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BEIJING, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

COUNCIL MEETING

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- International Conference on „Data Communications“, South Africa, March 1986 – jointly organized by TC 6 and the Computer Society of South Africa
- Working Conference on “New Generation computer Architecture”, Manchester, U.K., 17-19 September 1984 – organized by TC 10.
- Conference on “Parallel Computing Techniques – CONPAR 85”, Budapest, Hungary, March 1985 – organized by WG 10.3 and the John von Neumann Society.

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COUNCIL MEETING

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ATTENDANCECOUNCIL Members Present

P.A. Bobillier	President
K. Ando	President-Elect
N.J. Lehmann	Vice-President
G. Glaser	Vice-President
J. Fourot	Secretary
O.M. Dalton	Treasurer
R. Narasimhan	Trustee
A.W. Goldsworthy	Trustee
A. A. Dorodnicyn	Trustee
A. Melbye	Trustee
G.J. Morris	Trustee
P.X. Guo	Trustee

COUNCIL Members Absent

R. Piloty	Vice-President
J.H. Finch	Trustee

Committee Chairmen Present

R.E. Kalman	IFIP Committee: Informatics for Development
R.I. Tanaka	IFIP Committee for International Liaison
O. Zich	Internal Awards Committee
H. Zemanek	Publications Committee
J. Carteron	Congress 83 Organizing Committee
D.C. Tsichritzis	Congress 83 Programme Committee

Observers Present

S.-Yuan	Chinese Institute of Electronics
Yan Zhou	Chinese Institute of Electronics

In Attendance

Gwyneth Roberts	IFIP Secretariat, Geneva
T. Uozumi	Assistant to K. Ando

Secretariat

Wen Li	State Administration of Computer Industry
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The President opened the Council Meeting and greeted all participants. He sincerely thanked the Chinese Institute of Electronics (CIE) – a fairly new Member of IFIP – for inviting the Council to Beijing, and expressed his appreciation to Mr. Guo (IFIP General Assembly representative of the Host Society and recently-appointed IFIP Trustee), Mr. Yuan, Ms. Zhou and Ms. Li for the local arrangements and hospitality.

Mr. Guo extended a warm welcome to the Council participants on behalf of CIE which was proud to be the Host and would do its best to make the Meeting successful and everyone's stay in China pleasant. He felt holding the Council Meeting in China would promote mutual understanding and friendship.

Mr. Fourot announced that apologies for non-attendance had been received from Vice-President Piloty and Trustee Finch. Apologies had also been received from the TC Chairmen, but it was underlined that their participation was not mandatory.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council unanimously APPROVED the Agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (C2-ROME 82)

Council unanimously APPROVED the Rome Council Minutes with thanks to Ms. Roberts.

4. EXECUTIVE BODY REPORT

4.1 Report of the President

The President referred to the Executive Body Meeting which had preceded the Council Meeting and stated that salient issues would be presented with the relevant Agenda items.

4.2 Report of the Secretary

Mr. Fourot referred to the 'Continuing Action List' (compiled from the Minutes of the 1982 Helsinki and Rome Council and General Assembly Meetings) which had been distributed to GA Members, TC Chairmen, Congress 83 OC and PC Chairmen under date of 15 February 1983. He pointed out that the 'Action' items had been listed chronologically as well as by responsible party.

Action

He was called for oral and / or written comments on the layout and usefulness of the List.

Action

Mr. Fourot, additionally, requested concerned parties to advise him once an 'Action' item had been terminated to thus allow for the List to be purged.

Regarding his contacts with other international organizations, Mr. Fourot reported he had attended (part-time) the Unesco International Council for the General Information Programme Meeting in January 1983. He mentioned that Unesco's Medium Term Plan (1984-89) had been approved in December 1982 which embodied Major Programme VII concerned with "Information Systems and Access to Knowledge". The latter included a certain number of elements which he considered it would be interesting for IFIP to follow. These fell within the framework of 'Improvement of access to information: modern technologies, standardization and interconnection of information systems' and 'Infrastructure, policies and training required for the processing and dissemination of specialized information'.

Mr. Fourot stated he had made several contacts with IBI, in particular with the Consultant to Mr. Bernasconi – Director-General, the Director of the Policies Department and External Relations with a view to obtaining support for Congress 83. An agreement had been reached whereby IBI would assist participants from the developing countries with travel and / or registration fee. As a counter-part, IBI had

requested IFIP to promote its SPINDE and SPIN II Programme during the Congress. Mr. Bernasconi would refer to same during his speech at the Congress closing ceremony; additionally, IBI would have a booth in the reception area of the Congress to enable literature on these Programmes to be distributed to potential participants.

In conclusion, Mr. Fourot said he had met with Mr. Gassmann, Head of OECD's Information, Computer and Communications Division who had advised that OECD dealt with governmental agencies of its Member States. OECD's Informatics Programme was monitored by a Committee on Information, Computer and Communication Policy (ICCP) which focussed mainly on 'information technology and the economy'; 'management of information infrastructure'; 'information technology' and society and international information flows' which were all of a political and non-technical nature. Nonetheless, OECD would welcome the participation of IFIP in specific projects and, in particular, contributions to a Software Study. (Refer Agenda item 8.1)

The President thanked Mr. Fourot for his report which Council NOTED.

4.3 Report of the Treasurer

Mr. Dalton referred to TREAS-1, the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for 1982 and the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 1982, and to TREAS-2, the Auditor's report, confirming a surplus of SFr. 199,241.81 for the fiscal year. He indicated they were for information purposes only and would be presented to the General Assembly for approval. Mr. Dalton compared the figures to those of 1981 and drew attention to the investments which were shown at book value in compliance with the Genevese fiscal law.

Mr. Dalton presented TREAS-3, Income/Expense versus Budget, showing total expenditures of SFr. 277,126.15 against a total income of SFr. 476,367.96 which included approximately SFr. 195,000 of Congress 80 and other Conference surplus (not accounted for in the budgeting in accordance with practice). Commenting on various 'actual' versus 'budget' items, Mr. Dalton pointed out that the Officers' allocation, including the President's Reserve Account, had been barely utilized and the Administrative Secretariat was well within its budget. He added that the Technical Committees had only spent SFr. 28,000 against a budgeted SFr. 49,000. Other Committees were below budget and SFr. 31,000 had been paid out in Grants against a budget of SFr. 48,000. As aforementioned, the actual surplus was SFr. 199,241.81 against a projected deficit of (SFr. 124,000).

