

IFIP

Minutes of the Council Meeting

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HELSINKI, FINLAND

COUNCIL MEETING

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- IFAC / IFIP Symposium on "Real Time Digital Control Applications", 15-21 January 1983, Guadalajara City, Mexico.
- IFAC / IFIP Conference on "Training for Tomorrow: Educational Aspects of Computerized Automation", 7 – 10 June 1983, Leiden, The Netherlands (originally approved at 1981 Dublin GA with a different title).

Event Approved

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ATTENDANCECOUNCIL Members Present

P.A. Bobillier	President
K. Ando	Vice-President
N.J. Lehmann	Vice-President
R. Piloty	Vice-President
J. Fourot	Secretary
O.M. Dalton	Treasurer
G.J. Morris	Trustee
R. Narasimhan	Trustee
J.H. Finch	Trustee
A.W. Goldsworthy	Trustee
A. A. Dorodnicyn	Trustee
G. Glaser	Trustee

COUNCIL Members Absent

A. Melbye	Trustee
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Committee Chairmen Present

K. Hernaes	Finance Committee
R.I. Tanaka	IFIP Committee for International Liaison
R.E. Kalman	IFIP Committee: Informatics for Development
A.A. Verrijn Stuart	Technical Committee 8

Observers Present

H. Jänkälä	Chairman of the Executive Board, Finnish Data Processing Association
K. Kontinen	IFIP General Assembly Representative Finnish Data Processing Association
J. Tuori	Past- IFIP General Assembly Representative Finnish Data Processing Association

In Attendance

Gwyneth Roberts	IFIP Secretariat, Geneva
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Secretariat

Virpi Luukkonen	Finnish Data Processing Association
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The President opened the Council Meeting and welcomed all participants. He gave the floor to Mr. Jänkälä, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Host Society – Finnish Data Processing Association.

Mr. Jänkälä extended both his personal and his Society's greetings and wished everyone a successful Meeting and an enjoyable stay in Helsinki.

The President conveyed his appreciation to Messrs. Jänkälä and Kontinen and their colleagues for the local arrangements and warm hospitality.

Mr. Fourot announced that apologies for non-attendance had been received from Trustee Iliev; Committee Chairmen Bauer, Genuys, Zemanek and Zich and Congress 83 Chairmen Carteron and Tschritzis. He added that apologies had also been received from IMIA Chairman Shires and from Chairmen of Technical Committees 2, 3, 5, 7 and 9, but underlined that TC Chairman participation was not mandatory.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council unanimously APPROVED the Agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (C2-DUBLIN 81)

Council APPROVED the Dublin Minutes, with one abstention.

4. EXECUTIVE BODY REPORT

4.1 Report of the President

The President indicated he had no specific report. Various matters had been discussed during the prior Executive Body Meeting and the resulting recommendations would be presented with the relevant Agenda items. The President drew attention to the continuing growth of the IFIP activities and his desire to delegate some of the subsequent, increased responsibilities. In this respect, he hoped he could rely on the continued and further support of the IFIP Officers and Committee Chairmen.

4.2 Report of the Secretary

Mr. Fourot recalled he was new to this function and had no particular comments to impart at this stage.

He welcomed any suggestions for the accomplishment of his role.

4.3 Report of the Treasurer

Mr. Dalton stated that Mr. Hernaes, from whom he had taken over office at the beginning of the year, would present the reports for the last fiscal period.

Mr. Hernaes referred to TREAS-1, the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for 1981, and to TREAS-2, the Auditor's report, confirming a surplus of SFr. 196,842.69 for the fiscal year. Mr. Hernaes drew attention to TREAS-3, 1981 Income/Expense versus Budget, showing total expenditures of SFr. 326,460.31 against a total income of SFr. 523,303 which included approximately SFr. 263,000 of Congress / Conference surplus (not accounted for in the budgeting in accordance with practice).

Commenting on various 'actual' versus 'budget' items Mr. Hernaes pointed out that the Officers' Accounts had been barely utilized and the Secretariat's expenses were well within budget. The Technical Committees had used more of their budget than had been customary (SFr. 38,994.09 against a budgeted SFr. 40,900). Other Committees had spent about one-sixth of their budget and the IMIA Establishment Grant, second part, of SFr. 20,000 had been paid out.

Referring to the IFIP Foundation close-down expenses, not included in the Budget, Mr. Hernaes recalled his comments at the last Council Meeting when he had inferred a possible amount of approximately SFr. 50 – 60,000. Thus far, it had only been necessary to pay out SFr. 26,110, but everything was not yet settled (refer Agenda item 13).

Grants were approximately SFr. 10,000 over budget due mainly to a loan having been converted to a grant.

Council NOTED the reports TREAS-1, TREAS-2 and TREAS-3.

Mr. Hernaes regretted the position in respect of the Congress 80 – Australia surplus due to IFIP. Mr. Goldsworthy advised that the C80-A Treasurer in Melbourne had, unfortunately, been indisposed and a firm of Chartered Accountants was currently closing the books. It was hoped to have same finalized approximately three weeks hence. Mr. Goldsworthy confirmed that the equivalent of around SFr. 225,000 would be forthcoming to IFIP.

As Finance Committee Chairman, Mr. Hernaes stated that the C80-A surplus would be invested in Australia. He added that the C80-J surplus (Yen) had been kept in Tokyo and the North-Holland royalties (Dutch Guilders) had, likewise, been kept in Amsterdam. Mr. Goldsworthy felt that IFIP should not invest for periods longer than six months, and engage the services of an investment adviser. Mr. Hernaes confirmed that FC had decided to seek expert advice as opposed to the current situation of various banks advising on an ad hoc basis. (Refer Agenda item 8.4)

The President expressed his thanks to Mr. Hernaes for having continued as Acting Treasurer until the closing of the 1981 Accounts.

Mr. Dalton presented TREAS-4, Member Dues Status as at 26 February 1982. He felt the situation was most satisfactory despite five countries being in arrears with their total 1981 Dues and two with outstanding balances. It was noted a communication had been received from Algeria confirming that its Dues for 1979, 1980 and 1981 were 'en route'. (Meantime, the Secretariat has received these amounts – totalling SFr. 4,350.)

The Brazilian situation was discussed (delinquent for 1980 and 1981) and Mr. Narasimhan considered it important to get Brazil re-activated. As TC 5 had organized a successful event in that country during the last quarter of 1981,

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the President requested Mr. Finch, Cognizant Officer, to kindly investigate the situation.

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Mention was made of various activities taking place in Mexico (a previous IFIP Member) and Mr. Lehmann, Cognizant Officer, offered to follow up on the prospects there with TC 2 which was involved with the upcoming VLDB Conference being held in Mexico City.

Council NOTED the report TREAS-4.

Mr. Goldsworthy referred to the Dublin 1981 GA Meeting where the TC 8 Chairman, Mr. Verrijn Stuart, had raised the question of travelling expenses and financing which was and could affect further activities. He had felt this problem should be studied and a solution found to remedy the situation. It had been considered that APC could look into this matter.

Mr. Goldsworthy underlined the increasing difficulty which TC Chairmen had in funding their trips on IFIP business. He felt IFIP should consider a not-too radical change in the philosophy and the spirit of Standing Orders 3.2 and 5.1 (last para.) which implied travel expenses were accorded as a 'last resort'. IFIP was growing and the attitude of the past years should be modified.

Mr. Goldsworthy proposed the abolishment of grants (or a directive that grants would be given under dire circumstances) – which monies could be used in other ways – such as supporting the travel expenses of TC Chairmen, and maybe others, who were performing effectively. Mr. Narasimhan did not

welcome cutting off grants completely (in the case of India, grants meant a foreign exchange in put which allowed for subsidies to be available for speakers, etc.). Mr. Piloty indicated he was not 'happy' with grant allocations and considered travel support was more important to keep IFIP operating: he suggested an increase in the President's Reserve Account. The President confirmed he had never refused an emergency case request of which he had been aware.

