 reserve account.

Mr. Tuori moved that these changes (TC 2: SFr. 3,000 to approximately SFr. 7,000 – 1979; TC 8: SFr. 2,500 to SFr. 5,000 – 1978) be approved.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

Mr. Tuori mentioned there had been some misunderstanding about the funds granted to the TC 4 /IMIA WC on "Optimization of Computer ECG Processing" (Halifax, Canada, June 1979). Following discussion at the Oslo General Assembly, it was decided to give a loan of SFr. 5,500 and not a grant, as originally requested, as the event was supposed to produce a surplus.

The President thanked Mr. Tuori for the efficient way in which he handled the IFIP finances and presented the reports.

4.4 Other Subjects selected during the Executive Body Meeting

The President said the content of the discussions of the Executive Body, which had met the previous afternoon, would come out during the current Meeting.

5. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES, IMIA, IAG, IAPR, IASC

5.1 TC 2 (Programming)

Mr. Bennett presented Mr. Paul's report (C1 Bratislava 79/TC 2-1) and pointed out that TC 2 had held its 24th Meeting on 15-16 December 1978 in Baden, Austria, at the venue of the WG 2.5 WC on

"Performance Evaluation of Numerical Software". He added that the Proceedings of this WC would be published by North-Holland during 1979.

Mr. Bennett confirmed that the WG 2.3 Collection of Articles by its Members had recently been published by Springer-Verlag under the title "Programming Methodology" (Editor – D. Gries).

Mr. Bennett said he would not make further comment (refer Agenda items 4.1 and 4.3) on the TC 2 / WG 2.3 participation in the University of California, Santa Cruz Extension "Advanced Course on Programming Methodology" except to express his pleasure at concrete IFIP activity in respect of the developing countries.

Mr. Bennett reported that preparations were proceeding satisfactorily in respect of the WG 2.6 WC on "Data Base Architecture" (Venice, Italy, 26-29 June 1979) and the WG 2.7 WC on "Command Languages" (Berchtesgaden, F.R.G., 10-14 September 1979).

Referring to the postponed WC on "Firmware, Microprogramming and Restructurable Hardware", Mr. Bennett announced that TC 2, in cooperation with TC 10, had succeeded in re-launching this activity. The Conference was now scheduled to take place in Linz, Austria in May 1980 and details would be presented to the London General Assembly.

Action

Mr. Bennett advised that Messrs. Wulf and Pool, respectively WG 2.4 and WG 2.5 Chairmen, had tendered their resignations due to work load. Messrs. Wichman and Einarsson had been nominated as their successors with the unanimous approval of TC 2 and, as Cognizant Officer, Mr. Bennett said he would confirm these appointments.

Mr. Bennett mentioned that TC 2 would meet again in June 1979 on the occasion of the WG 2.6 Working Conference.

Council NOTED the report.

The question was raised of IFIP's representation in the ISO/TC 97/SC 16 on "Open System Interconnection". In accordance with the Oslo General Assembly decision, the President said he had confirmed the appointment of Mr. Steel, Jr. as the liaison between TC 2 and this Committee. He added that the similar involvement of TC 6 would be discussed under Agenda item 5.4.

5.2 TC 3 (Education)

Mr. Morris announced that the Annual Meeting of TC 3 would be taking place in Ghent, Belgium at the end of April and, consequently, there were no matters requiring approval at this time.

Mr. Morris drew attention to the imminent WG 3.4 WC in Amsterdam, The Netherlands on "Post Secondary and Vocational Education in EDP and the needs of Commerce, Industry and Administration". He confirmed that preparations were underway for the WC on "The Role of Programming in Informatics Curricula", scheduled for May or June 1980 in Paris, France, and the Programme Committee would be holding its first meeting in Paris in June 1979.

Mr. Morris recalled that Mr. Hebenstreit had taken over the Chairmanship of TC 3 at the beginning of the year. As it was felt that TC 3, in particular, presented an opportunity for a great deal of cooperation with UNESCO, Mr. Hebenstreit had visited Mr. Passman. A further meeting would shortly be taking place to investigate a precise plan of collaboration in relation to the developing countries.

Mr. Kalman confirmed that the postponed Workshop on "Systems Analysis and Computer in Education", organized by the WG 3.3. Chairman, Mrs. Charp in collaboration with UNESCO and the Hungarian Government, had finally taken place in Budapest on 19-23 March 1979.

Council NOTED the verbal report.

5.3 TC 5 (Computer Applications in Technology)

Mr. Boyd presented Mr. Vlietstra's report (C1 Bratislava 79/TC 5-1) and underlined that Mr. Vlietstra was one of the most active TC Chairmen.

Mr. Boyd said that Mr. Vlietstra was still strongly concerned about the membership question.

Mr. Iliev mentioned that the Bulgarian TC 5 member was serving on TC 8 and a new TC 5 member would be designated shortly. Mr. Ando confirmed that Japan was replacing its TC 5 representative. Action

Regarding the Working Groups, it was proposed that the Acting Chairman of WG 5.4, Mr. Williams, be replaced by Mr. Malagardis. The possible revival of the activities of the disbanded WG 5.5 was being investigated by Mr. Kubicek who would submit a report to TC 5 early in 1980.

Mr. Boyd drew attention to two previously-approved IFAC/IFIP events which had changed to an IFIP lead:

- 3rd International Symposium on "Ship Operation Automation – ISSOA 79" (Tokyo, Japan, November 1979)
- Symposium on "Automation for Safety in Shipping and Offshore Petroleum Operations" (Oslo, Norway, May / June 1980);

and to two previously-approved WG 5.2 events which had changed timing:

- WC on "File Structures and Data Bases for CAD" (now – 1981 in F.R.G.)
- WC on "The Taxonomy of CAD" (now – June 1982 in Trondheim, Norway).

Mr. Tuori said he was still awaiting further information from the TC 5 Chairman on ISSOA 79 as the loan approved at the Oslo General Assembly was subject to this condition.

Mr. Boyd promised to follow up on this matter. Action

Mr. Boyd stated that TC 5 had two grant requests, namely: SFr 5,000 for the WC on "Man-Machine Communication in CAD / CAM" and SFr. 4,000 for the IFIP / IFAC Symposium on "Automation for Safety in Shipping and Offshore Petroleum Operations". As there appeared to be no urgency,

Mr. Tuori proposed that the TC 5 Chairman present these requests to the London General Assembly for approval. Action

Mr. Boyd announced that the first edition of the TC 5 Journal "Computers in Industry" would be published in June 1979, followed by three further issues during the course of the year. He felt this was highly commendable.

Council NOTED the report with thanks to Mr. Vlietstra.

5.4 TC 6 (Data Communication)

Mr. Bennett presented Mr. Pouzin's TC 6 Activities Report and drew attention to the highly successful, TC 6 sponsored International Symposium on "Flow Control in Computer Networks" which had just taken place in Versailles, France with approximately 300 attendees. The Proceedings, representing the utmost state of the art in the field of 'flow and congestion control', would eventually be available from North-Holland as an IFIP publication.

Mr. Bennett commented on TC 6's decision to establish two further Working Groups: WG 6.4 (Local Computer Networks) and WG 6.5 (International Computer Message Services). He added that the ad hoc WG 6.5 had just organized a Workshop in Montreal, Canada with a participation of 41 persons.