Mr. Glaser felt that unspent budget reflected under-activity. Mr. Dalton stated that people tended to inflate their figures which did not lend to good management. Mr. Goldsworthy considered that TC Chairmen should be advised their first priority was to be active, their second was to be leaders in the field, and the Standing Orders were essentially a framework of reference and they should not be bound by them. Mr. Morris reiterated that IFIP had reached a substantial level of security and should be looking not to increase its assets, but to foster its activities. (Refer Agenda item 8.1 concerning the creation of the 'IFIP Development Fund'.)

Regarding the TREAS-3 Summary of Total Income and Expenditures, Mr. Glaser proposed that 'surpluses' be extracted from the 'actual' total income which would give a more realistic picture of the IFIP operation.

Action

Council CONCURRED

Mr. Dalton recalled that Grants budgeted for a certain year were sometimes not taken up until a year or so later and, consequently, not in the budget for those years.

Action

Mr. Goldsworthy underlined the importance of having current budgets and suggested that the Treasurer develop a procedure accordingly.

Action

'Current Budget' should be on the Agendas of Council and General Assembly Meetings. Council CONCURRED.

Mr. Dalton presented TREAS-4, Membership Dues Position as at 16 March 1983 and felt the situation was more than satisfactory compared to previous years. A few countries still owed their 1982 Dues and the only outstanding 1981 Dues concerned Egypt –

Action

appropriate action would be taken.

Mr. Dalton recalled that, in accordance with the decision taken at the October 1976 Tashkent General Assembly, Membership Dues for the year commencing 1984 were due for revision and he presented TREAS-5. He agreed procedure was that the increase would be based on the changes in the Consumer Price Index for Switzerland for the period 1980 to 1982. The majority of the Council still FAVOURED this ruling.

Following discussion, Mr. Goldsworthy moved that five current categories of Dues be reviewed by the Finance Committee and also the allocation of countries within the categories that result from the review. It must be an objective criterion.

Council ADOPTED the motion, with three objections and three abstentions (Refer Agenda item 8.4)

Action

In conclusion, Mr. Dalton advised that when requesting budgetary information for 1984, he would emphasize that the figures should reflect accurately the proposed needs. The principle of reserves would still be maintained and he would double the President's Reserve Account to ensure a strong indemnity against the unexpected.

Mr. Dalton added he would draw attention to the TC Travel Expense Account and to the IFIP Development Fund.

Action

Mr. Dalton indicated that future TREAS-3 reports would show not only 'current actual' against 'budget', but include the two previous-year actuals to give a wider spectrum of utilization.

Finally, Mr. Dalton requested approval of an addition to the 1983 Budget – namely, a loan of SFr. 5,000 for a WG 9.2 Workshop in September 1984 in Paris, France.

Council unanimously APPROVED the addition to the 1983 Budget.

The President thanked Mr. Dalton for the Treasurer reports which were NOTED by the Council.

5. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

5.1 TC 2 (Programming)

Mr. Lehmann presented his report (C1 Beijing 83 / TC 2-1) and advised that the Proceedings of the successful WG 2.2 Working Conference on "Formal Description of Programming Concepts II", Garmisch, F.R.G., June 1982 (edited by D. Bjorner) would appear shortly. They would be dedicated to the late Hans Bekic who had made important and highly acclaimed contributions to the work of WG 2.2

Referring to the Working Conference on "Programming Languages and System Design", sponsored by Working Groups 2.1, 2.2, 2.4 and 2.7, which had just taken place in Dresden, G.D.R., Mr. Lehmann confirmed it had been received with great interest – 46 people from 17 countries had participated. The Proceedings (edited by J. Bormann) would be produced by North-Holland in cooperation with Akademie Verlag, Berlin. Mr. Lehmann added that use of the budgeted loan for this WC had not been made.

Mr. Lehmann informed that the TC 2 Working Conference on "System Description Methodologies", Kecskemet, Hungary, 24-27 May 1983, where approximately 20 papers would be presented, was expected to attract some 80 participants. The resulting Proceedings would be edited by D. Teichrow.

Concluding, Mr. Lehmann advised that TC 2 had approved Mr. Beech as Chairman of WG 2.7 and Mr. Gram as Vice-Chairman. He added that there were no problems and TC 2 required no action by the Council at the present time.

The President thanked Mr. Lehmann for his report on TC 2 which was NOTED by the Council.

5.2 TC 3 (Education)

Mr. Morris advised that TC 3 would shortly be meeting in Salzburg, Austria, but, unfortunately, this time he would be unable to attend. He confirmed that the preparations of the three upcoming Working Conferences were progressing according to plan – WG 3.4 “Education for Cooperation between System-designers and System-users; WG 3.2 “Informatics Education for all Students at University Level” and WG 3.1 “Informatics in Elementary Education”.

Mr. Morris mentioned that TC 3 hoped to organize a Working Conference in 1984 in cooperation with Unesco concerned with “Guidelines for a Curriculum for Teacher Training – Teaching Informatics”, and stated that TC 3 was certainly the most active Technical Committee in respect of relations with Unesco.

Mr. Morris said that the TC 3 Chairman, Mr. Hebenstreit, had written to the President with the suggestion (which had emanated from discussions with Unesco) that he write to the Director-General of Unesco to change IFIP’s “B” status (relationship of information and consultation) to “A” status (relationship of consultation and cooperation). This matter was duly taken up under Agenda item 8.5.

Mr. Morris informed that difficult discussions on WCCE 85 were envisaged to take place at the forthcoming TC 3 meeting where the WCCE 85 Organizing and Committee Chairmen would be present. There was great concern about the escalation of the budget for this event which would be held in Norfolk, Va. He recalled that WCCE 85 would combine with a National Conference. Mr. Glaser (GA Member for U.S.A.) also expressed his concern re the budget and his intention to ensure that WCCE 85 would be an international and not an U.S.A. event. This would be watched very closely. He added that the potential Unesco contribution (\$10-12,000, but not a specific promise) would be earmarked for travel for participants from developing countries.

The President thanked Mr. Morris for his report and Mr. Glaser for his comments which were duly NOTED by the Council.

5.3 TC 5 (Computer Applications in Technology)

Unfortunately, Mr. Finch, Cognizant Officer, had not been able to attend the Meeting. Mr. Fourot, however, advised that the TC 5 Chairman, Mr. Vlietstra, had telephoned a message to the IFIP Secretariat confirming that everything was progressing satisfactorily. TC 5 was currently occupied with the First International Conference on “Computer Applications in Production and Engineering – CAPE 83”, Amsterdam, 25-28 April, and the TC 5 meeting scheduled for the end of April where it was expected that 20 of its members would be present. TC 5 intended to undertake a reorganisation with respect to the tasks of delegates in the ever-growing activity of TC 5. In conclusion, Mr. Fourot intimated that Mr. Vlietstra was very glad to have an U.S.A. representative although he had, thus far, received no comments from him.