Mr. Morris stated he was not in favour of running IFIP as a business, but pointed out that IFIP had assets and if a certain level of reserves were maintained – to cater for an eventual 'bad' year – then a possible contribution to travel expenses from the spare funds could be envisaged. He added that TC Chairmen were responsible people and should be approached on the subject. Dialogue with the latter at General Assembly Meetings was of paramount importance and IFIP should be prepared to finance the participation of TC Chairmen who could not obtain funds elsewhere.

The President ventured that further support could possibly be obtained from UNESCO, IBI and possibly other sources. Mr. Tanaka concurred and said the policy mechanism might re-emphasize the availability of loans which could, under certain circumstances, be converted into grants, and travel subsidies would be considered if earmarked separately.

Mr. Goldsworthy further pointed out the inconsistency in Standing Orders 3.2.3 and 5.11.1 and felt SBC should reconsider the wording.

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Mr. Goldsworthy moved that APC be asked to pursue the matter and to contact the TC Chairmen for their views on this issue, stating that the Council thought a change in the hitherto policy was appropriate.

Action

APC would, subsequently, present a suggested revision to the Standing Orders to SBC for its consideration and recommendation to the next General Assembly on the precise changes.

Action

Mr. Hernaes drew attention to the budgeting procedure and the fact that the 1983 forecasts would be requested end June 1982. He felt the modified philosophy should be indicated at that time with corresponding instructions as to its implementation.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion Mr. Goldsworthy and the suggestion of Mr. Hernaes.

The President underlined that IFIP would, of course, honour all grant commitments made thus far.

5. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

5.1 TC 2 (Programming)

Mr. Lehmann presented his report (C1 Helsinki 82 / TC 2-1) and confirmed that the success of the International Symposium on "Algorithmic Languages" which TC 2 had organized in Amsterdam, October 1981, as a tribute to Mr. van Wijngaarden upon his retirement from the Mathematical Centre. The Proceedings, edited by Messrs. de Bakker and van Vliet, had been available for the participants (approximately 140 from 16 countries).

Mr. Lehmann indicated that the revision of the Aims and Scopes of TC 2 and its Working Groups was in process; Mr. Paul, TC 2 Chairman, would give a complete report on same at the next General Assembly. He added that TC 2 did not feel motivated to include the term 'Software Engineering' in its Scope, but would not reject a counter-proposition. This comment raised surprise in view of the 1981 Dublin GA recommendation that "... TC 2 be asked to review the suggestion of a change in name to 'Programming and Software Technology' ".
Action

Mr. Goldsworthy said APC would consult with TC 2 and Mr. Lehmann on this matter.

WG 2.5 (Numerical Software) fully backed by TC 2, requested IFIP's support of an IEEE proposed Standard for 'Binary Floating-point Arithmetic' and the President to accordingly write to the IEEE Computer Society. WG 2.5 had thoroughly studied the proposed standard and concluded that it would significantly increase the reliability of scientific computation on microprocessors. Discussion ensued as whether such issues should be voted upon by the General Assembly, but it was not felt necessary as TC members, experts in their respective fields, were selected by the National Societies.

Action

Mr. Goldsworthy, subsequently, moved that the Cognizant Officer be given the responsibility to decide whether a proposed Standard should be supported by IFIP, or refer same to the General Assembly if he so desired. Affirmatively, the Cognizant Officer to draft the relevant letter for signature by the President.

Council ADOPTED the motion, with four abstentions.

Action

Mr. Lehmann confirmed he would take action in respect of WG 2.5's request.

Concluding, Mr. Lehmann mentioned that the 1981 Dublin GA-approved WG 2.7 WC on "Command Languages and Related Interfaces in Local and Distributed Environments", scheduled for 12-17 September 1982 in Falmouth, Mass., had had to be postponed for two years on account of insufficient reaction to the Call for Papers. All other events were proceeding satisfactorily.

The President thanked Mr. Lehmann for his report.

5.2 TC 3 (Education)

Mr. Morris announced that TC 3 was holding its next meeting at the end of March 1982 and he would participate.

He referred to the Heinemann soft-cover edition of the TC 3 WC proceedings "Computer Assisted Learning", edited by Messrs. Lewis and Tagg. Priced at £ 4.95 (as opposed to the hard-cover edition at Dfl. 90.--), Mr. Morris understood that 314 copies had been sold to-date. IFIP would receive 10% of the royalties; however, certain formalities had yet to be finalized.

Action

He drew attention to an excellent review of the book and the President suggested that a copy of this be sent to UNESCO.

The recently-held "EDINFO 82" event in Madras, India – at which Mr. Atchison of WG 3.1 had participated (thanks to Unesco support) and given the keynote speech – had been successful with approximately 150 participants.

Mr. Glaser commented on the proposed site (Norfolk, Virginia, U.S.A.) for WCCE 85 which had given rise to some doubts as to its suitability. However, a formal proposal with AFIP's backing would be delivered to IFIP by 1 May 1982.

Action

Mr. Goldsworthy referred to one or two inconsistencies in the TC 3 6-Year Plan and Mr. Morris agreed to follow up on same at the upcoming TC 3 meeting.

Action

Replying to Mr. Goldsworthy's query as to the status of the TC 3 Review Committee, Mr. Morris said it was complete with the exception of the external expert and he would pursue the RC Chairman, Mr. Solvberg, on this subject.

Action

The President proposed that, henceforth, external experts be appointed at the same time as the establishment of Review Committees.

Mr. Goldsworthy advised that the TC 3 Chairman, Mr. Hebenstreit, had asked the IFIP Affiliate Members to nominate representatives to the Technical Committee.

Action

He trusted the other TC Chairmen would do likewise as he felt Affiliate Member involvement should make a significant contribution to the TC activity.

Mr. Goldsworthy mentioned the Secretariat had received advice of a change in the Aims and title of WG 3.3 (currently – Instructional Uses of Computers). However, these changes could not be utilized pending TC 3's approval and subsequent recommendations to APC and the General Assembly.

Mr. Morris concluded that the final report of the highly-successful WCCE 81 would be presented under Agenda item 10.

The President thanked Mr. Morris for his report and the diligent way he executed his Cognizant duties.

5.3 TC 5 (Computer Applications in Technology)

Mr. Finch presented Mr. Vlietstra's report (C1 Helsinki 82/TC 5-1) and drew attention to TC 5's desire to nominate its Norwegian member, Mr. Rolstadas, as Vice-Chairman; he was currently Chairman of WG 5.7. This nomination was important on account of the TC 5 Chairmanship change in 1983. Council ENDORSED this nomination, although the President remarked that a Vice-Chairman appointment was a TC internal matter. The Cognizant Officer and Secretariat should, of course, be advised of same.

Mr. Finch said he had been orally informed that Mr. Guedj, WG 5.2 Vice-Chairman, had now succeeded Mr. Warman as Chairman; the latter would continue as a member of the Working Group. Mr. Finch added he would write the appointment letter.

Action

The President expressed IFIP's thanks to the retiring Chairman.

Preparations for the TC 5 / FACE 1st International Conference on "Computer Applications in Production and Engineering – CAPE 83", 25-28 April 1983, Amsterdam were proceeding well. IFORS would co-sponsor and co-sponsorships of other international organizations were expected. The Conference would cater for three parallel sessions during a 34-day period and approximately 200 abstracts for Papers were expected.