Mr. Renard confirmed that APC considered it very appropriate to establish these Working Groups, but felt the Aims should be more precisely defined.

Mr. Bennett said he would advise Mr. Pouzin accordingly and requested Council Members to send any relevant comments direct to Mr. Pouzin. Mr. Bennett presumed the final structure of these Working Groups would be ready for presentation to the London General Assembly. Action

Mr. Bennett presented TC 6's request for approval of the following events:

- co-sponsorship with the French Member Society of an International Symposium on "Distributed Data Bases" (Paris, 26-28 November 1979) – no financial implications.
- sponsorship of a Symposium on "Data Communications" (Bombay, January 1980) – organized by the Indian Computer Society.
- sponsorship of a Symposium on "Computer Networks Interconnection" (Montreal, April 1980) being the third event in the series
- sponsorship of a Symposium on "Data Communications" (Australia, 3rd Quarter 1980) – organized by the Australian Computer Society, no financial implications.

Council unanimously APPROVED these events, subject to the final approval of the London General Assembly.

Action

Mr. Bennett mentioned that the WG 6.1 Chairman, Mr. Barber, would be relinquishing his function to Mr. McKenzie. Mr. Bennett commented on the dedicated work accomplished by Mr. Barber in developing WG 6.1 activities.

Mr. Bennett presented Mr. Pouzin's query concerning IFIP representation in the ISO/TC 97/SC 16 on "Open System Interconnection" as WG 6.1 had been involved in ISO work since 1974. Since TC 2 was also liaising with SC 16, it was felt there was need for some coordination.

Action

Summarizing the ensuing discussion, the President asked Mr. Bennett to request Mr. Pouzin to make a proposal to the ICIL Chairman regarding TC 6's representation in ISO/TC 97/SC 16, and confirmed he would subsequently issue a formal appointment letter.

Council NOTED the report.

5.5 TC 7 (System Modelling and Optimization)

Mr. Dorodnicyn said there was no written report and announced that the new Chairman, Mr. Stoer, had unfortunately met with an accident and was unable to attend the Council meeting as had been his original intention.

Mr. Renard remarked that TC 7 was an inactive Committee and did not work within the framework of the IFIP structure, giving as an example the case of a TC 7 member who had not been contacted for 1-2 years. Mr. Dorodnicyn counteracted that this was not so in respect of scientific activities, but admitted that TC 7 was remiss from a formalities point of view. He said he had attended a TC 7 meeting in 1978 where approximately 20 persons had been present.

Mr. Dorodnicyn said that preparations were progressing for the 9th TC 7 Conference on "Optimization" (Warsaw, Poland, September 1979).

Mr. Dorodnicyn recalled that the TC 7 Review Committee report had been considered incomplete and not accepted in Oslo. He confirmed that the "experimental RC procedure" was being applied to TC 7 and the "experimental check list" had been sent to the past and present TC 7 Chairmen. The President said the TC 7 RC report was long overdue and hoped it would soon be available.

5.6 TC 8 (Information Systems)

Mr. Iliev presented his report (C1 Bratislava 79/TC 8-1) and confirmed that the Programmes and all preparations had been completed for the WG 8.1 and WG 8.2 Working Conferences taking place in respectively April and June 1979. Mr. Iliev referred to the additional grant of SFr. 2,500 accorded to the former WC by the President (refer Agenda item 4.3).

Mr. Iliev mentioned that Mr. Verrijn Stuart was implementing the measures decided in Oslo with regard to membership, and drew attention to a joint working session of the two Working Groups scheduled for June 1979 in Bonn, F.R.G. to allow for a mutual exchange of information and coordination of activity.

Mr. Iliev underlined TC 8's continued interest in and wish to work with the developing countries and said this had been a subject of discussion during the TC 8 meeting held in Venice, Italy during October 1978. In this connection, Mr. Passman felt it would be most beneficial if IFIP could send an Observer from TC 8 to the UNISIST Intergovernmental Conference on "Scientific and Technological Information for Development" (Paris, France, May 28 – June 1 1979).

Action

The ICIL Chairman was asked kindly investigate this possibility.

The President presented Mr. Verrijn Stuart's report (C1 Bratislava 79/TC 8-2) and regrettably announced the recent deaths of two prominent specialists – Mr. Senko (WG 8.1 member) and Mr. Joele (WG 8.2 and WC PC member).

Council NOTED the report.

5.7 TC 9 (Relationship between Computers and Society)

Mr. Boyd presented Mr. Gotlieb's report (C1 Bratislava 79/TC 9-1) and advised that TC 9 and its Working Groups had met in London, U.K. during February 1979 to review activities and discuss future plans. In this connection, Mr. Boyd said he endorsed TC 9's initiative in creating a small committee to analyze if the original goals of TC 9 and its WG's were being achieved and still relevant.

Mr. Boyd drew attention to the high interest being shown in the Second Conference on "Human Choice and Computers" (Vienna, Austria, 4-8 June 1979). Mr. Zich confirmed that the Programme had been completed.

Mr. Boyd remarked on TC 9's active efforts to participate in Euro-IFIP 79 and Congress 80; in the latter case, the TC 9 Chairman had submitted an extensive list of possible paper titles and panel discussion subjects to the PC Chairman.

Mr. Morris felt it was a pity that TC 9 had not produced a Newsletter for some time as it was considered an excellent and valuable document. Mr. Boyd replied that TC 9 had had some production problems, but it was now decided to have a four-man committee with rotating Editorship. He could not yet confirm when the next issue would be available.

Mr. Boyd commented on WG 9.1's intent to adopt a new project on Transnational Data Flows and review proposals being developed in OECD, etc. Mr. Bennett remarked on TC 6's indirect involvement in this activity.

Action

Mr. Boyd was requested to advise Mr. Gotlieb to keep the TC 6 Chairman informed on any activity TC 9 carried out in respect of TDF.

Council NOTED the report.

5.8 TC10 (Digital Systems Design)

Mr. Ando presented Mr. Piloty's report and referred to the joint inaugural meeting of TC 10 and its three Working Groups held in Toulouse, France the previous month. The meeting was successful with approximately 40 persons participating. WG Officers had been proposed and activity plans discussed.

Mr. Ando recalled the query concerning the definition of the WG activities and confirmed that a possible revision of the WG Aims and Scopes had also been discussed at the joint meeting.

Action

The President asked Mr. Zich to check with the TC 10 Chairman in this respect.

Mr. Ando said that no approvals were required at this time as the activity was in a development stage. However, full details and precise requests would be presented to the London General Assembly.

Council NOTED the report.

5.9 TC 4 / IMIA (International Medical Informatics Association).

Mr. Renard drew attention to the Working Conferences being organized by TC 4 / IMIA in 1979 in Capetown / Sth. Africa, Bordeaux / France, Amsterdam / The Netherlands, Rome / Italy, Halifax / Canada, Geilo / Norway and Iowa City / U.S.A. and confirmed that the respective preparations were proceeding satisfactorily.

Mr. Renard announced that the inaugural meeting of IMIA would take place in Paris on 10-11 May 1979. It would be a formal event attended by many dignitaries, including the IFIP President and other IFIP Officers. Mr. Renard added that some organizations in France had accepted to subsidize the arrangement of this event.