Mr. Narasimhan recalled that the 1982 Rome GA had been advised of the Second Working Conference on “Computer Applications in Food Production and Agricultural Engineering”, Delhi, India, March 1984. He confirmed the exact dates were 19-26 March 1984 and the WC would be co-sponsored by the Computer Society of India, IFIP TC 5 and ICID. The Programme Committee had been formed with many representatives from the Member Societies and the Call for Papers would be distributed at any moment.

Action

The President felt a rule should be established, notably, when a TC Chairman nor his Cognizant Officer could attend a Council Meeting, then the latter should give a report to a Council Member colleague for presentation. Council CONCURRED

5.4 TC 6 (Data Communication)

The President advised that no information had been made available. Unfortunately, the Cognizant Officer had been unable to come at the last minute due to illness.

Mr. Narasimhan referred to the TC 6 Symposium "Networks 84" scheduled in the 6-Year Plan for 1984 in India. (It would be a repeat of "Networks 80" jointly organized in India with TC 6). India felt it would be useful to hold the event in October in synchronization with an ICCO activity taking place in Australia to thus allow the latter participants to stop by at "Networks 84". Mr. Narasimhan said this suggestion had been accepted by the TC 6 Chairman, Mr. Danthine. The TC 6 Indian representative was attending a TC 6 meeting currently being held in San Francisco where the details would be discussed. Mr. Narasimhan expected that they would be finalized by early April 1983 and the Call for Papers subsequently prepared.

Mr. Ando mentioned he had talked with the President of the International Ergonomics Association (IEA). There was a possibility that IEA would seek some sort of Membership in IFIP in order to associate its work with that of WG 6.3 (under consideration) on "Human-Computer Interaction". Mr. Ando indicated that IEA held several international Conferences.

5.5 TC 7 (System Modelling and Optimization)

Mr. Dorodnicyn confirmed that preparations for the TC 7 11th IFIP Conference on "System Modelling and Optimization", Copenhagen, Denmark, 25-29 July 1983, were progressing normally.

He recalled the WG 7.1 WG on "Recent Advances in System Theory and Optimization" which had taken place in Hanoi, Vietnam, 10-17 January 1983 and which he considered interesting for IFIP as – subsequent to same – Vietnam had organized a Winter School for its specialists.

The next WG 7.1 Working Conference, concerned with "Stochastic Differential Systems", would take place in Baku, U.S.S.R., September 1983, and no difficulties were foreseen.

The President thanked Mr. Dorodnicyn for his comments.

5.6 TC 8 (Information Systems)

Mr. Glaser announced that TC 8 had now elected a Chairman-Elect, Mr. Bracchi, who would replace Mr. Verrijn Stuart.

TC 8 had met in Zurich, Switzerland the previous month and had decided to make no change to its Aims and Scope. The three Working Groups had meetings scheduled during the next few months.

Action

Mr. Glaser mentioned that the TC 8 Review had not made good progress, but this situation was now expected to change and a report on the Review was scheduled to present at the September 1983 Meetings in Paris.

Action

Mr. Glaser advised that TC 8 was considering a Working Group on "Office Automation". He stated he Chaired a Task Group on the subject – which might lead to a Working Group – and called on the Council Members to submit names for membership of said Task Group. Thus far, names had been submitted from Denmark, Italy, Switzerland and U.S.A. The purpose of the Task Group would be to find an individual who could then run a Working Group.

Action

Mr. Lehmann promised to submit a name from G.D.R.

The President thanked Mr. Glaser for his comments.

5.7 TC 9 (Relationship between Computers and Society)

Mr. Melbye stated that the main problem was to find a new Chairman for TC 9. As discussed at the 1982 Rome GA, he had asked the previous Vice-Chairman, Mr. Margulies, to act as Chairman until such time as a new Chairman could be formally elected according to the procedures. This action had been positively received by the General Assembly and the abdicating Chairman, Mr. Brotherton. Mr. Margulies had made the reservation that he could not devote too much time to this function, so the primary activity was to prepare the next TC 9 meeting which would take place in Stockholm, Sweden in

May 1983. Mr. Melbye indicated his intention to participate at said two-day meeting where, hopefully, not only the question of a new Chairman would be discussed, but also the issues of membership, activities, finances, etc. TC 9 was further planning to meet in Paris just prior to the General Assembly Meeting at which time it was hoped to have a formal recommendation for a new TC 9 Chairman.

With regard to new activity, Mr. Melbye advised that WG 9.2 was planning a Workshop on "Education for a more effective interface between System Design and Organization" in Paris, France, September 1984 for which a loan of SFr. 5,000 had been approved (refer Agenda item 4.3).

Mr. Melbye informed that the 3rd Conference on "Human Choice and Computers", scheduled to take place in Stockholm, in September 1985, was progressing reasonably well.

In conclusion, Mr. Melbye stated that TC 9 had new members from Bulgaria, Switzerland and U.K.

The President expressed his appreciation to Mr. Melbye for his comments and his conscientious Cognizant activity.

5.8 TC 10 (Digital Systems Design)

Mr. Ando presented Mr. Aspinall's report (C1 Beijing 83 / TC 10-1) which covered TC 10 activities from September 1982 to February 1983.

WG 10.1 had been engaged in the organization of its Working Conference on "Methodology of Computer System Design", to be held in Lille, France in September 1983. WG 10.1 would have its next meeting on 13 June 1983 in Stockholm.

WG 10.2's plans were well advanced for the 6th International Symposium on "Computer Hardware Description Languages and their Applications", taking place in Pittsburgh, U.S.A., 23-25 May 1983 and there was every indication that this would be successful.

There was little to report on WG 10.3 except that it was planning to organize a Conference on "Parallel Computing Techniques – CONPAR 85" in Budapest, Hungary, March 1985 (refer Agenda item 8.1).

There was nothing further to add to the report delivered at the last General Assembly in respect of WG 10.4.

WG 10.5 was planning to hold a Workshop in Munich, F.R.G. during the current month on the topic of "The Testing of VLSI Circuits". Twenty papers would be given by speakers from F.R.G., France, U.K. and U.S.A. WG 10.5 was also in contact with the U.K. Institute of Electrical Engineers in respect of the 2nd Conference on "Electronic Design Automation" to be held in Warwick, U.K. in March 1984. However, it was not yet certain what WG 10.5's involvement would be.