Mr. Finch stated that TC 5 sought approval of the following co-sponsored events:

- 4th IFAC / IFIP Symposium on "Information Control Problems in Manufacturing Technology", 26-28 October 1982, Gaithersburg, Maryland, U.S.A.
- IFAC / IFIP Symposium on "Real Time Digital Control Applications", 15 – 21 January 1983, Guadalajara City, Mexico
- IFAC / IFIP Conference on "Training for Tomorrow: Educational Aspects of Computerized Automation", 7 – 20 June 1983, Leiden, The Netherlands. (originally approved at 1981 Dublin GA with a different title)

Council NOTED these events.

Mr. Finch announced that the IFAC / IFIP International Conference on "Digital Computer Applications to Process Control", scheduled for 20-23 September 1983 in Vienna, Austria had been postponed to September 1985 in view of its conflict with the IFIP 83 Congress. (Mr. Finch recalled that this Conference had been approved at the 1981 Dublin GA subject to date-change.)

Council APPROVED the date-change.

Action

Mr. Finch underlined that TC 5 urgently needed a member from the U.S.A. Mr. Glaser promised to look into this matter with AFIPS.

Mr. Goldsworthy pointed out that the 2nd International Conference on "Education and Training – CAD ED 82", 19-22 July 1982, Manchester, U.K., was co-sponsored by WG 5.2 although IFIP's name was not apparent on the advertising literature.

Action

He called on TC Chairmen to ensure that IFIP's name was mentioned on all literature concerning activities with which their TC's and WG's were involved.

Action

Mr. Finch said he would advise Mr. Vlietstra accordingly in respect of "CAD ED 82".

The President thanked Mr. Finch and Mr. Vlietstra for the TC 5 report.

5.4 TC 6 (Data Communication)

Mr. Piloty regretted there was no written report; he had hoped to present the Minutes of the last TC 6 meeting which, unfortunately, were not yet available. He had, however, received the revised Aims and Scope of TC 6 which would be submitted to APC.

Mr. Piloty recalled the 1981 Dublin General Assembly discussion relative to WG 6.3 – which had been actively reviewed by Mr. Shackel – and now referred to as ‘Human – Computer Interaction’, and the establishment of a Task Group (APC Chairman, Cognizant Officer, TC Chairman) to study the proposed Aims and Scope which appeared to go beyond the TC 6 framework. Mr. Goldsworthy, APC Chairman, drew attention to the impasse situation on account of non-response to various letters directed by himself and the Cognizant Officer to the TC 6 Chairman.

Action

He felt the President should now intervene.

The President advised he had been approached by the Swiss representative to TC 6, Mr. Rudin, in respect of an International Conference TC 6 (with the co-sponsorship of WG 7.3) wished to organize in Zürich on “The Performance of Computer Communications Systems” the week prior to or following Congress 83. An attendance of 300 people was anticipated. Mr. Fourot felt this matter should be discussed with C83 PC or the person responsible for the subject area to judge whether it would be complementary or conflicting. Mr. Piloty concurred. It was also underlined that APC had not received sufficient information to recommend or not this event. In fact, no request had been submitted by either the TC 6 or the TC 7 Chairman. Council, therefore, was in favour of recommending TC 6 to rather schedule the event to the first quarter of 1984.

Action

Mr. Fourot confirmed he would, nevertheless, contact Messrs. Tschritzis and Newman to find out the opinion of PC regarding possible conflict with the Congress Programme and duly advise the President and APC Chairman of the outcome.

5.5 TC 7 (System Modelling and Optimization)

Mr. Dorodnicyn said he had no information in respect of TC 7 other than a letter he had received from the Chairman, Mr. Stoer, requesting his Academy’s assistance in organizing a Working Conference in Baku in September 1983. It figured in the 6-Year Plan under the title “Stochastic Differential Systems” although it was probable that there would be a name-change.

5.6 TC 8 (Information Systems)

Mr. Verrijn Stuart stated he had made a special effort to attend the Helsinki Council Meeting as he would not be available for the next General Assembly Meeting; additionally, he would be stepping down as the TC 8 Chairman at year-end. In this connection, an election would be held at the upcoming TC 8 meeting (Leiden, 16 May 1982) to find a person to be recommended to the President as his successor.

Mr. Verrijn Stuart proposed that the intended TC 8 Review be undertaken from the moment the Chairman-elect was known in order that he could participate in same. Mr. Glaser confirmed he would seek an outside expert for the Review Committee and ask Mr. Goldsworthy to nominate a Chairman.

Reporting on the New Orleans, January 1982 Working Conference on “Automated Tools for IS Design, Implementation and Validation”, Mr. Verrijn Stuart said it had been moderately successful with a participation of approximately 80 persons – slightly less than expected – but, which, nevertheless, had allowed the event to break even financially. He again underlined the problems people had to find travel funds to attend Conferences and other activities. The Proceedings, edited by Messrs. Schneider and Wasserman, had been available at the time of the WC.

Mr. Verrijn Stuart advised that the preparations for the WG 8.1 WC on “Comparative Review of IS Design Methodologies”, 10-14 May 1982, Noordwijkerhout were going very well – the local facilities were already booked out and the Proceedings had just been sent to North-Holland for publication. He added that a deal had been made with North-Holland whereby these Proceedings would be available at a considerable discount if TC 8 arranged for further Conferences to be held on the same subject.

In addition to the Joint ‘Open’ Conference in Oslo, based on this CRIS material – as presented to and approved by the 1981 Dublin General Assembly, Mr. Verrijn Stuart intimated that a similar activity was being negotiated by TC 8 with the Dutch Member Society (NGI). No financial support would be sought from IFIP although a surplus / risk-sharing arrangement would be drawn up.

The President thanked Mr. Verrijn Stuart for his report and the fact he had come to Helsinki. He trusted TC 8 would find an equally conscientious and enthusiastic Chairman-elect as Mr. Verrijn Stuart.

Council gave a VOTE OF THANKS to Mr. Verrijn Stuart.

5.7 TC 9 (Relationship between Computers and Society)

Mr. Goldsworthy presented the report of the TC 9 Chairman, Mr. Brotherton, which was an abridged briefing of the recently-held TC 9 meeting in Amsterdam with twelve attendees.

It was regretfully noted that pressures on the existing Editorial Committee had prevented publication of further issues of the TC 9 Newsletter.

TC 9 had debated fully in reviewing its Aims and Scope, including the question of overlap with activities in TC 3, TC 6 and TC 8. TC 9 evidently accepted – and welcomed – that overlap existed as some of its members felt one of the prime objectives of TC 9 should be to ensure that all TC's consider the societal implications of their work, looking to TC 9 to provide appropriate input. Mr. Goldsworthy said TC 9 had unanimously concluded to keep its Aims and Scope as currently defined.

Mr. Goldsworthy indicated that TC 9 was now planning to hold the Third Conference on "Human Choice and Computers" in 1985 instead of 1984 and Stockholm was the preferred venue. The PC and OC had been appointed and further, revised details would be duly submitted to APC.

It was also noted that TC 9 would definitely participate in the TC 3 WC on "Evidence of Social Change caused by Computers in Education", scheduled for 1984 in Toronto – approved at the 1981 Dublin General Assembly.

In respect of a letter addressed to IFIP by Prof. Oed suggesting that it should give consideration to the general topic of 'Information at Societal, Institutional and Personal Levels', Mr. Goldsworthy had, subsequently, contacted the TC Chairmen. It was observed that TC 9 would commence direct dialogue with the former.

Action

The President felt a Review of TC 9 should be initiated. Mr. Goldsworthy said he would consult with the TC 9 Chairman and Cognizant Officer on this issue.

The President thanked Mr. Goldsworthy for presenting Mr. Brotherton's report.