Mr. Tuori requested guidance from the Council on the question of financing IMIA in 1980 and proposed that consideration be given to the eventual transformation of IMIA into an Affiliate Member.

A long discussion ensued and some Council Members favoured this approach; however, no decisions were taken.

Mr. Renard pointed out that there had been some discussions between IFIP, TC 4 and the World Health Organization. In order to reach an agreement on the relationship between WHO and IFIP, Mr. Mahler (Director-General of WHO) and Mr. Mandil (Director of IS; WHO) had accepted to meet with Messrs. Bobillier, Roukens and Nakayama in Geneva in early May. The President mentioned that this meeting was being postponed to a later date on account of Mr. Mahler's heavy commitments.

Council NOTED the verbal report.

The President added that Mr. Roukens had worked extremely hard to establish IMIA and arrange the inaugural meeting. He asked the Council to join with him in extending best wishes to Mr. Roukens for IMIA's success.

5.10 IAG

(Due to a mail problem, the IAG Chairman's report did not arrive in Bratislava for the Meeting.)

Mr. de Oliveira confirmed that IAG's financial situation was improving steadily. Mr. Tuori added that the result for 1978 was approximately Guilders 25,000 (accumulated).

Mr. Tanaka commented on the small number of very active and conscientious people in IAG and drew attention to their plan of holding Seminars on a 6-7 week cycle.

Mr. Lehmann said that the IAG Workshops should have a wider geographical lieu to allow for participation by developing countries. Mr. Tuori felt this would create financial problems which should be avoided at this stage.

Action

Following discussion, Mr. Oliveira was asked to investigate the matter with the IAG Chairman.

Action

In this capacity as IFIP Statutes and Bylaws Chairman, Mr. Lehmann mentioned that, contrary to an earlier decision, the IAG Aims would be published in the next edition of the IFIP Summary and not in the IFIP Statutes and Bylaws.

There was nothing to report on the following Agenda items:

5.11 IAPR

5.12 IASC

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Activity Planning Committee

Mr. Renard said he was reporting on behalf of the APC Chairman, Mr. van der Veer.

Mr. Renard referred to the APC meeting which had just taken place in Vienna and presented document (C1 Bratislava 79/APC 1).

APC felt that it should establish a methodology to decide what new IFIP topics should be encouraged and which others be abandoned.

Mr. Renard commented on the TC 7 Review (refer Agenda item 5.5) and announced that APC proposed commencing a Review of TC 2 utilizing the “experimental RC procedure” as drawn up in Oslo. Mr. Bennett, nevertheless, felt that the Chairman and / or Cognizant Officer of the TC under review should have access to the RC report and be allowed to comment on same prior to its distribution.

Following discussion, it was proposed that the “experimental RC comprised of: IFIP GA Member, APC Member, outside expert” should also include the TC Chairman as per Standing Order 5.12.

Council ACCEPTED the proposition, with one abstention.

Action

The President will establish the TC 2 Review Committee before the London General Assembly Meeting.

Action

Council CHARGED Mr. Lehmann, Statutes and Bylaws Chairman, to collaborate with the APC Chairman and make a recommendation to the London General Assembly regarding the proposed ‘Revised Reviewing Procedure’ and eventual amendment of Standing Order 5.12.

Mr. Renard referred to the proposed new Working Groups 6.4 and 6.5 (discussed under Agenda item 5.4) and mentioned that APC agreed to have an APC Member on the UNESCO / IFIP Committee for Informatics and Development.

Council NOTED the report with thanks to Mr. Renard.

6.1.1 Task Group “Governmental und Municipal Data Processing”

Mr. Renard advised that this TG would hold a special session within Euro-IFIP 79 on “Information Processing in Public Administration”. In view of this, it was appreciated that the report to be presented to the London General Assembly could be only intermediary. The President added that this matter had been discussed at Executive Body which felt that a Task Group should work normally for one year and then report to General Assembly in favour of its cessation or establishment of a TC, WG or SIG.

Action

It was, therefore, recommended that if a final decision could not be made in London, General Assembly be requested to empower Council to take the final decision on the subject at the Sofia Council Meeting.

6.1.2 Task Group “Computer Applications in the Humanities and the Social Sciences”

Attention was drawn to the two-day Conference on “Data Bases in the Humanities and Social Sciences” (Hannover, U.S.A., August 1979) cosponsored by this Task Group).

6.1.6 Very Large Data Bases (VLDB)

Mr. Boyd confirmed he had been contacted by Mr. Armstrong, Conference Chairman of the sixth International Conference on “Very Large Data Bases” (tentatively scheduled for 1-3 October 1980 in Montreal, Canada) for IFIP cooperation and support of the Conference, and had duly informed the President.

The President said that Executive Body recommended IFIP co-sponsorship of this Conference subject to a rescheduling in order to avoid conflict with Congress 80. Mr. Boyd pointed out that Mr. Armstrong felt certain Congress 80 attendees would like to participate in the Conference on their way to Congress 80. Mr. Goldsworthy was adamant in his objection, stressed the importance of avoiding conflict and underlined the efforts made throughout Australia in this respect. Mr. Boyd remarked that the VLDB Conference was an annual event and the organizers would probably move it earlier into 1980 rather than into 1981.

Mr. Zich moved that Council agree to co-sponsor the Sixth International Conference on “Very Large Data Bases” (Montreal, Canada) provided the event was rescheduled to avoid the date of IFIP Congress 80 by at least six month.

Council ADOPTED the motion, with one objection and two abstentions.

Action

The President said he would write to Mr. Armstrong accordingly.

The President mentioned that VLDB was interested in a closer association with IFIP and Executive Body felt it could possibly become a Working Group within TC 8. The President added that, on an informal basis, Mr. Tanaka would investigate this suggestion and the idea of Affiliate Membership. Mr. Bennett commented that Mr. Verrijn Stuart should be kept advised on the matter.

6.2 Admissions Committee

The President said Mr. Narasimhan had advised him there was no report to submit to Council by the Admissions Committee, but had mentioned the visit of a Mexican computer science professor who had agreed to investigate the reason for SMCE's inactivity and duly write back to him.

The President remarked that several IFIP persons had had contact with Societies in the People's Republic of China, but there had been no formal admission requests so far.

The President referred to a letter he had received from the Jamaica Computer Society at the end of September 1978 requesting deferment of membership in IFIP on account of economic factors, etc. Discussion ensued on the possibility of government or UNESCO support for this Society and it was stated that the IFIP Future Policy Committee would give consideration to finding a solution to assist small Societies of this nature.

Attention was drawn to the Oslo General Assembly decisions regarding Mexico and Jamaica.

Action

Mr. Zich moved that reference to previous Council or General Assembly decisions / comments should be made when rediscussing the same matter.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

6.3 Congress Guidelines Committee

The President referred to Mr. Genuys' report (C1 Bratislava 79/CGC-1) and added that Mr. Genuys was disappointed at the lack of comments received from General Assembly Members, et al. Some Chapters had been revised, but Mr. Genuys felt CGC was in an impasse and he proposed cancelling the CGC meeting planned for 28-30 May 1979 in Paris and disbanding CGC.