Mr. Ando pointed out that it was still proving difficult for WG 10.5 to liaise with IEEE in the planning of VLSI Conferences. Mr. Glaser stated that Mr. Aspinall had asked to make contact in U.S.A., but, at the time of his departure for Beijing, IEEE had not responded with regard to co-sponsoring "VLSI 84" planned for 18-21 August 1984 in California.

Mr. Ando advised that in 1984 two Conferences on "New Generation Computer" were planned, but the scheduling had to be resolved by Mr. Aspinall and the Japanese TC 10 representative, Mr. Motooka. The proposed Aims and Scope of the planned TC 10 WC, to be held in Manchester, U.K., were annexed to the report TC 10-1. (Refer Agenda item 8.1) The second concerned the ICOT (Institute for New Generation Computer Technology – representing the Japanese Government) planned International Conference entitled "The 5th Generation Computer Systems" to be held in Japan.

The President thanked Mr. Ando for the TC 10 report.

A long discussion took place on the necessity of having written Technical Committee reports. Mr. Morris, subsequently, moved that for the March Council Meetings, TC Chairmen be required to submit a written report on their activities with particular emphasis on important issues.

Action

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

6. IMIA

Mr. Tanaka advised that a Council had been organized in U.S.A. composed of AFIPS, IEEE and also major Medical Associations which had invited Medinfo for 1986. IMIA had accepted the invitation and it was envisaged that Medinfo 86 would take place in Washington, D.C.

7. AFFILIATE MEMBERS

The President advised that Affiliate Members were invited to submit reports to the March Council Meetings although, to-date, the request had not been mandatory.

7.1 IAPR

Mr. Lehmann advised that, as a GA Member, he received a Newsletter from IAPR on a regular basis and, therefore, did not feel it was necessary to request a separate report for the March Council.

There was nothing to report on the following Agenda items:

7.2 IASC

7.3 ICCC

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.

7.4 EUROMICRO

Mr. Fourot presented Mr. Thompson's report (C1 Beijing 83 / EUMIC-1) and pointed out that the Euromicro Office had moved from Paris to Enschede. The new address was – TH Twente, P.O. Box 217, Dept. INF., Room A312, 7500 AE Enschede, The Netherlands. A new Secretary had been appointed – Ms. Chiquita Snippe-Marlisa – who would be available for information on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 to 14,00.

Following the cancellation of the "EUROMICRO 82" Conference in Haifa, Israel (due to the war in Lebanon), a Workshop had been organized in Antwerp, Belgium, 9-10 December 1982 which attracted 130 participants. Euromicro felt this was a proof that it could survive and react to unexpected situations.

The Ninth Symposium on "Microprocessing and Microprogramming – EUROMICRO 83" would take place in Madrid, Spain, 14-16 September 1983. The Call for Papers was attached to the report EUMIC-1. "EUROMICRO 83" would include scientific and technical sessions, industrial sessions, short note presentations, tutorials, an industrial exhibit and the finals of the Euromouse Competition.

"EUROMICRO 84" was scheduled to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, September 1984.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Activity Planning Committee

Mr. Goldsworthy commented on the APC meeting which had just taken place in Beijing (although only half of its members had been able to attend) and presented his report (C1 Beijing 83/APC-1) containing the results of the APC deliberations.

Since the 1982 Rome General Assembly, Mr. Goldsworthy said APC had approved the following event:

- International Conference on "Data Communications", South Africa, March 1986 – jointly organized by TC 6 and the computer Society of South Africa.

An additional two events had been approved at the meeting:

- Working Conference on "New Generation Computer Architecture", Manchester, U.K., 17-19 September 1984 – organized by TC 10;
- Conference on "Parallel Computing Techniques – CONPAR 85", Budapest, Hungary, March 1985 – organized by WG 10.3 and the John von Neumann Society.

Action

Further to the Secretary's Continuing Action List of 15 February 1983, it had been finally recommended not to change the title of TC 2 and this item should, therefore, be removed from the list.

Mr. Goldsworthy recalled that the AFIPS President had written to the IFIP President requesting that IFIP withhold co-sponsorship of the 9th International Conference on "Very Large Data Bases" until the question of co-sponsoring within U.S.A. had been settled. The matter had been referred to APC, but after considerable discussion, no decision had been reached and APC had resolved to refer same to the Council without any recommendation. Mr. Glaser gave a briefing on the situation which involved two of the large and important constituent societies of AFIPS (ACM and IEEE Computer Society). The "VLDB" Conference was recognized as an important meeting by AFIPS, well regarded internationally and successful from both a professional and financial point of view. Nevertheless, the organization of same (registration of its name) had been handled in such a way as to provoke the current situation. As the AFIPS representative to IFIP, Mr. Glaser said he had voted against IFIP co-sponsorship at the APC meeting and would continue to do so as long as he was thus directed by AFIPS.

Mr. Goldsworthy remarked that the "VLDB" Conference was one in a continuing series which IFIP had co-sponsored in the past and considered the U.S.A. controversy an internal matter. He, therefore, moved that the 9th International Conference on "Very Large Data Bases" to be held in Florence, Italy, 31 October – 2 November 1983 be co-sponsored by IFIP.

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

Action

The President said he would write to AFIPS and to the VLDB organizers accordingly.

Mr. Goldsworthy recalled there had been some discussion in regard to restructuring APC to bring about the closer involvement of the Technical Committee Chairmen. Notwithstanding, APC did not feel having the TC Chairmen become an integral part of APC was the answer. Mr. Zemanek recommended that the TC Chairmen designate one TC Chairman to be on the Activity Planning Committee and thus represent them at APC Meeting. Mr. Glaser subsequently proposed that the TC Chairmen nominate a former TC Chairman to APC.

Action

Council CONCURRED. Mr. Goldsworthy took note of this proposition.

Mr. Goldsworthy said APC believed that TC Chairmen perceived their relationship with the General Assembly as not an ideal one – one factor being the administrative detail. This would henceforth change in view of the decisions taken at the Rome 82 GA – namely, that APC should approve activities proposed by TC's, WG's or other IFIP Bodies and that budgetary decisions could be taken by the Council. APC felt it would help TC Chairmen if they were encouraged to present more global reports to GA - indicating in which direction they were going, how they saw themselves contributing to IFIP

development, etc. The TC Chairmen should be advised what is expected of them and, to support this, they should be given more time at GA to report in this fashion.