5.8 TC10 (Digital Systems Design)

Mr. Ando considered TC 10 was becoming very well organized and presented Mr. Aspinall's report which covered TC 10 activities from July 1981 to January 1982, future plans and Working Group organization changes.

Mr. Piloty (in his role as TC 10 Vice-Chairman) remarked that the highly-successful September 1981 Kaiserslautern TC 10/WG 10.2 Conference on "Computer Hardware Description Language and their Applications" had realized a surplus of approximately DM 13,000 (after repayment of the IFIP loan) and this would be forthcoming to IFIP in its entirety.

Mr. Ando indicated that the new Working Groups 10.4 and 10.5, established respectively in 1980 and 1981, had grown in membership. The first meeting of the latter would be held on 6 April 1982 in Grenoble followed by a Workshop entitled "The Objectives of CAD for VLSI" which Mr. Piloty inferred would be of a very informal nature.

Mr. Ando advised that Mr. Giloi had succeeded Mr. Blaauw as Chairman of WG 10.1 and WG 10.3 was undergoing the nomination and election of a Chairman to take over from Mr. Jensen.

The President thanked Messrs. Ando and Piloty for their comments.

6. IMIA

Mr. Finch presented Mr. Shires' report (C1 Helsinki 82 / IMIA-1) and mentioned that due to IFIP's encouragement, IMIA was exploring development opportunities in various parts of the world – including South-East Asia and Latin America.

He confirmed that, following the cessation of the IFIP Foundation after the last General Assembly Meeting, the IMIA Secretariat had transferred to Almere-Stad under the continuing direction of Mr. Gundersen and was working very well. It was also concerned with a considerable part of the administrative work for Medinfo 83.

Mr. Finch commented on the scientific success of three IMIA Working Conferences held during the preceding six months, namely – “The Impact of Computer Technology on Drug Information”, Uppsala; “Health Informatics to Aid the Disabled”, Haifa, and “Health Informatics and Developing Countries”, Mexico City. The latter event had been a financial failure with a loss to IMIA of SFr. 5,000 (loan). However, there were 400 registrants from 34 countries, over 80% of whom had come from developing countries. The Proceedings would be published within the next six months. Mr. Finch pointed out that this Mexican Conference was the first of a series which would continue over the next five years and it was hoped ICID could eventually give some support.

Mr. Finch confirmed that the preparations for Medinfo 83 (22-27 August 1983, Amsterdam) were proceeding smoothly and the Call for Papers had resulted in a very positive response. It was noted that Mr. Shires had replied to Mr. Goldsworthy's query re the non-mention of IFIP on the Call for Papers and duly apologized to IFIP for this oversight. All future literature would make reference to IFIP:

Mr. Finch stated that IMIA would appreciate IFIP considering an extension of its establishment grant of SFr. 10,000 for one further year in order to secure IMIA's financial future. He had not discussed the financial situation with Mr. Shires, but understood the move of its Secretariat, Mexican Conference loss, etc. had strained IMIA's resources. Mr. Finch felt more details were necessary prior to taking a decision which could most likely be resolved at the next IFIP General Assembly Meeting in September 1982.

Comments were raised on the venues of IMIA's Board and General Assembly Meetings, namely, India (April 1982) and Australia (end September 1982). Mr. Goldsworthy said the Australian Computer Society had invited IMIA to hold its GA in Melbourne in order to use that opportunity to launch a sub-committee of ACS on 'Medical Informatics' and tentative publicity had been made. ACS believed there was an enormous amount of medical practitioners who could be drawn into same and it would be highly concerned if the planned IMIA GA venue would be changed.

Mr. Goldsworthy said he would like to record a vote of thanks to Mr. Shires for IMIA's 3-Year Plan which was a 'first-time' and had been circulated with the IFIP 6-Year Plan in November 1981.

Mr. Lehmann advised that IMIA was preparing a revision of its Bylaws. He referred to some difficulties and regretted he had not yet seen the final outcome of the draft.

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However, he would be duly following up with Mr. Shires on this matter and hoped to be able to report on same at the next General Assembly Meeting.

Action

The President thanked Mr. Finch for presenting Mr. Shires' report and stressed the importance of having adequate financial information available before the General Assembly considered another grant.

7. AFFILIATE MEMBERS

7.2 IASC

Mr. Fourot announced that Mr. Muller wished to draw attention to the 5th Symposium on “Computational Statistics – COMPSTAT 82”, taking place 30 August – 3 September 1982 in Toulouse, France.

There was nothing to report on the following Agenda items:

- 7.1 IAPR
- 7.3 ICCC
- 7.4 EUROMICRO

During a recent FIACC meeting, the President said the question of the events of the IFIP Affiliate Members was raised. Mr. Goldsworthy felt a separate list could possibly be annexed to the IFIP 6-Year Plan.

Action

Finally, it was decided that the President would write to the Affiliate Members and invite them to send their plans of activities direct to the FIACC Secretariat.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Activity Planning Committee

Mr. Goldsworthy referred to his extensive report which had been distributed to the Council participants for study prior to discussion. He felt it was not necessary to comment on the 6-Year Plan which had been updated and circulated following the 1981 Dublin General Assembly Meeting.

He drew attention to the proposed APC Charter which he would present for approval at the next General Assembly, pointing out that all the points, with one exception, had been taken from the Standing Orders, Future Policy Committee and 1981 Dublin GA recommendations. Mr. Goldsworthy would like APC to be considered as a 'sounding board' – i.e. to help those people in IFIP who had initiatives they would care discussed and developed.

Action

As a TC Chairman, Mr. Verrijn Stuart found the Charter extremely pleasing, but requested that reference to the Cognizant Officers, where appropriate, be made as a good relationship between the TC's and their Cognizant Officers was extremely valid. Mr. Goldsworthy concurred. Various suggestions were proposed and Mr. Morris felt the enormity of the tasks called for more than one APC meeting a year. Mr. Goldsworthy believed it would be appropriate to hold a meeting contiguous to the first quarter Council Meetings and two-day meetings at the time of General Assemblies. He mentioned his intention of distributing 'task portfolios' to the individual members of APC.

Mr. Goldsworthy recalled that, following the 1981 Dublin GA, Mr. Dalton had been appointed Chairman of a Committee to review ICID. It was felt ICID could assist IFIP in expanding its range of activities over a much wider geographical area. Additionally, ICID could pursue and stimulate more Regional Groupings for IFIP. Mr. Kalman pointed out this was the idea behind the ICID Regional Consultations. Mr. Goldsworthy regretted he had no long-range plan of ICID activities and trusted this could be established forthwith.

Action

He considered ICID should draw up at least a 2-Year Plan which could be added to the IFIP 6-Year Plan and IMIA 3-Year Plan.

Mr. Finch, Chairman of Task Force II (established at 1981 Dublin GA) – to assess how IFIP might most effectively engage in the activity of EDP Security and to assist in planning a proposed International Conference in Sweden, organized by the Swedish Member Society SIG in this field – reported he had just met in Stockholm with some members of the aforementioned SIG who suggested that IFIP set up a TC on Computer Security. Mr. Finch thought that the subject did not really call for a specific TC, although this in no way undermined its importance. He would investigate the situation further.

Mr. Finch gave a briefing on the proposed Conference. The Swedish Member Society (SSI) had selected an OC Chairman, but was looking to IFIP for assistance in establishing the Programme Committee. He had agreed to accept the responsibility of PC Chairman and would immediately collaborate with the OC Chairman to decide upon the Conference format, budget, etc. It was felt such an event would be financially successful, although it would be based on IFIP's aims and objectives and not conducted as a straight commercial venture.

Mr. Finch, therefore, sought approval of the First International Conference on "EDP Security", sponsored by IFIP, to take place in Sweden 17-19 May 1983 and requested a loan of SFr. 10,000. A participation of at least 200 persons was envisaged, although it was hoped to attract up to 500.