Action

Summarizing the various comments put forward, the President said he would request Mr. Genuys to edit, as far as possible, the Guidelines and send the document to the Secretariat. For the time being, the document could be used in that state.

Action

The President asked the Congress 80 Organizing Committees (Australia and Japan) to eventually study same and provide possible further input following Congress 80 when the Guidelines would be rediscussed. The President hoped that Mr. Genuys would remain as CGC Chairman pending these future discussions and thanked the members of CGC.

6.4 Finance Committee

Mr. Boyd referred to his report and announced that FC business had taken place by correspondence since the Oslo General Assembly.

He underlined that the IFIP investments were very diligently handled by the Treasurer, Mr. Tuori, and that there had been little financial change in the last six months whereby IFIP could benefit investment-wise. Any questions concerning the investments should be addressed direct to the Treasurer.

Mr. Boyd confirmed that the economic projections remained unchanged from those presented in the 1977 / 78 Annual Report.

Mr. Boyd stated he had brought with him the audited accounts for Congress 77 and final figures for Medinfo 77 and these would be discussed with the President and the Treasurer (refer Agenda items 7.1 and 7.2).

Mr. Boyd recalled the letter he had addressed to all General Assembly Members in December 1978 soliciting reaction to three suggested ways in which IFIP could participate in national events. He said the thirteen replies he had received to date expressed the desire of participation of some sort and seemed to favour TC and WG collaboration. Mr. Boyd added that Argentina and Brazil had made specific requests for assistance which would involve Technical Committees 2, 5, 6 and 10. It was appreciated that Mr. Boyd's study was in the nature of a fact-seeking process and that no mechanism was yet established, but it was felt that Argentina's and Brazil's requests should not be ignored.

Action

Consequently, the President asked Mr. Boyd to contact the concerned TC Chairmen for their possible assistance and advise Argentina and Brazil accordingly.

Mr. Boyd remarked that Mr. Zich's attempt to compile a list of potential speakers for participation in Member Society National Conferences, Seminars, etc. complemented the FC efforts. Discussed ensued on this subject in which Mr. Tanaka stated he had asked the Presidents of the different Societies within AFIPS (the U.S. Member Society) to provide the name of someone to contact should IFIP seek a speaker. Most Council participants concurred that this was the best and an excellent approach. Mr. Passman remarked that UNESCO was constantly requested to provide experts for different countries and had contact points for locating experts. Mr. Morris expressed his concern at IFIP speakers participating in non-IFIP organized events which might be unsuccessful and thus damage IFIP's image. Mr. Boyd counteracted that an IFIP presence would enhance an event.

The President thanked Mr. Boyd for all his efforts.

Council NOTED the report.

6.5 IFIP Committee for International Liaison - ICIL.

Mr. Tanaka referred to his report (C1 Bratislava 79/ICIL -1) and confirmed that contacts with the various international organizations (UNESCO, WHO, ICSU, Data for Development, etc.) had been proceeding in the normal fashion. Reports and correspondence were routed to the concerned Officers via the Secretariat.

Mr. Tanaka said the major part of ICIL activity since the Oslo General Assembly concerned ICID and would be discussed under Agenda item 6.12.

The President injected a comment on the vastness of the ICIL work and, on behalf of IFIP, expressed thanks to Mr. Tanaka for conducting these activities. He added that Mr. Tanaka had been succeeded by Mr. Freeman as the IFIP U.S. representative, yet would remain as the ICIL Chairman.

Mr. Passman referred to the UNESCO / IBI Intergovernmental Conference on "Strategies and Policies for Informatics" (SPIN) which provided an excellent opportunity to discover important issues in the informatics area in approximately 80 countries. Specific results of the Conference called for a close collaboration between UNESCO and NGO's, IFIP in particular.

Mr. Passman added that UNESCO was devoted to two major objectives, namely to advance international understanding or informatics for helping mankind and to promote international, regional, East-West cooperation on matters which made impact on society such as micro-processing, etc. Mr. Passman indicated that UNESCO had 155 Member States of which 117 were classified in the range of developing countries. He stressed the necessity of NGO's using their competence to assist these countries and confirmed that UNESCO was anxious to be a bridge for this kind of cooperation.

The President thanked Mr. Passman for his comments and said the IFIP-UNESCO relations were in very good shape due to the cooperation extended by Mr. Passman and, previously, by Mr. Kalman.

6.6 Publications Committee

Mr. Zemanek presented his report (C1 Bratislava 79/PC -1) and said the PC members had not met since the Oslo General Assembly, but had been very active by telephone.

Mr. Zemanek pointed out that North-Holland intended moving the "old IFIP books" to its Antiquarian Division in Ireland. He said some thought was being given to producing IFIP books in the German Democratic Republic, to having Congress Proceedings on microfilm and to the possibility of an IFIP Book Series. He added that PC was preparing an IFIP Bibliography.

Mr. Zemanek commented that cooperation of the Member Societies in promoting IFIP books was not as satisfactory as one would expect.

Mr. Zemanek referred to the IFIP Compact Journal being established with North-Holland and said he would report on same at the London General Assembly.

Despite certain criticisms, Mr. Zemanek felt that the North-Holland IFIP publications were not so expensive and was considering preparing a circular letter to all TC and WG Chairmen pointing out the production problems. He added that IFIP could not guarantee that every book would sell and the publishing house consequently imposed restrictions; royalties were paid after a certain number of sales.

Mr. Bennett said he would like to see a listing of royalties book by book. Mr. Zemanek replied that he would include this in his report to the London General Assembly.

Mr. Zemanek drew attention to the North-Holland Status Report indicating the expected publication of approximately 20 IFIP books from March 1979 through year-end.

Action

The President stressed the fact of the increasing workload of the Publications Committee and requested volunteers for this Committee to contact either Mr. Zemanek or himself.

Council NOTED the report with thanks to Mr. Zemanek.

6.7 Public Information Committee

Mr. Morris presented his report (C1 Bratislava 79/PIC -1) and confirmed that, following the discussion in Oslo, he had circulated a paper to the eight PIC members and received six replies. Mr. Morris said he had analyzed and collated this input and distributed a further paper containing action points.

Mr. Morris said PIC, via the President, would request TC Chairmen to appoint "reporters" for each TC and WG event so that Express Reports could be distributed before- and after-hand. PIC hoped TC Chairmen would produce, at intervals, articles on the work of their Committees for distribution to member Societies for insertion in their national bulletins. Mr. Morris added that the individual PIC members had been allocated responsibility for interfacing with the TC's.

Mr. Morris remarked that the IFIP NEWS would continue to be published, approximately quarterly, under his editorship. He referred to the face-lifted December 1978 issue of the Information Bulletin edited by the IFIP Secretariat and drew attention to the mailing list purge exercise. Mr. Morris regretted that a letter addressed to all General Assembly Members concerning the distribution of the IFIP NEWS had produced only three replies and he underlined the need for cooperation in improving the mailing lists of both IFIP NEWS and the Information Bulletin.

Mr. Morris said PIC wished to encourage TC's to produce their own Newsletter and was extremely pleased at the forthcoming birth of the TC 5 Journal "Computers in Industry".

Mr. Passman suggested that IFIP take advantage of the various channels available through UNESCO in order to disseminate information on IFIP activities to a broader public.