Action

To put this into effect, APC recommended a fairly forceful letter from the President that this was a decision to assist the TC Chairmen, a decision that recognized their key role in IFIP activities and an opportunity for them to develop the role of their TC's within the IFIP family.

Action

Summarizing, Mr. Goldsworthy moved that one day be set aside at the General Assembly for the TC Chairmen.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

Mr. Narasimhan said the GA Members should be prepared to discuss the issues to be raised by the TC Chairmen and suggested that the latter be asked to establish a one-page outline of the points to be brought up for discussion which could be distributed to the GA Members with an explanatory covering letter (re the change in reporting) ahead of the Meeting.

Referring to the 'Combined' Meetings (APC; TC and WG Chairmen, Executive Body and Cognizant Officers, et al), Mr. Goldsworthy said he had written to all the TC Chairmen for their views on same and advice as to what they would like done. Only TC 10 Chairman Aspinall had replied who considered the meeting in Dublin (81) had been most successful, but the meeting in Rome (82) a disaster. Mr. Goldsworthy informed that a small 'Combined' Meeting would be convened in Paris, prior to GA, comprising APC, TC Chairmen, Executive Body and Cognizant Officers. Mr. Zemanek underlined that each TC should be represented – if not by a TC Chairman, then by a designated WG Chairman.

Mr. Goldsworthy mentioned there had been a letter from Unesco concerning a Science Prize. He had subsequently written to all the TC Chairmen accordingly seeking names.

APC recommended that TC 5 be nominated. Mr. Dorodnicyn remarked that he had proposed TC 3 at the APC meeting. Mr. Goldsworthy moved that TC 5 be nominated for the Unesco Science Prize.

Council ADOPTED the motion, with one abstention.

Action

Mr. Fourot said he would confirm this decision to the TC 5 Chairman and take the necessary action.

Mr. Goldsworthy referred to Mr. Fourot's report on discussions with OECD (Agenda item 4.2). OECD welcomed contributions from individual experts on an ad hoc basis.

Action

He suggested that Mr. Fourot find out under which conditions experts were recruited (e.g. were they paid? If so, how much?) and subsequently request OECD to place IFIP on the mailing list for projects for which they sought experts.

Action

Mr. Goldsworthy recommended that the Secretariat develop a procedure whereby the TC Chairmen could be duly advised of such projects together with a sheet outlining the conditions.

Following discussion at the 1982 Rome GA to seek an Editor for the proposed IFIP Quarterly Newsletter, Mr. Goldsworthy confirmed that Dr. J. Rosenfeld, New York, had accepted the task and had already been in contact with several people within IFIP. APC felt Dr. Rosenfeld had been given a task without a brief and considered that the Newsletter should include substantive content, not only diary information although the latter was most essential. It might even include one or two papers from recent IFIP activities. APC felt the audience for the Newsletter should be the Member Societies, affiliated organizations and those involved in the work of IFIP such as TC and WG members.

Mr. Morris commented on the failure of the "IFIP NEWS" for lack of input. He, however, encouraged the idea of selecting 'best' papers and publishing same in a Quarterly Journal. Mr. Zemanek referred to the new Journal "Computer Compacts", published by North-Holland (available in both a paper version and as an experimental online retrieval system) which included summaries of papers. He added that it would be published six times yearly. Mr. Morris wondered if IFIP could have copies of the IFIP-related material to be used as a base for the Newsletter. Mr. Narasimhan ventured that an agreement might be reached with North-Holland whereby "Computer Compacts" could contain a separate set of pages, in a different colour, bearing the IFIP logo.

Action

Discussion ensued and the President asked Messrs. Zemanek and Glaser to kindly get in contact with Dr. Rosenfeld to discuss the whole matter. He felt the latter should subsequently be in a position to make a proposition.

Mr. Glaser considered that an 'immediate' one or two-page summary of the General Assembly actions would be a useful document. Mr. Morris proposed organizing a rota whereby one person was responsible for a half-day, to produce during the period of the General Assembly a general description of the business; he would volunteer for the second session.

Action

Mr. Fourot agreed to arrange this and judge the outcome. The detailed Minutes would continue to be written in the usual way.

Mr. Goldsworthy recalled that at the 1982 Rome GA, it had been decided to establish a Task Force on the "History of Information Processing". Dr. K. G. Beauchamp of the University of Lancaster, U.K., who had been intimately involved in this development, had been asked to Chair the Task Force. No response had thus far been received from him.

Mr. Goldsworthy also recalled that at the 1982 Rome GA, it had been decided to establish a Task Group on "Artificial Intelligence" under the Chairmanship of Mr. Dorodnicyn – to determine how this area of interest might be more actively pursued and promoted within IFIP. Mr. Dorodnicyn had contacted several people and received agreements to join the Group. The Group should be finalized and a preliminary report available by the time of the Paris GA. APC had asked the TG to pay particular attention to the potential role IJCAI might play in this development, especially if it were admitted as an Affiliate Member of IFIP.

A Task Group on "Human-Computer Interaction" had been established at the 1982 Rome GA. Mr. Goldsworthy advised that Prof. B. Shackel of the University of Technology, Loughborough had accepted the invitation to Chair this Group and aimed to have a report available in June 1983.

Mr. Goldsworthy confirmed that the matter of IFIP giving consideration to the more general topic of information at societal, institutional and personal levels had been pursued with TC 8 and TC 9. The TC 8 Chairman felt this did not fall within the Scope of TC 8. The matter would therefore, be further pursued with TC 9 and specific proposals sought from that Committee.

APC strongly felt there was not enough reporting on Congresses and, consequently recommended that the Council and the General Assembly insist on detailed reports on Congresses in the three years prior to their being held. APC further recommended that the Congress Guidelines Committee be requested to devise the format and major headings for such reports, including time-tables, schedules and budgets. Significant departures from the Congress Guidelines should also be highlighted in these reports.

Mr. Goldsworthy moved that there must be more stringent reporting requirements in relation to Congresses.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

Action

The President said he would write to the CGC Chairman, Mr. Genuys, accordingly.

Mr. Goldsworthy advised he had received a status report from Mr. Beckman, OC Chairman of the International Conference on "Security and Privacy – IFIP / Sec '83", taking place 16-19 May 1983 in Stockholm, Sweden. As a result of the Call for Papers, more than 50 contributions had been received and a 'Preliminary Programme' had been prepared. 30,000 invitations had been mailed out and, as of 9 March, approximately 100 registrations were to hand. Mr. Goldsworthy recalled that the Conference hoped to attract over 200 world-wide participants. All indications led to believe that it would be most successful. The President complimented the organizers on the publicity given to "IFIP / Sec '83".