Action

He confirmed his responsibility to ascertain that the Conference publicity be distributed to all IFIP Member Societies.

Mr. Goldsworthy felt Mr. Finch should be congratulated on his efforts, continue in his role as Chairman of Task Force II and come back with a suggestion as to how IFIP should be further involved in this activity.

Action

Mr. Finch welcomed interested GA Members to contact him to participate in the Task Force.

Action

Council unanimously APPROVED the First International Conference on "EDP Security", sponsored by IFIP, 17-19 May 1983, Sweden; Mr. Finch as PC Chairman, and a loan of SFr. 10,000 (SFr. 5,000 in 1982, SFr. 5,000 in 1983).

Mr. Goldsworthy referred again to the letter from Prof. Oed (see Agenda item 5.7) which had also been circularized among the APC members for their comments. A report would be presented to the forthcoming General Assembly on 'Information as a Resource'.

In response to a need for a more precise definition of the criteria relevant to the various types of IFIP events (Conferences, Workshops, etc.), APC member le Roux had prepared an excellent draft of a set of definitions and guidelines for discussion (see Appendix II of the APC report). Mr. Goldsworthy said the APC members had not yet had time to comment on same, but a finalized proposal would be presented at the next General Assembly Meeting;

Action

input from Council Members would be welcomed.

Action

The FC Chairman was requested to kindly look at the definitions from the financial point of view.

Mr. Goldsworthy advised that a suggestion had been made to establish relations with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and, in particular, with its Working Party on "Information, Computer and Communications Policy" which he understood was being transformed into a Committee. He added that OECD was considered as very significant in the Southern Hemisphere. Mr. Verrijn Stuart remarked it had a lot of funds to devote to such activities.

Action

Mr. Tanaka, ICIL Chairman, offered to contact the appropriate party (Mr. Gassman ?) and suggest that he participate at the next GA Meeting in an Observer capacity. Mr. Fourot also offered his services in establishing contact.

Action

The President asked Messrs. Tanaka and Fourot to kindly keep the APC Chairman and himself aware of any undertakings.

Referring to the "What is IFIP?" brochure, which he considered a good and useful summary of IFIP, Mr. Goldsworthy said IFIP's concern with the impact of technology was not acknowledged anywhere.

Action

Mr. Morris, PIC Chairman, said this was also troubling him and PIC would be considering a re-write of IFIP's Aims.

Mr. Goldsworthy recalled that the President had written to the TC Chairmen in April 1981, seeking a review and possible revision of the Aims and Scope of their respective Committees and Working Groups (for submission to the 1981 Dublin GA) as it was felt the existing statements were, maybe, no longer completely appropriate. However, this had not taken place. Mr. Goldsworthy confirmed he had re-written to the TC Chairmen and also requested the assistance of the Cognizant Officers. He would be pursuing this matter to finality so that APC could present a complete set of reviewed statements to the next General Assembly.

Mr. Goldsworthy raised the question of Conference languages. (Refer Agenda item 8.3).

Mr. Goldsworthy also recalled a General Assembly-adopted recommendation to urge TC Chairmen to seek nominations from Affiliate Members for representatives on their TC's, if appropriate, in line with IFIP Bylaw 4.2.2, and had contacted the TC Chairmen accordingly. As mentioned under Agenda item 5.2, he felt this would improve the interchange between IFIP and its Affiliate Members and the latter's involvement should make a significant contribution to the TC activity. The TC Chairmen would advise him of their contacts in this respect.

Mr. Goldsworthy emphasized the importance of ensuring that the suggestions and recommendations accepted as a result of the ex-Future Policy Committee's activity should not be forgotten nor neglected. Those items which required further action would be included in the Agenda of the next APC meeting.

Mr. Goldsworthy pointed out that Standing Order 2.2.1.2 referred to a document 'IFIP Policy on Working Conferences' obtainable from the IFIP Secretariat; however, the only document available was a draft prepared in 1973 which had never been finalized nor formally approved. He had, therefore, revised the original draft (refer Appendix III of APC report) and circulated same to APC members and TC Chairmen for their comments and suggestions.

Action

Mr. Goldsworthy requested the Council Members to review same and send him their comments, etc. The President expressed his thanks and appreciation of this initiative.

Mr. Goldsworthy drew attention to several General Assembly decisions which had not been taken up:

- Task Group on 'Office Automation'
Mr. Glaser had now agreed to Chair this TG.
- Task Group on 'Computer Operations and Data Entry Processing'
The President felt that Mr. Finch could probably help with this issue.
- Task Group on 'The Economic Aspects of Standardization and Related Issues'

Following discussion, Mr. Goldsworthy said he would report that the matter had been investigated and no further action was being taken.

It was noted that the question of Governmental and Municipal Data Processing would be discussed under Agenda item 9.

Commenting on the Reviews of TC 3 and TC 8, Mr. Goldsworthy trusted that reports would be available for consideration at the next General Assembly. Mr. Morris would pursue the matter with Mr. Solvberg, TC 3 RC Chairman.

Action

Mr. Finch kindly accepted to Chair the TC 8 RC and would contact Mr. Melbye to see if he would participate as the APC representative.

Mr. Goldsworthy felt it was surprising that IFIP did not have a Quarterly Newsletter – which had been suggested on various occasions.

Action

This question would be discussed at the next APC meeting, and comments, meantime, from the Council Members on the desirability, practicality, etc. would be highly welcomed

Mr. Goldsworthy drew attention to the danger of decisions being overlooked due to the change in Officer Bearers and Chairmen and moved that the Secretary maintain a Continuing Action List in which items requiring action were carried forward until completed.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

Action

Mr. Fourot confirmed he would create such a List forthwith.

Mr. Goldsworthy concluded his report by proposing that Member Societies be encouraged to include within their identification (i.e. letterheads, brochures and other printed material) that they were a Member of IFIP.

Council unanimously APPROVED the proposition.

Mr. Fourot agreed to write to the member Societies accordingly.

The President thanked Mr. Goldsworthy for his excellent report and congratulated him on the way he had undertaken the task of APC Chairman in such a short period of time.

8.2 Admissions Committee

The President presented Mr. Melbye's report (C1 Helsinki 82 / AC-1) and stated that application for Affiliate Membership had been received from the International Group of Users of Information Systems. However, AC required more information on the membership and activities of this Group as well as on suggestions for liaison with IFIP. The President indicated that the chosen acronym of I.G.U., being already in existence, was being changed to I.G.I.S. Mr. Goldsworthy felt I.G.I.S. needed a period of gestation prior to being considered for Affiliate Membership. Mr. Hernaes pointed out that there were still some outstanding matters with IAG which should be resolved before accepting this application.

Action

Mr. Morris moved that the Council ask the Admissions Committee, bearing in mind the importance which IFIP attached to Affiliate Membership, to examine very carefully the membership and operations of any applying organization before making a recommendation to the General Assembly.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

The President commented on the impasse situation with regard to Spain and the FESI / ATI negotiations. The previous month he had received a cable from the Chairman of ATI querying its application status and had immediately contacted Mr. Portoencasa who had not yet replied. The President recalled the 1980 Melbourne General Assembly decision 'to transfer the Spanish Full Membership to FESI with the understanding that within a year a solution would be found with ATI which had sought admission to IFIP since two years'. At the 1981 Dublin GA, the Spanish representative had felt 'everything would be finalized prior to year-end'. The President said this matter had been discussed at the Executive Body Meeting which felt a decisive action was now necessary.

Action

With the Council's backing, the President proposed that he re-write to FESI underlining the 1980 Melbourne GA decision.

Council unanimously APPROVED the proposition.