Action

Mr. Morris thanked Mr. Passman for this indication and said he would follow up with UNESCO in this respect.

Council NOTED the report.

6.8 Regional Conference Policy Committee

Mr. Bennett recalled that, at the Oslo General Assembly, RCPC agreed to the Chairman completing a draft of the final document and circulating it for comment. Mr. Bennett confirmed that the work was well advanced, but pressure of other business had prevented its completion. He felt it should be possible to circulate the draft by the end of May 1979.

Council NOTED the comments.

6.9 Statutes and Bylaws Committee

Mr. Lehmann presented his report (C1 Bratislava 79/SBC -1) and drew attention to a problem revealed when checking the revised IAG Bylaws which provide full voting rights to Affiliate Members with the restriction that they be one-fifth of the number of National Members whereas the IFIP Statutes and Bylaws give no voting rights to Affiliate Members. Taking into consideration the IFIP Future Policy Committee's idea to examine the possibility of Affiliate Membership for groups of developing countries, etc. with some voting rights, Mr. Lehmann felt this matter should be considered by Council.

Discussion ensued on this topic, but no decisions were made. Mr. Lehmann stated that the Statutes and Bylaws Committee would confer with the Future Policy Committee in this respect and duly advise all Council Members.

Mr. Lehmann briefly referred to two recommendations SBC wished to present to the London General Assembly concerning terms of office of TC and WG Secretaries and the eligibility of all Council Members for cognizant functions.

Mr. Lehmann concluded by mentioning that an updated version of the IFIP Statutes and Bylaws would be published by the Secretariat and distributed before the next General Assembly.

Council NOTED the report.

6.10 Ad Hoc IFIP 20th Anniversary Committee

Mr. Zemanek said he had accepted the preliminary task of investigating how IFIP would celebrate its 20th Anniversary. He had sent out fourteen letters and received five replies which favoured a volume along the lines of the 10th Anniversary publication "The Skyline of Information Processing".

Following discussion on the possible lieu, date, form and participation at the 20th Anniversary celebration, it was proposed that IFIP celebrate its 25th Anniversary.

Action

Mr. Zemanek proposed to establish a Committee at the London General Assembly. He would report on the outcome of the deliberations.

Council unanimously APPROVED the proposition.

6.11 Ad Hoc Future Policy Committee

Mr. Tanaka said that the Committee was not yet ready to present a report, but a lot of work was being undertaken and various issues were being considered. He confirmed that the Chairman, Mr. Narasimhan, would be ready to present a report to the London General Assembly.

The President recommended that the three-member Committee continue under the Chairmanship of Mr. Narasimhan and drew attention to the fact that the latter communicated with people outside of the Committee for ideas and opinions.

Council CONCURRED.

6.12 Ad Hoc UNESCO / IFIP Committee for Informatics and Development

Mr. Tanaka referred to the very fruitful discussions the President and he had had with the UNESCO Deputy Director General, Mr. Mayor, and Messrs. Passman and Kalman in December 1978. He confirmed that UNESCO had agreed to give support to a number of IFIP activities in respect of developing countries. Mr. Tanaka presented documents (C1 Bratislava 79/ICIL 2 and 3) – an exchange of correspondence between Mr. Mayor and himself. Mr. Tanaka stated that an excellent working relationship had been created between IFIP and UNESCO and he looked forward to its evolution.

Mr. Tanaka submitted document (C1 Bratislava 79/ICIL -4), a preliminary draft of the proposed Charter (Aims and Scope) of the Committee and stressed the importance of having Committee members from the developing countries who would establish the kind of activities to be undertaken. He added that the Committee should include representatives from ICIL, APC, TC 3 and possibly from TC 6, 8 and 9. Mr. Tanaka underlined that the Committee should not be governmental nor political, but technical and educational.

Mr. Tanaka said ICIL recommended to Council the establishment of the proposed Joint Committee of UNESCO and IFIP on a Standing Committee basis, which would undertake the specific responsibility of defining and implementing the programme of activities in accordance with the proposed Charter.

Action

Council participants agreed that the most appropriate name for this Committee would be "IFIP COMMITTEE INFORMATICS FOR DEVELOPMENT (ICID)" and suggested some changes to the wording of the proposed Charter.

Action

Following Mr. Tanaka's suggestion, Mr. Morris moved that Council reaffirm the authority of the President to appoint Committee members so they could already participate at the 14-15 June 1979 meeting at UNESCO.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

Action

The President asked Mr. Passman to kindly assist in proposing and inviting ICID members from developing countries. He recalled that UNESCO would give financial support for this meeting.

The President indicated the Executive Body's request that the Committee Chairman not be the ICIL Chairman.

Mr. Passman said there was a very good feeling at the highest levels of UNESCO with regard to interaction with IFIP.

Mr. Passman stated that scientific and technical communities in developing countries felt isolated and unable to keep abreast of the state of the art due to non-access to literature and lack of funds for travel. He referred to the ICSU travel fellowship programme, COSTED, and confirmed that when partial funding was granted to an individual, this stimulated him to try and obtain other support.

Mr. Passman said UNESCO might conceivably ask people from ICID to serve as experts in advising on a training course development. UNESCO would underwrite the costs of such a participation and hoped that the experts selected for ICID would be able to give time and help to this activity. He added that the developing country ICID members should explain their own experiences, gain sufficient knowledge of IFIP activities so that the programmes could be made realistic of the needs of the respective communities.

Mr. Passman concluded that UNESCO would be prepared to help in every way possible without dominating the Committee.

The President thanked Mr. Passman for his comments and requested him to convey to his colleagues IFIP's appreciation of the UNESCO cooperation.

Mr. Tanaka said it was hoped that the Committee could meet before Euro-IFIP and submit a progress report to the London General Assembly.

6.13 Ad Hoc Committee to revise "IFIG Guide...."

Action

Mr. Zemanek understood the book was proceeding and said he would contact Mr. Gould regarding its progress and report to the London General Assembly.

6.14 Ad Hoc Site Selection C83 Committee

Mr. Boyd remarked that subsequent to the writing of his report (C1 Bratislava 79/SSC83 -1), Israel had withdrawn its intention to bid for Congress 83, but would be willing to bid for a later Congress. Additionally, he had received a written statement from France confirming the report presented to the Oslo General Assembly and containing further information.

Mr. Boyd stated that Brazil and France were the remaining candidates for hosting Congress 83.

Mr. de Oliveira confirmed that Brazil would be submitting information for consideration at the London General Assembly. He said that if France were selected, Brazil would bid for Congress 86.

Mr. Renard referred to the French statement (which was not considered as an official Council document, but as a basic document for SSC) and announced that an agreement had been finalized with SICOB on the subject of organizing an IFIP exhibition within SICOB from 19 to 23 September 1983. He said SICOB could not change its schedule, 21 to 30 September 1983, because of international agreements with other European countries. Mr. Renard remarked he had investigated in 5/6 countries and found that this period fell within the university vacation.

Council NOTED the report and comments.

7. IFIP CONGRESSES

7.1 Congress 77 – Financial Report

Mr. Tuori recalled the open questions of currency exchange rates and Programme Committee expenses. It was agreed that the IFIP loan be repaid in Swiss Francs and a compromise was made in respect of the PC expenses.