Referring to the Task Force which had been set up to investigate the desirability or otherwise of establishing an IFIP TC or some other mechanism for this activity, Mr. Goldsworthy informed that the Task Force had already drafted preliminary Aims and Scope for a possible TC 11 on "Security".

Action

These would be further discussed at the Conference and the outcome duly reported back to APC which would make a presentation to the next General Assembly on action proposed.

Mr. Goldsworthy stated that preliminary reports on the First IFIP Conference on “Governmental and Municipal Data Processing”, held 23-25 February 1983 in Vienna, Austria indicated that it had been both technically and financially successful. It appeared that IFIP should take this development further and the report to the next General Assembly would have recommendations in that direction.

Mr. Zemanek, who had participated in the Conference, advised there had been 280 attendees from 21 countries, including a lot of Dutch, British and Scandinavian people. The Conference Proceedings would be published by North-Holland with royalties for IFIP.

Supplementing Mr. Goldsworthy’s comments on the continuation of this activity, Mr. Zemanek announced that the following resolution had been passed at the close of the Conference, and drew particular attention to points 2 and 3.

1. To express appreciation for the initiative and organization of this Conference to the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) and to the Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Datenverarbeitung (ADV) and thanks for the support from the City of Vienna and the Government of Austria.
2. To recommend taking the necessary steps to secure a regular continuation of international activities in ADP in Public Administration by means of an appropriate organizational framework within IFIP.
3. To request the Programme Committee of this Conference to continue to act, until further permanent arrangements, as an Interim International Committee for the implementation of activities and the future organizational framework of the Group.
4. To plan to arrange the Second International IFIP Conference on Governmental and Municipal Data Processing to be held in Scandinavia.

Mr. Goldsworthy indicated that APC member le Roux had been asked to prepare a report, in co-ordination with Mr. Chevion, for APC to present to the General Assembly and felt the former should perhaps also talk with the Programme Committee for its recommendations as to the directions which should be taken.

Following discussion, Mr. Zemanek proposed the involvement of Mr. Morris as he had had contact with the PC Chairman – Mr. Barnes, U.K. Finally, Mr. Goldsworthy suggested nominating the Committee – as outlined in point 3 of the resolution – as a Task Group with Mr. Barnes as Chairman; additionally, to include Messrs. le Roux and Morris as members of same. Council CONCURRED.

Action

The President said he would write to thank the GMDP people.

Mr. Morris requested that he indicate the desired involvement of Mr. le Roux and himself in the ongoing activity.

Action

The President felt the APC Chairman, Mr. Goldsworthy, should write to Mr. Barnes in this respect.

Mr. Goldsworthy recalled that the 1982 Rome GA had approved “that IFIP regional events be organized in Latin America and Africa within the next two years”. He now moved that ICID put forward firm proposals – no later than the 1983 Paris GA – for such an event in Africa.

Action

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

Mr. Tanaka referred to the Latin-American regional event “USUARIA 83” being organized by the Argentine IFIP Member Society, 18-23 April 1983 in Buenos Aires, as discussed at the 1982 Rome GA (refer Agenda item 11.1; Agenda item 11.5, of the Rome GA Minutes) and the promised contribution of SFr. 10,000 from the ICID budget. Unfortunately a breakdown in communications had taken place and no action had been taken as evidenced by an urgent message received by the President from Argentina.

In view of the nebulous state-of-affairs, Mr. Goldsworthy moved that the Council approve an amount of SFr. 10,000 in support of “USUARIA 83” and that Mr. Tanaka telex Argentina (Mr. Monteverde) to this effect, with copy to Mr. Basso Dastugue.

Action

Council ADOPTED the motion.

Regarding the status of the TC 3 Review, Mr. Goldsworthy confirmed that Mr. Narasimhan had completed a fairly extensive report. Mr. Narasimhan considered it as preliminary and said copies would be sent to the RC members for their comments. These comments would subsequently be appended to the preliminary report which would then represent the final version for presentation to APC.

Action

Mr. Goldsworthy advised that the membership of the Task Group on “Office Automation” was still being arranged and a preliminary report would be presented to the 1983 Paris GA.

Mr. Glaser presented a status report (as of 21.3.83) on the Reviews of the Technical Committees. As aforementioned, the Review of TC 3 was currently underway. No progress had been made in respect of the Review of TC 8 – it had been postponed pending the election of a new TC Chairman;

Action

however, RC Chairman Finch would be asked to try and complete same by the next General Assembly.

Mr. Glaser added that APC had agreed to – and recommended – the following Review time-table:

1984	-	TC 6, TC 9
1985	-	TC 5, TC 7
1986	-	TC 10, IMIA

Council unanimously APPROVED the Review time-table.

APC would be seeking recruits and would try to find GA Members to Chair the RC's. It would attempt to supplement the material which now appeared in the Standing Orders on Reviews.

Action

Mr. Narasimhan said he had agreed to review the ‘Review Guidelines’ and make some recommendations for improving same.

The President congratulated Mr. Glaser on his document.

Mr. Goldsworthy recalled that at the 1982 Rome GA, the proposition of reviving TC 1 “Terminology” had been discussed; however, APC had taken no action pending further information. Mr. Goldsworthy said he now proposed that TC 1 should be revived and a Chairman sought who could take the necessary steps to draft Aims and Scope for subsequent presentation by APC to the General Assembly.

Council unanimously APPROVED the proposition.

Action

Mr. Goldsworthy requested Mr. Zemanek to kindly check if Prof. Schneider of the University of Berlin were willing to take over the Chairmanship and advise him accordingly.

In APC, the question had been raised as to whether IFIP was ‘moving forwards or backwards’. It was agreed that there was a need to monitor the effectiveness of IFIP to ensure that it progressed at all times.

Action

Mr. Zich has agreed to prepare a position paper for consideration by APC. Mr. Narasimhan felt that feed-back from the TC Chairmen should be solicited.

Mr. Goldsworthy said APC felt the effectiveness of the contributions made by GA Members at General Assembly Meetings would be enhanced if they were made aware of the major issues to be discussed in advance of such Meetings. He, therefore, moved that when the GA Agenda was distributed, there also be a list of proposed resolutions together with a brief indication of any major issue to be discussed which might not be covered by a proposed resolution. The same practice should also be adopted for Council Meetings.