Mr. Ando advised that SEARCC had decided to apply for Regional Membership and he felt this would create a very powerful link between IFIP and the SEARCC members (Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand). The Secretary-General of SEARCC, Mr. Iau, had recently informed him of the possibility of Sri Lanka joining the Confederation. Mr. Ando said he had proposed a Dues category of SFr. 1,500. Discussion ensued during which it was considered that SEARCC's organizational strength, etc. allowed for a higher category. Mr. Glaser moved that for Regional Groupings at least one level above the minimum Dues be applied subject to the judgment of the Treasurer; however, this motion was not carried. Mr. Morris subsequently moved that the Council recommend a Dues level of SFr. 3,100 for SEARCC.

Council ADOPTED the motion, with four abstentions.

Action

The President asked Mr. Ando to kindly continue negotiation with SEARCC along those lines.

8.3 Congress Guidelines Committee

The President referred to a recent letter he had received from the CGC Chairman, Mr. Genuys, which drew attention to slightly contradictory statements in the Guidelines Programme Committee Policy pertaining to language. Following a polemic on this issue, Mr. Goldsworthy moved that the following statement be approved and appropriately included in the Standing Orders in respect of Conferences:

"The Official language of IFIP is English, therefore:

- (a) All papers published and all written presentations must be in English.
- (b) Where the activity is in a country where the mother-tongue is not English, special exemption may be sought for oral presentation to be made in that language. This exemption may be granted by the IFIP Cognizant Officer on the grounds of improving communications or the financial results of the activity. A prerequisite to the granting of the exemption is the availability of a proven simultaneous translation system into English. In this case, the cost of the simultaneous translation system cannot be included in the IFIP-approved budget.

- (c) Approval must be obtained prior to the release of the Call for Papers.
- (d) Exemptions will only be given in exceptional circumstances. Every encouragement must be given to the use of the official language.”

Action

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion for recommendation to the General Assembly.

8.4 Finance Committee

Mr. Hernaes presented his report (C1 Helsinki 82 / FC-1) and mentioned that the Membership Dues would be subject to a revision effective 1 January 1984 in accordance with the principle of the three-year cycle. However, it was not proposed that the Dues be no longer linked to the Swiss Official Cost-of-Living Index, but linked to cover 100% of the actual Administrative Secretariat costs in the financial year preceding the GA where the decision was made. Certain Council Members preferred the current formula to be continued as this had been sanctioned by their Societies. Mr. Goldsworthy said his Society would accept any figure he justified as appropriate, and moved that the Finance Committee present for consideration at the next General Assembly Meeting an alternative to an index not linked solely to the Cost-of-Living in Switzerland.

Council ADOPTED the motion, with two objections and one abstention.

Action

Mr. Tanaka felt FC should advise the General Assembly Members of this alternative prior to the General Assembly to allow them to discuss same with their Societies and come prepared to the Meeting.

Mr. Hernaes stated it was intended as a prime objective that Investment Income, together with Dues and Royalties, be sufficient to cover the normal, annual expenditure of IFIP. Congress and Conference surpluses would be firstly used to achieve this objective and the available to fund other activities.

Action

In order to have a better control on cash flow and liquidity levels, the budget preparation request would include a demand for a time-scale for large payments such as loans.

Mr. Hernaes added that FC had decided to seek professional advice on how to place IFIP's assets. It felt that, after providing for minimum liquidity levels, not more than 30% be invested in short-term deposits, whilst the balance be invested to produce the maximum income yet, at the same time, protect the capital value of the investment. Mr. Goldsworthy referred to the assets as presented in the 31.12.1981 Balance Sheet and feared they were over-stated. He considered they should be presented at their current value in all cases as opposed to book value.

Action

Council CONCURRED and the Treasurer, Mr. Dalton, agreed to look into this matter forthwith.

Action

Mr. Goldsworthy further felt that IFIP should have a policy on level of reserves; it should be determined what was considered as a minimum reserve.

The President thanked Mr. Hernaes for his report.

8.5 IFIP Committee for International Liaison – ICIL

Mr. Tanaka reported that nothing specific had happened since the last General Assembly Meeting although a great amount of correspondence had flowed backwards and forwards.

Action

The President said Mr. Tanaka had been asked by the Executive Body to kindly take up contact with the World Organization of General Systems and Cybernetics for clarification of its request for admission to FIACC.

8.6 IFIP Committee: Informatics for Development - ICID

Mr. Kalman said he had not prepared a written report as ICID was currently being reviewed by a Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Dalton.

He commented various ICID-aided activities and underlined the successful TC 5 WC on “Computer Applications in Food Production and Agricultural Engineering”, October 1981, Habana, Cuba which ICID had supported. Mr. Kalman indicated that the Proceedings, of which he was co-Editor, would shortly be published by North-Holland.

Mr. Kalman advised that ICID had made an agreement with Unesco whereby the following 1982 activities would receive support:

- International Symposium on Education in Informatics, EDINFO 82, Madras, India.
- South East Asia regular computer Conference.
- 5th Prolamat Conference, Leningrad, U.S.S.R.
- Software Engineering Seminar, Beijing, P.R.C.
- Local Networking Conference, Florence, Italy.
- Regional Consultations on Strategies and Policies for Informatics.
- Other Workshops on Informatics Education and Training in Developing Countries.

Although ICID’s relationship was with Unesco’s Informatics Section, it hoped to eventually receive support from other Sections.

Mr. Tanaka, ICIL Chairman, strongly encouraged Mr. Kalman to effect contacts with UNIDO and UNDP. Mr. Kalman mentioned that UNIDO sought advice to identify specialists for certain projects and felt ICID could equally help UNDP which needed assistance in recruiting qualified people for project in China, etc.

Mr. Kalman pointed out the problems of dealing with the developing countries which sometimes resulted in planned activities being postponed or cancelled.

The President thanked Mr. Kalman for his comments and wished him success in his negotiations.

8.7 Publications Committee

The President presented Mr. Zemanek’s apologies for not being able to attend and informed there would be a PC meeting in Geneva on 26 April 1982. At the present time, there was nothing to report.

8.8 Public Information Committee

Mr. Morris referred to his report (C1 Helsinki 82/PIC-1) and remarked that an updated version of the “What is IFIP?” brochure had been published in December 1981. It was felt desirable to review some of the general descriptions of IFIP’s Aims and History – as also proposed by Mr. Goldsworthy – and he, therefore, welcomed suggestions from the Council Members.

Action

Mr. Morris confirmed that the 1982 edition of the Information Bulletin was in its final stages of editing and would be available at the end of the month.

Mr. Morris recalled the 1981 Dublin General Assembly decision to allocate a budget for the production by a professional journalist of reports on TC activities. He was pleased to announce that Mr. Kenneth Owen, former Technology Editor of “The Times” had accepted the assignment and would commence with TC 3 which was meeting three weeks hence in the U.K. Mr. Morris considered he could follow this with an article on TC 6 which would be meeting in Italy late in April. Mr. Morris proposed that the final draft of such articles be sent to the respective TC Chairman for his ultimate approval, alternations, etc., and agreement to release same.

Council unanimously ACCEPTED the proposition on the understanding that Mr. Morris would be the overall supervisor.

Mr. Morris added that the articles would probably be around 4-5,000 words long and be aimed at the computer professional who was assumed to have no specialist knowledge about the subject in question. They would be supplied to the Member Societies for reproduction in their Journals and possibly to some of the trade press. In respect of the latter, the exclusivity factor was raised.