Mr. Tuori remarked that Mr. Finch had done an outstanding job and the Canadian Information Processing Society had been extremely cooperative.

Mr. Tuori confirmed that the auditors were satisfied and had submitted final, approved figures. He moved that they be accepted and the Congress 77 accounts closed.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

The President asked Mr. Boyd to extend IFIP's thanks to Mr. Finch and his colleagues.

7.2 MEDINFO 77 – Financial Report

Mr. Tuori referred to the Oslo General Assembly discussion and decision whereby Mr. Roukens would present the final financial report to him by 15 November 1978. Mr. Tuori stated that, to-date, the only information he had received was a document prepared by the Congress 77 OC Chairman, Mr. Finch, containing the final Medinfo 77 figures (which had been handed over to him in Bratislava by Mr. Boyd). Mr. Boyd pointed out that the finalization of the figures had been carried out in Toronto under the jurisdiction of Mr. Finch; Mr. Roukens did not have access to them for earlier presentation to the Treasurer.

As it was uncertain if the figures had been audited, Mr. Boyd proposed that – assuming satisfactorily audited figures were made available to the President and to the Treasurer, these Officers be empowered to decide upon and accept same and, therefore, close the item.

Council AGREED this proposal, with one abstention.

The President indicated that a report should subsequently be presented to the General Assembly.

Mr. Tuori drew attention to the controversial question of the travel expenses of Mr. Atsumi, PC member, which had been submitted tardily and paid from Geneva accounts. After discussion, it was proposed that if the entire TC 4 / IMIA budget for 1979 (possibly 1980) was not needed, it should be used to cover these expenses.

Council unanimously ACCEPTED the proposal.

7.3/a Congress 80 Organizing Committee - Australia

Mr. Goldsworthy presented his report (C1 Bratislava 79/C80 OCA-1) and said OC-A now met every two months and mentioned that OC-J members had visited Australia.

Mr. Goldsworthy remarked on the interest being shown in Congress 80, evidenced by several hundred "request for further information" slips received since the distribution of the 1st Announcement. He confirmed that the 2nd Announcement had been distributed world-wide and a Circular, including summary of ancillary activities and social events together with an approximate indication of their costs and registration fee, would be distributed April / May 1979. Mr. Goldsworthy said it was planned to produce a Preliminary Registration Form in October 1979 with the option of cancellation and refund of

fee up to 31 March 1980 and an early registration discount. The final registration form would be distributed around March/April 1980 and include the Technical Programme details Registrants prior to 30 June 1980 would receive a 10% discount. Mr. Goldsworthy stated that the printing and distribution of all Congress 80 publicity was now being handled by C80 OC-J.

Action

The President queried the cooperation of the member Societies and urged those Societies which had not already done so to nominate Congress 80 Liaison Officers and Travel Agents and to submit a list of journals for their respective countries to Mr. Goldsworthy.

Action

The President requested Mr. Goldsworthy to duly advise him of missing information in this respect.

Mr. Goldsworthy announced that the Governor-General of Australia had accepted to be Patron-in-Chief of Congress 80 and, time permitting, would perform the official Opening in Melbourne.

Mr. Goldsworthy commented on the overwhelming success of the sale of Exhibition space which had been increased by 50% and now comprise 90,000 square metres of which 45,000 square metres was saleable area. He added that this would increase the budget surplus.

Mr. Goldsworthy confirmed that the Congress site was very central and said the Exhibition and Technical Session lieux were within short distance of the major hotels.

Mr. Goldsworthy drew attention to the C80 OC-A budget which estimated a conservative 600 overseas registration.

Action

A discussion ensued on the presentation of budgets in general. As a result, all Congress and Conference Chairmen were requested – when presenting a revised forecast-budget – to also show the last-approved budget for reference purposes.

Mr. Goldsworthy spoke of the concern expressed by the C80 Programme Committee in respect of the ancillary activities planned by Australia. He added that the Oslo General Assembly had accepted them within the context of the Australian OC reports.

Mr. Goldsworthy said PC proposed that the “Government Data Systems” Seminar could be a separate event on Monday, 13 October, but incorporated in the Programme. OC-A has agreed to it becoming an integral part of the Programme with panel sessions from Tuesday through Friday. OC-A would, therefore, cease its activities to involve speakers which would be taken over by the respective PC Area Chairmen.

Mr. Goldsworthy confirmed that PC had now accepted the Seminar on “Computers in Mining” scheduled for Monday, 13 October. He remarked that leading figures in the mining industry would be approached as speakers and no-one would be contacted who already had dealings with PC.

Mr. Goldsworthy drew attention to the vastness of Australia and said OC-A saw Congress 80 as a lifetime opportunity for the Australian members of IFIP and wanted to do everything possible to encourage maximum attendance. The above Seminar would undoubtedly attract additional overseas and local registrants to Congress 80. He asked Council to recognize the “Computers in Mining” Seminar as an ancillary to Congress and confirmed that, although funded separately, any surplus would be split with IFIP.

A long discussion took place regarding the “Computers in Developing Nations” Seminar scheduled for Monday, 13 October. Mr. Goldsworthy said there was no adequate provision for same in the PC Programme and stated that TC 9 would be happy to co-sponsor the activity. As Observers, Messrs. Passman and Kalman greatly favoured this Seminar.

Mr. Goldsworthy subsequently telephoned to the PC Chairman who gave his consent to the Seminar subject to the conditions outlined in the following motion:

Action

- That all Council Members approved holding the “Computers in Developing Nations” Seminar on Monday, 13 October 1980, but required the local Organizing Committee, via Mr. Goldsworthy, to liaise with the C80 PC and Area Chairmen to ensure no overlap and to include details on same in all Congress 80 brochures and information material.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

Council NOTED the report and the budget.

7.3/b Congress 80 Organizing Committee - Japan

Mr. Sakai presented report (C1 Bratislava 79/C80 OCJ-1) and announced that an Advisory and Supporting Committee consisting of approximately 50 nominated persons from all areas of computer related academic, governmental and industrial organizations had been established in October 1978. It was hoped to get financial support through this Committee.

Mr. Sakai stated that OC-J was currently investigating the possibility of a new site "Sunshine City" for the Technical Sessions, which offered many advantages, including much more favourable terms and conditions than the "Toshi-Centre". He requested the Council's opinion regarding such a change. Mr. Morris asked about the availability of cheap accommodation for the attendees. As University residences, as such, did not exist, Mr. Sakai said that OC-J was studying the question of cheap accommodation and mentioned that an 'all-in' flight/hotel arrangement was under consideration. Mr. Renard asked what the distance was between "Sunshine City" and the Exhibition. Mr. Ando indicated it was about 40 minutes travelling time.

The Council's general reaction was favourable to this change and requested OC-J to continue its investigations, to present a suitable solution to the transportation problem between "Sunshine City" and the Exhibition, to keep the President informed and to present an overall picture to the London General Assembly.

Mr. Sakai commented on the publicity campaign and drew attention to the distribution plan.

Mr. Ando referred to the very productive meeting held with OC-A in Melbourne in December 1978. He confirmed that OC-J preparations were in accordance with its time schedule chart, attached to the report, and that OC-A was making a similar chart so that both Committees could duly coordinate respective activities.