Action

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

The President emphasized the usefulness and time-saving aspect if reference to previous Minutes, where appropriate, were indicated. (Refer adopted motion – Council Meeting, Bratislava 1979: Minutes Agenda item 6.2. Also GA Meeting, London 1979: Minutes Agenda item 5. GA Meeting, Melbourne 1980: Minutes Agenda item 5)

As a result of discussions on IFIP's current liquidity and the desire to support TC Chairmen and Task Groups, Mr. Goldsworthy moved the creation of a fund – to be called the "IFIP Development Fund" – with an amount to be allocated each year (to be determined by the Finance Committee). That the fund be used to support new initiatives and to stimulate existing projects. The disbursement of monies to be at the discretion of the APC Chairman at the request of TC Chairmen, Task Groups and other relevant Groups. In the first year – i.e. 1983, that an amount of SFr. 15,000 be allocated.

Council ADOPTED the motion, with one abstention.

Mr. Goldsworthy concluded by firstly expressing his appreciation of the work done by the members of APC; he felt this should be recognized. Secondly, as there would be a lot of activity up until September, he would resign at that date if this suited the incoming President.

(n.b. It is a form of courtesy for Standing Committee Chairmen to resign with the termination of a Presidency; however, this in no way prevents the incoming President from re-appointing the Chairmen in their functions.)

The President expressed his thanks to the Activity Planning Committee for all the work it had accomplished and, in particular, to its Chairman - Mr. Goldsworthy.

8.2 Admissions Committee

Mr. Melbye presented his report (C1 Beijing 83 / AC-1) and advised that application for Membership had been received from the Greek Computer Society, Athens, Greece. AC had requested additional information and clarification as to which category of Membership was being sought.

Action

Mr. Melbye felt that a positive recommendation could be made to the 1983 Paris General Assembly

Referring to the application for Affiliate Membership from the International Federation of Associations on Computer Applications in Engineering and Architecture (FACE), Mr. Melbye recalled that AC had postponed taking a decision to allow FACE to fully establish itself.

Action

Although FACE still only had four member countries (Australia, Great Britain, The Netherlands and U.S.A.), it was actively collaborating with TC 5 in respect of "CAPE 83" and AC felt it should reconsider the application and permit FACE to become an Affiliate Member. Mr. Melbye confirmed that a recommendation would, therefore, be presented to the 1983 Paris General Assembly.

Mr. Melbye drew attention to the application for Affiliate Membership from the International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), as mentioned at the 1982 Rome GA. In view of the Task Group on "Artificial Intelligence" established under the Chairmanship of Mr. Dorodnicyn to determine how this area might be more actively pursued and promoted within IFIP, he sought the advice of the Council prior to replying to a letter he had received from IJCAI asking what attitude IFIP wished to take in regard to its application. Following discussion, during which Mr. Glaser remarked that the Task Group had been asked to take special note of IJCAI, its role in the AI field and request for Affiliate Membership, it was felt that AC should go ahead and process IJCAI's request independently of the Task Group's report.

Action

Mr. Melbye stated he would, therefore, approach IJCAI and prepare a recommendation for the forthcoming General Assembly.

Mr. Melbye advised that the President had been informed by Mr. Piloty of a re-organization in the Federal Republic of Germany; the IFIP Membership had been transferred from the dissolved Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Rechenanlage (DARA) to Gesellschaft für Informatik (GI). He added that Mr. Piloty would continue as the F.R.G. representative to the IFIP General Assembly.

Council NOTED this Membership change.

Regarding the lengthy, pending problem of the Spanish representation, Mr. Melbye commented that the President had been informed by Mr. Portaencasa that the issue had been solved by the integration of ATI in FESI and the withdrawal of ATI's application to represent Spain in IFIP.

Action

It was felt it would be appropriate for IFIP to have a letter from ATI to this effect and Mr. Melbye suggested that the President contact ATI accordingly

In conclusion, Mr. Melbye stated that the Thai Federation for Information Processing had expressed interest in an affiliation with IFIP. It was pointed out that TFIP was a member of SEARCC.

Action

Notwithstanding, it was agreed that Mr. Melbye should reply to TFIP giving the criteria for Membership.

The President thanked Mr. Melbye for his report and conscientious handling of the Admissions issues.

8.3 Congress Guidelines Committee

There was nothing to report on this Agenda item.

8.4 Finance Committee

In accordance with the 1982 Rome GA decision, confirmed that the Swiss Bank Corporation in London (a branch of IFIP's bank in Geneva) had been appointed to manage IFIP's investment portfolio with the following strategy:

- 10 % of total funds to be kept on 60 days notice
- 10 % of total funds to be kept on 90 days notice
- 20 % of total funds to be kept on one-year notice
- 60 % of total funds to be invested in bonds of between five and eight years maturity and in, at least, three major currencies.

As to the existing position of the investments held in Finland, Australia and Japan, Mr. Dalton advised that those in Finland had improved somewhat since reported on in Rome – the disparity was no longer as great as at that time. The Australian currency had weakened against the Swiss Franc, but this was counter-balanced by the high interest gained in Australia. The Yen had strengthened during the last six months.

Referring to the adopted motion that the categories of Dues should be reviewed, etc. (refer Agenda item 4.3.),

Action

Mr. Dalton said the Finance Committee was not in a position to make any recommendation at that time, but the matter would be closely studied in due course.

The President thanked Mr. Dalton for the FC report.

8.5 IFIP Committee for International Liaison – ICIL

Mr. Tanaka referred to the suggestion raised by Mr. Hebenstreit that IFIP's status with Unesco be changed from Category B to Category A (refer Agenda item 5.2). He said it was ICIL's recommendation that there be no change in the current status as there were obligations which would mean a lot more work and direct involvement. It was not certain that IFIP could supply enough effort and find people available. Therefore, ICIL wished to make it a non-issue and leave the matter alone – i.e. for IFIP to stay in Category B. Council CONCURRED.

Action

The President stated he would advise Mr. Hebenstreit accordingly.

Mr. Tanaka drew attention to the 1983 Contract which had been offered by Unesco in respect of ICID events primarily:

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| - | Symposium on System Approach to Appropriate Technology, Vienna, 21-23 March 1983 | \$ 3,000. |
| - | Latin-American Informatics Federation Meeting, Buenos Aires, 18 – 23 April 1983 | \$ 3,000. |
| - | Working Meeting on Regional Cooperation for Appropriate Computer Utilization in Developing Countries, Stockholm, 14-16 September 1983 | \$ 5,000. |
| - | IFIP Congress 83, Paris, 19-23 September 1983 | \$ 6,000. |
| - | Preparation for the Second Conference on Computer Applications in Food Production and Agricultural Engineering, to be held in India in 1984, and production of a working paper for the Conference | \$ 3,000. |

Mr. Tanaka added that the Contract was fundamentally alright, but contained one clause which ICIL suggested should be deleted, namely: "The contractor shall also cover medical expenses for the participants as needed and in addition to the informatics aspects of the activities, will organize cultural and social programmes for their benefit."