Action

Mr. Morris suggested a review of the articles (re RC 3 and TC 6) at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Morris gave a briefing on the "IFIP Presentation" material (transparencies and lecture notes) which were now in final draft form. He demonstrated same to the Council participants and called for their suggestion which were duly noted for the final version. Mr. Morris said he had made a study of various costs and had come to the conclusion that slides would be the most appropriate format, although the GA Members would be contacted in this respect. Mr. Goldsworthy felt the final package should be available for every General Assembly Member at the next GA Meeting. It was proposed that TC Chairmen be made aware of this material.

The President expressed his pleasure of the demonstration and Council gave a VOTE OF THANKS to Mr. Morris.

8.9 Statutes and Bylaws Committee

Mr. Lehmann presented his report (C1 Helsinki 82 / SBC-1) and recalled that the Admissions Committee Chairman, Mr. Melbye, had volunteered to draft more precise guidelines relating to Affiliate Member admission criteria. He had proposed the amendment of Statute 3.1. d) Affiliate Members to read: "Any internal organization, professional or governmental, having interest in the Information Processing field and willingness to cooperate and coordinate its activities with the Federation may become an Affiliate Member of the Federation." Mr. Lehmann said this implied providing Affiliate Members with appropriate rights to fulfil their task, but Council had previously disfavoured the idea of according restricted voting rights to Affiliate Members. Mr. Melbye had also raised the question of whether Affiliate Members should pay reduced Dues.

During the ensuing discussion it was moved that Statute 3.1.d) be amended as suggested.

Action

Mr. Glaser subsequently moved that the foregoing be "tabled" pending further, proposed precise criteria from AC relative to the admission of Affiliate Members.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion of Mr. Glaser.

Concluding various suggestions, Mr. Goldsworthy moved that Affiliate Members not be granted voting rights.

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

Mr. Lehmann drew attention to the question of inactive Members. SBC felt the Statutes could possibly be amended to permit termination of a Full or Affiliate Membership when lack of interest in IFIP activities had been demonstrated for say over a period of three years. Controversial issues were raised and it was moved that Statute 3.3 Termination be amended to include that Member Society General Assembly representatives attend GA Meetings or provide a formal proxy.

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

Action

Mr. Lehmann confirmed the various decisions would be incorporated in his report to the next General Assembly.

The President thanked Mr. Lehmann for his conscientious handling of the onerous function of SBC Chairman.

8.10 Ad Hoc Internal Awards Committee

There was nothing to report on this Agenda item.

8.11 Ad Hoc IFIP 25th Anniversary Committee

The President said he had received apologies from Mr. Bauer, Chairman, for not being able to attend the Meeting. As a Committee member, Mr. Tanaka advised he had received a letter from Mr. Bauer with suggestions as to the programme, speakers, etc., to which he had replied.

Mr. Piloty recalled his proposition to the 1981 Dublin General Assembly Meeting – namely, that this Anniversary in 1985 be held in conjunction with an IFIP Council Meeting in Munich which his Society would be pleased to host. Additionally, that Mr. Bauer felt the Symposium would last 14 days and could perhaps be sandwiched between two halves of said Council Meeting.

Action

The President said he would ask Mr. Bauer to accept Mr. Piloty as an 'ex-officio' member of the Anniversary Committee.

9. GOVERNMENTAL AND MUNICIPAL DATA PROCESSING

Mr. Goldsworthy confirmed that the arrangements for the First IFIP International Conference on "Governmental and Municipal Data Processing", organized by ADV – the Austrian DP Society, seemed to be proceeding satisfactorily. The Conference would now take place from 23-25 February 1983 in Vienna under the auspices of the President of Austria. Over 9,000 'Call for Papers' had been distributed and a participation of 2/300 was envisaged.

The President advised that the GMDP OC had requested remittance of the 1981 Dublin GA-approved loan of SFr. 10,000 (which had replaced the 1980 Melbourne GA-approved grant of SFr. 8,000). Additionally, that OC wished it to be converted into a grant in case of a loss. As there appeared to be other conflicting information on this issue. Mr. Goldsworthy moved that this matter be referred to the President with the authority to resolve same at his discretion.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

Action

The President said he would take up immediate contact with the parties involved.

Mr. Goldsworthy drew attention to document (C1 Helsinki 82/GMDP-1) – a proposal prepared by Mr. Chevion recommending IFIP's regular involvement in the GMDP field. Being a proposal in relation to a new activity, Mr. Goldsworthy had assumed it would be referred to APC for examination and had consequently, already circulated same to the APC members for their comments.

Action

He confirmed that APC would subsequently report to the next General Assembly.

Council APPROVED the action of Mr. Goldsworthy.

10. WCCE 81 FINAL REPORT

The President presented the final report of the OC Chairman, Mr. Immer, on the IFIP Third World Conference on "Computers in Education", July 1981, Lausanne, Switzerland. He drew attention to a recapitulation of the answers to questionnaire distributed to participants, of which 20% had replied. The President felt such a questionnaire could be used by other Conference organizers.

WCCE 81 produced a surplus of approximately SFr. 103,000 of which IFIP had received SFr. 77,500. The remaining amount would go to the Swiss Member Society according to the agreement made before the Conference.

Mr. Morris stated that the report was of the same quality as the event and deserved very close attention.

Council gave a unanimous VOTE OF THANKS to Mr. Immer.

Action

The President confirmed he would duly advise Mr. Immer of the Council's appreciation of all his excellent work and that of his Committee members.

11. CONGRESS 83

11.1 Organizing Committee

Mr. Fourot presented the report (C1 Helsinki 82 / C83-OC) of the OC Chairman, Mr. Carteron, as he was unable to attend the Meeting.

At this stage, the Public Relations and Publicity Programmes had been completed and he recalled that the 1st Announcement had been distributed in 1981. The Call for Papers was scheduled to be mailed out the following week together with the 2nd Announcement which contained a detachable coupon for further information on the Congress. The preliminary mailing estimates were: France – 33,000; Other Countries - 52,000. Mr. Fourot explained that a campaign had been initiated to obtain active support from all major French Corporations by inviting representatives to be part of an Advisory Committee. It was hoped that the President of France, Mr. Mitterand, would patron and open the event. Various media would be used for announcing IFIP 83 and press releases would be drafted in French, English and German by the SICOB Press Department and report on the salient points of the Technical Programme. Mr. Fourot explained a separate Sub-Committee had been set up to establish and implement the Social Events Programme and would be Co-Chaired by IBM France and CII Honeywell Bull representatives.

As to the Exhibition, if not enough space should be available, SICOB would transfer part of what was 'non-IFIP' to a temporary building. A number of preliminary applications for space had been transmitted by the U.S. Committee for C83.

Action

Other IFIP members were requested to do likewise.

Action

Mr. Fourot advised that only about half of the IFIP Member Societies had appointed Liaison Officers and called for the collaboration of the remaining Members as it was intended to include the names of Liaison Officers in all future promotional material.

Mr. Fourot further remarked that a meeting had been held with IBI whose major publication "Agora" would publicize the event on a regular basis.

Mr. Goldsworthy queried whether a registration fee had been set. Mr. Fourot referred to the Task Group established at the 1981 Dublin GA for seemingly this purpose and said the fee would be announced in October. This was considered far too late and it was emphasized that the fee should be indicated in the 2nd Announcement. (It appeared there was confusion on the part of C83 OC in respect of the aforementioned Task Group). Mr. Goldsworthy said the Social Events Programme should also appear in the 2nd Announcement and he considered IFIP was "going in a backward direction" as the Final Programme was only scheduled to be distributed 31/2 months before the Congress opening.

Mr. Piloty deplored the lack of information on the financial situation to which Mr. Fourot responded that the budget presented at the 1981 Dublin GA was still valid except for six months' inflation. Mr. Goldsworthy said it was crucial that the budget include an estimate of expenditure and revenue. Mr. Morris felt the Congress Guidelines contained a request for the presentation of six-monthly budgets.