In replay to Mr. Renard's query, Mr. Ando confirmed there would be no other main events occurring in Japan three months prior to or following Congress except for some computer related meetings such as the Computational Linguistic Group meeting and C80 PC was aware of this latter fact.

Mr. Ando said there were no changes to the budget presented in Oslo.

Mr. Sakai concluded that Congress 80 would probably be officially opened by Their Imperial Highnesses, the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Japan.

The President thanked Mr. Sakai for having represented Mr. Ozeki.

Council NOTED the report.

7.4 Congress 80 – Programme Committee

Mr. Morris presented Mr. Sumner's report (C1 Bratislava 79/C80 PC-1) and announced that the Programme Committee had just held its second meeting in Amsterdam. The main purpose of the meeting was to produce a list of Invited Speakers, Panel Sessions and Panel Chairmen.

Mr. Morris indicated that 110,000 copies of the Call for Papers, with a deadline of 1 December 1979, had been distributed world-wide from the U.K. with bulk quantities to Japan, Australia and the U.S.A. (as outlined in Appendix I of report).

As both Japan and Australia had expressed the wish for the number of Invited Speakers to be somewhat larger than at previous Congresses to enable the local delegates to have an opportunity of hearing the world's leading computer specialists, PC decided to recommend about 40 Invited Speakers (as listed in Appendix II of report) who would give a one-hour presentation in both Japan and Australia. There was no reserve list at this stage as those persons named would be prepared to speak if formally invited.

Mr. Morris mentioned one modification, namely the withdrawal of Mr. Kleinrock's name, to comply with the IFIP practice of not inviting Speakers who had participated in either of the two previous IFIP Congresses.

Mr. Morris moved that Council accept and approve the list of Invited Speakers and their topics (Appendix III of report).

Council ADOPTED the motion, with one abstention.

Mr. Morris further moved that Council empower the President to approve the substitute for Mr. Kleinrock when Mr. Sumner located him.

Council ADOPTED the motion.

Regarding the Panel Sessions, these would be held once in either Japan or Australia. Mr. Morris drew attention to Appendix IV of report listing the Panel titles and Panel Chairmen the Programme Committee would like to organize. The President mentioned that PC was in favour of the Panel Chairmen producing, in collaboration with the Editor and Area Chairmen, a brief prior synopsis of the subject for discussion which would assist non-English speaking delegates. He added that in compensation for this effort, PC would appreciate free registration for the Panel Chairmen. This proposal will be put forward for approval by the General Assembly.

Suggestions were made to record the Panel Sessions. However, it appeared that PC was opposed to this as many people participating in Sessions spoke more openly if they were not being recorded.

Several criticisms were voiced in respect of the country representation of the Panel Session Chairmen in that it was not very international. It was pointed out that PC had taken great care to select people fluent in English and was anxious to restore the balance in the choice of Session Panelists.

Action

Summarizing the discussion, Mr. Morris moved that although Council recognized the basic objectives, nevertheless felt that as much as possible should be done to restore the balance across the whole board and the Programme Committee should be asked to consider this very carefully and come to the London General Assembly with its report communicating the way in which it proposed to get reasonable distribution.

Council ADOPTED the motion, with one abstention.

Action

General Assembly Members were kindly requested to submit to the C80 PC Chairman, at their earliest convenience, proposals of Panelists.

7.5 MEDINFO 80 - Organizing Committee

As there was no written report prepared by Mr. Roukens, Mr. Renard presented information he had collected, including a Budget Summary (C1 Bratislava 79/MED80 OC).

Action

Based on the questions raised by various Council Members, Council unanimously AGREED to Mr. Renard speaking to Mr. Roukens, in the name of the Council, on the following matters:

- justification of the expected attendance figure of 1,000; this figure appeared too optimistic
- clarification of the dual registration fee quoted as \$200, but presumably 2 x \$200 = \$400
- in view of the large sum (SFr. 65,000) IFIP would be loaning to the event, IFIP to receive 10% of the surplus for IFIP activities, leaving 90% for IMIA activities
- the Japanese organizers should be requested to establish a guarantee in case of a deficit
- the loan should be reimbursed before the end of 1980; if not, a 10% surcharge would be due
- if the loan should not be reimbursed to IFIP from the Medinfo 80 income, future IMIA sources of revenue, including membership fees, should be used to reimburse the loan.

The President moved that Council agree to the Medinfo 80 operations being managed on the basis of the budget contained in Mr. Renard's report pending the final results of his discussions with Mr. Roukens and until the London General Assembly.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

The President announced that Mr. Ando had accepted to be the IFIP Liaison Officer for Medinfo 80.

7.6 MEDINFO 80 - Programme Committee

Mr. Renard referred to the PC Chairman's report (C1 Bratislava 79/ MED 80/PC-1) indicating that the arrangements were proceeding very satisfactorily. 28 Programme Sessions had been reviewed and approved and it had been decided to add 8 evening Workshop Sessions.

Mr. Renard announced that the first Call for Papers were being distributed and 10 December 1979 had been established as the deadline date for submission of Papers.

Council NOTED the report.

8. CONFERENCES

8.1 EURO-IFIP 79 Organizing Committee

Mr. Fisher presented his report and confirmed that preparations were progressing satisfactorily. He announced that 75,000 copies of a leaflet-type brochure, designed to encourage and interest as many people as possible and containing the main details of the 62 Technical Sessions, were currently being distributed to Member Societies and a number of other outlets.

Mr. Fisher indicated that 173 Early Bird registrations had been received including 55 from overseas. He added that no bulk registrations had been forthcoming from the Member Societies despite the President's letter to them advising of this possibility. The President again urged Member Societies and General Assembly Members to encourage registration for Euro-IFIP 79 and to take advantage of bulk registration concessions.

Action

Mr. Passman said UNESCO was very interested in the technical aspects of the Sessions and would be prepared to negotiate for a bulk registration of 30 delegates from the developing countries.

Mr. Fisher drew attention to an updated version of the budget based on a 700 registration figure plus 70 paying Speakers and Exhibition income. To-date, £stg. 40,000 had been spent and estimated further costs amounted to £stg. 60,000

Mr. Fisher advised that the sale of Exhibition space was rather disappointing and one large manufacturer had opted out. The latest budget took into consideration that the Exhibition may not be as successful as hoped.

Mr. Fisher commented on the Programme Committee expenses and the costs of the IFIP Foundation which was serving the Programme Committee. He underlined that the IFIP Foundation was doing a first-class job, but the costs greatly exceeded those which had been budgeted for such activity. Mr. Fisher proposed various ways to handle same and discussion ensued. Mr. Tuori said it was irrelevant which organization gave these services, there was only one budget for Euro-IFIP 79 produced by the Organizing Committee and this included the Programme Committee expenses. If they had been badly budgeted, it was not IFIP's responsibility to cover same.

Mr. Morris moved that any excess over the amount budgeted for PC administrative and incidental expenses (£stg. 2,000) be deducted from the first SFr. 25,000 of the surplus which is due to go to IFIP.

The motion was NOT CARRIED.

Summarizing various comments of concern with regard to the budget in general, Mr. Tanaka said OC should have a contingency plan and control the costs as much as possible. Mr. Overgaard felt the estimated registration figure was very conservative and there was no need for alarm.

The President wished Mr. Fisher and his Committee success with the further preparations of Euro-IFIP 79.

8.2 EURO-IFIP 79 Programme Committee

Mr. Overgaard presented his report (C1 Bratislava 79/ EI 79/PC-1) and remarked that there had been a discouraging initial response to the Call for Papers. He added that 74 Papers were finally accepted out of the 140 received. There would also be 20 invited Papers and 8 lectures would be given by Speakers invited by the TC 10 WC on "Reliable Computing and Fault-Tolerance".

Mr. Overgaard indicated there might be a few changes in one or two of the Panel Sessions and he would discuss the Panel on "Computers for Development" with Messrs. Passman and Tanaka.

Mr. Overgaard confirmed that a satisfactory agreement had been reached with the TC 10 WC which would give a series of 8 state of the art lectures on Thursday, 27 September and be open to interested Euro-IFIP delegates.

Mr. Overgaard underlined the excellent services given by the IFIP Foundation and drew attention to the considerable amount of work involved in collecting and processing the submitted papers. He also praised the quality and energy of the PC members.

Mr. Overgaard stated there had been no problems with the C80 Committees.

The President felt the Programme was a good one and thanked Mr. Overgaard and his Committee members for their efforts.

Council NOTED the report.

8.3 TELEINFORMATICS 79

Mr. Renard presented report (C1 Bratislava 79/ TEL 79-1) and announced that the preparation of the Conference (Paris, France, 11-13 June) was progressing satisfactorily. 21,000 copies of the preliminary Programme had been distributed world-wide; additionally, there had been publicity by means of press releases and posters. Four to five hundred people had indicated they were interested in the Conference.

Mr. Renard stated that the French PTT Minister had agreed to sponsor Teleinformatics 79 and had provided Exhibition space in the PTT Congress Hall which was located near to the Conference site (UNESCO Centre). Mr. Renard underlined the important support given by UNESCO.

Mr. Renard pointed out that an agreement had been signed with North-Holland concerning preprints, but a separate agreement would have to be signed by IFIP in respect of publication rights and royalties.

Mr. Renard confirmed that, following the Oslo General Assembly recommendation, the organizers (AFCET) had made every attempt to reduce the administrative expenses.

Council NOTED the report with thanks to Mr. Renard.

8.4 3rd WCCE 81 Organizing Committee

Mr. Morris said the Organizing Committee was based in Lausanne under the Chairmanship of Mr. Immer of the Ecole Polytechnique Federale of Lausanne. As mentioned in the President's report, the first meeting took place in Lausanne at the end of January 1979.

Action

The President stated that Executive Body felt there should be an IFIP person responsible for the Conference and proposed charging the TC 3 Chairman, Mr. Hebenstreit, with this function.

Council CONCURRED.

8.5 3rd WCCE 81 Programme Committee

Mr. Morris presented Mr. Levrat's report (C1 Bratislava 79/ WCCE 81 / PC-1) listing approximately 20 nominations to the Programme Committee, to be approved at the next TC 3 annual meeting (end of April 1979).

Action

Mr. Levrat wished to invite other people to join his Committee and the Council Members from Australia, Brazil, Canada and Japan were requested to follow up in their respective countries and submit names of potential PC members to Mr. Levrat as soon as possible.

Action

The President recalled that UNESCO had agreed to cosponsor the event and said he would approach the IBI Director-General with an invitation to co-sponsor and nominate the name of an expert for the Programme Committee.

Mr. Morris announced that the first PC meeting was scheduled to take place following the TC annual meeting and, at that time, work would commence on the Call for Papers, etc.

Mr. Passman indicated UNESCO's great interest in this Conference and, although several sectors of UNESCO were involved, would try to work out a suitable co-operation with the TC 3 Chairman. The President hoped that the Director-General of UNESCO would be able to address a few words at the opening ceremony.

The President said that both the OC and PC Chairmen would be invited to report to the London General Assembly.

9. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

9.1 South East Asia Regional Computer Confederation (SEARCC)

Mr. Ando drew attention to a report on the SEARCC 78 Conference held in Manila, Philippines, 4-8 September 1978, but said it was not an official Council document. He stated that over 600 delegates had attended the Conference.

Mr. Ando advised that SEARCC 80 would take place in Jakarta, Indonesia the week immediately after Congress 80 terminated in Australia, namely from 20 to 24 October 1980. It was hoped that ICIL would approach UNESCO to give some support.

In reply to Mr. Bennett's query, Mr. Ando said SEARCC might consider becoming affiliated to IFIP.

The President thanked Mr. Ando for his comments.

9.2 International Symposium on Computer Performance
Modelling, Measurement and Evaluation

Mr. Renard stated that he had received a request from the WG 7.3 Chairman, Mr. Gelenbe, for a loan for this Symposium to be sponsored by WG 7.3 and scheduled to take place in Toronto, Canada, 28-30 May 1980. Mr. Renard indicated that the Organizing and Programme Committee Chairmen were respectively Mr. Sevcik (WG 7.3 member) and Mr. Graham (University of Toronto) and between 150 and 200 participants were expected.

Mr. Renard suggested that Council note this Symposium and loan request and said details would be presented to the London General Assembly for approval.

9.3 ACM European Secretariat

The President advised that ACM had requested IFIP to have its European Secretariat handled by the IFIP Foundation, Amsterdam on a fee-paying basis.

Following discussion, Mr. Tuori suggested that if the European Member Societies were in agreement, IFIP would give its approval subject to the non-use of the IFIP name (in particular in the address of the ACM Secretariat) and subject to the available resources at the IFIP Foundation.

Council unanimously APPROVED this suggestion.

Action

The President confirmed he would contact the European General Assembly Members for their respective Societies' view on ACM Europe utilizing the services of the IFIP Foundation, Amsterdam.

9.4 IFIP Conference Officer

Action

The President said he would follow up on Mr. Zemanek's proposal to create a Conference Officer who would keep trace of proposed, authorized and completed Working Conferences, at al, received grants, royalty back-flow and published proceedings.

10. FUTURE COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

Mr. Zich referred to the outstanding invitation from AFIPS to host a Council Meeting in the U.S.A. and, in particular, the 1980 1st Quarter Council. However, in view of the expenses involved in attending Congress 80, although very much appreciated, it was felt that it would be preferable to hold the 1980 1st Quarter Council in Europe.

Mr. Iliev offered a firm invitation to host the Meeting in Sofia and mentioned that all participants would be the guests of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences insofar as accommodation and meals were concerned.

Following discussion, Mr. Zich moved that the 1st Quarter 1980 Council Meeting take place in Sofia, Bulgaria end February/beginning March and the 1st Quarter 1981 Council Meeting take place in California, U.S.A. should the invitation be extended.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

The President extended his appreciation and thanks to both Mr. Tanaka and Mr. Iliev.

Mr. Zich drew attention to a proposed schedule for the London 1979 Council, General Assembly and related Meeting.

Council ACCEPTED the schedule (refer page 1 of Minutes), with one abstention.

11. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

The President thanked the Council Members for their contributions and again expressed Council's appreciation to the Slovak Academy of Sciences, to Messrs. Plander and Gvozdjak and their colleagues for their hospitality and for the arrangements made on Council's behalf.

The President declared the Meeting closed.