Mr. Fourot proposed that advice be sought from the Task Group and a registration fee set within the next 3 / 4 weeks which could be included in further Announcements.

Action

Further, that the mailing date of the Final Programme could be reconsidered.

A long discussion ensued on the rate of the fee and the President queried early bird and late registration rates. Mr. Dalton said he would be unhappy to see a fee fixed without a projected surplus.

Mr. Goldsworthy moved that the registration fee be established forthwith for Congress 83 and that it be no greater than U.S. \$400. The Task Group supported this motion.

Action

Council ADOPTED the motion, with three objections and one abstention, on the understanding that the fee information would be included in the upcoming mailing of the Call for Papers and 2nd Announcement.

Mr. Fourot confirmed that the current policy re early bird would be adhered to – i.e. approximately 15 % off.

Action

The President thanked Mr. Fourot for having presented the C83 OC report and having 'stood in the line of fire!'. He felt Mr. Fourot appreciated the concern of the Council Members with regard to the promotional programme which he was asked to convey to Mr. Carteron.

11.2 Programme Committee

Mr. Fourot proffered the apologies and regrets of the PC Chairman, Mr. Tschritzis, for being unable to attend the Meeting. The PC Vice-Chairman, Mr. Sumner, had planned to represent him, but this had not proven possible. Mr. Fourot, therefore, presented the list of Invited Speakers – which had been finalized at the C83 PC meeting held in Paris just prior to the Council – and said the list of Panel Chairmen was not yet completed.

Mr. Goldsworthy expressed his extreme disappointment with the list and the lack of representatives from the Southern Hemisphere. He wished his sentiments recorded in the strongest terms; he considered the list completely unacceptable. Mr. Dorodnicyn likewise expressed his concern that approximately 45 % of the Speakers came from the U.S.A. As a TC Chairman, Mr. Verrijn Stuart ventured his disappointment that only 8 of the Speakers were from TC's or WG's (6 from TC 2, 1 from TC 6 and 1 from TC 10). Mr. Lehmann recalled a similar situation in the past and felt the entire working philosophy of Congress Programme Committees should be changed. Mr. Morris considered it was a gross misnomer to allocate places simply on the grounds of geographical distribution, but he, nevertheless, found the list most unsatisfactory as only 9 countries had been drawn upon whereas IFIP had 42 Member countries.

The President mentioned that the Council Meeting had been scheduled as such upon the demand of C83 PC so that they could participate and respond to criticisms; he was very disappointed no PC representative was present in order to answer these questions.

Further comments were exchanged, including the need for a closer liaison between Congress PC's and TC's; it was suggested that perhaps the Congress Guidelines for Programme Committees was incomplete and / or needed a revision.

Mr. Goldsworthy subsequently moved that Mr. Tschritzis be requested to increase the list of Invited Speakers, after consultation with the TC Chairmen, to provide more adequate geographical representation – particularly in regard to the Southern Hemisphere and developing countries - without detracting from the high quality of invited papers. And, for the overall programme, to give geographical distribution in respect of the submitted papers.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

Mr. Goldsworthy further moved that CGC be asked to expand the Guidelines for the Programme Committee to take into account, inter-alia, the following: adequate geographical distribution, more consultation with TC Chairmen and involvement in setting up the programme.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

Action

The President confirmed he would forthwith advise Messrs. Tschritzis and Genuys of these decisions.

After the evening break, the President informed the Council participants that he had been able to reach Mr. Sumner, PC Vice-Chairman, who agreed to add three Invited Speakers: one from Poland, one from the Southern Hemisphere and one from a developing country. Suggestions of names were to be sent to the Programme Committee.

Mr. Goldsworthy said that, immediately upon his return to Australia, he would submit a few Australian possibilities to the PC Chairman.

The President concluded that, henceforth, it should be assured that the PC Chairman or his delegate attend the Council and General Assembly Meetings preceding a Congress.

12. MEDINFO 83

Kindly refer to Agenda item 6.

13. IFIP FOUNDATION FINAL REPORT

Mr. Hernaes advised that he had just received a status report from Mr. Kienhuis on the Foundation close-down. A loss had been incurred of approximately SFr. 26,000 and this amount had been transferred by IFIP to Amsterdam in mid-December 1981. Mr. Hernaes confirmed that the Finnish bank guarantee in respect of the Foundation had been withdrawn. He referred to IFIP's obligations vis-a-vis certain contracts which had been established with the Foundation; some of these had been taken over by the Foundation Manager, Mr. Gundersen, who had set up his own office in Almere-Stad – a newly-developed town quite some way from Amsterdam.

Action

A problem existed with ACM and Mr. Glaser promised to look into this matter in the U.S.A. and advise the President of the situation.

The President advised that a few other matters had to be finalized, but he would like the Council to express its appreciation to Mr. Kienhuis for all the work he had done.

Council gave a VOTE OF THANKS to Mr. Kienhuis.

14. FUTURE COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

Mr. Fourot advised that the IFIP Member for the People's Republic of China had graciously sent an invitation to host the first quarter 1983 Council Meeting in Beijing. Council Members favoured this invitation, subject to no Member being prevented from attending an account of visa difficulties.

Action

Mr. Fourot confirmed he would write to the PRC GA representative accordingly. The week of 21 March 1983 was proposed for the Meeting.

15. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

15.1 Standing / Ad Hoc Committee 'Charters'

Action

Mr. Fourot recalled that this activity had been initiated and handled by the previous Secretary, Mr. Zich. A few texts were still missing, but he hoped to receive same so that they could be circulated to GA Members for review prior to the next General Assembly Meeting where they would be vote upon.

16. CLOSING OF MEETING

The President thanked the Council Members and other participants for their contributions and again expressed the Council's appreciation to the Finnish Data Processing Association for their hospitality and the arrangements made on the Council's behalf.

The President declared the Meeting closed.

ACTION POINTS

<u>Agenda item</u>	<u>Action Required By</u>
4.3	Mr. Finch
4.3	Mr. Lehmann
4.3	APC
4.3	APC / SBC
4.3	Mr. Dalton
5.1	APC
5.1	Cognizant Officers
5.1	Mr. Lehmann
5.2	Mr. Morris
5.2	Mr. Morris
5.2	Mr. Morris
5.2	APC / RC Chairmen
5.2	TC Chairmen
5.3	Mr. Finch
5.3	Mr. Glaser
5.3	TC Chairmen
5.3	Mr. Finch
5.4	The President
5.4	Mr. Fourot
5.7	Mr. Goldsworthy
6.....	Mr. Lehmann
6.....	Mr. Finch / Mr. Shires
7.....	The President
8.1	Mr. Goldsworthy
8.1	Mr. Finch
8.1	GA Members
8.1	Mr. Dalton
8.1	Council Members
8.1	Mr. Hernaes
8.1	Mr. Tanaka
8.1	Mr. Tanaka / Mr. Fourot
8.1	PIC
8.1	Council Members
8.1	Mr. Finch
8.1	Council Members
8.1	Mr. Fourot
8.1	Mr. Fourot
8.2	AC
8.2	The President
8.2	Mr. Ando
8.3	CGC / APC
8.4	FC
8.4	Mr. Dalton
8.4	Mr. Dalton
8.4	FC
8.5	Mr. Tanaka
8.8	Council Members
8.8	Mr. Morris
8.9	AC
8.9	Mr. Lehmann
8.11	The President
9.....	The President
9.....	APC
10.....	The President
11.1.....	Member Societies
11.1.....	Member Societies
11.1.....	C83 OC

11.1.....	C83 OC
11.1.....	Mr. Fourot
11.2.....	The President
13.....	Mr. Glaser
14.....	Mr. Fourot
15.1.....	Mr. Fourot