Action

ICIL, therefore, requested the ICID Chairman, Mr. Kalman, to call Mr. Owolabi of Unesco and request the deletion.

Mr. Tanaka regretted he had been unable to attend the 1982 Rome General Assembly where the Director-General of IBI, Mr. Bernasconi, had outlined IBI's "SPINDE" activity (a special programme on "Informatics for Development") and invited IFIP's participation. The President had received a letter from Mr. Bernasconi requesting IFIP representation at the SPINDE establishment meeting in Havana in April 1983.

Action

Unfortunately, no-one from IFIP could participate on this occasion and Mr. Bernasconi would be advised accordingly. Mr. Fourot recalled that IBI would have a booth in the reception area of IFIP Congress 83 where literature on IBI's SPINDE and SPIN II programmes would be disseminated.

The President drew attention to the request of The World Organization of General Systems and Cybernetics to become a member of FIACC which had re-surfaced despite the fact that the Sister Federations of FIACC had voted for the second time against its admission at the 30 September 1982 FIACC meeting. Following discussion, it was evidenced that IFIP had not changed its position on this issue.

Action

The President said he would advise the necessary parties accordingly.

Mr. Narasimhan queried why IFIP only interfaced with Unesco and did not investigate new possibilities. He pointed out the existence of an UN-related organization in New York which funded initiatives in developing countries of a scientific and technological nature. Mr. Tanaka fully supported Mr. Narasimhan's comment, but underlined the difficulties in getting to know the appropriate people. In illustration, he remarked on the great deal of time and energy which had been invested to establish

relations with Unesco. Mr. Kalman mentioned he had contacted the World Bank and Unido several times with no satisfactory result.

The President thanked Mr. Tanaka for his report.

8.6 IFIP Committee: Informatics for Development - ICID

Mr. Kalman gave a briefing on activities undertaken by ICID the previous year in Madras, Kuala Lumpur, Leningrad, Florence and Tunis. He recalled that the Seminar on "Software Engineering" scheduled to take place in Beijing had had to be cancelled as the appropriate people and funding had not been found to run this activity. The \$4,000 allocated to same in the 1982 Unesco Contract had been subsequently transferred to IFIP Congress 83.

Action

In utilizing these funds, Mr. Kalman trusted C83 OC would give preference to assisting Chinese participants.

Mr. Kalman commented on "INTERKOMPUTO 83" – the International Esperanto Congress co-organized by the Hungarian IFIP Member Society in Budapest earlier in the year – which had received a financial contribution from Unesco. He added that Unesco had been pleased to see its name linked to the event which had been relatively successful and included participants from China and an Arab country.

Referring to the other 1983 activities supported by Unesco, as listed under Agenda item 8.5, Mr. Kalman stated that the Working Meeting on "Regional Cooperation for Appropriate Computer Utilization in Developing Countries", Stockholm 14-16 September, should be considered – to a certain extent – as supplementary to Congress 83, where practically no developing country issues were being handled. It was hoped to produce a publication.

It was seriously felt that ICID's image needed enhancing in order to effectively interact with organizations which could be called upon to give support to activities ICID wished to encourage. Additionally, that IFIP's image – as a whole – be created so that in any relevant area where IFIP had expertise, people would immediately think of contacting IFIP. Mr. Lehmann considered that IFIP must organize successful events in developing countries with subjects interesting for those countries – that effective action, not only publicity, was necessary. The President ventured that if two or three persons from organizations giving support to developing country projects could be identified, then maybe they could be invited to attend Congress 83 where several IFIP representatives could explore with them the possibilities of interaction. Mr. Narasimhan underlined that the competence that existed in IFIP should be exposed to try and channel interest in IFIP. He fully supported the President's proposition of inviting several appropriate people to the Congress.

Action

Mr. Tanaka felt this idea should be included in the ICID Review Committee report in some form or other and see if there were a cohesive suggestion coming out of same. It was remarked that inviting such people to Congress 83 should not be left to the last minute in view of their supposedly heavy time-tables.

The President thanked Mr. Kalman for his report.

8.7 Publications Committee

Mr. Zemanek drew attention to his report (C1 Beijing 83/PC-1) and mentioned that the Publications Committee would meet in Amsterdam the following month.

He had visited North-Holland early in December to discuss pending items, including the Compact Journal. Mr. Zemanek presented the first issue of the paper version to the Council which was very well received. He underlined it was the hope of PC and North-Holland that the Compact Journal – in both its paper version and in its database version – would develop into a useful communication means between IFIP and the professional community, between the many bodies of IFIP and for many other exchanges of professional information. (Refer discussion under Agenda item 8.1).

Mr. Zemanek wished to record his thanks to Mr. Lynn, the new U.S.A. representative of PC, for his excellent support in arranging for IFIP publications to be descriptively listed in the 1983 ACM Publications Catalogue. He trusted this successful initiative would be copied.

Commenting on his constant contact with North-Holland, Mr. Zemanek announced that the royalties in respect of 1982 would amount to more than SFr. 100,000 in comparison to the 1981 figure of approximately SFr. 60,000. He also drew attention to a status report covering some 30 titles of Proceedings to be published in the following twelve months, and to a listing of the promotion activities undertaken by North-Holland in respect of IFIP publications. Mr. Zemanek added that Stephanie Smit was IFIP's contact person at North-Holland and the relationship was excellent and very much appreciated.

Regarding Springer, which was not handling many IFIP books, Mr. Zemanek remarked that he had finally met with Mr. Rossbach. He recalled the Springer idea of State-of-the-Art Reports, but feared this enterprise was going very slowly. It was difficult to find authors and especially for inexpensive books as the rewards were not very big. Mr. Rossbach had circulated a letter to the TC Chairmen which, unfortunately, had not been distributed via the Publications Committee which had offered him its support. Mr. Zemanek nevertheless, hoped and felt it was important that IFIP produce State-of-the-Art Reports as these would be of service to the community and to the developing countries.

Mr. Zemanek referred to the Heinemann soft-cover edition of the TC 3 Proceedings "Computer Assisted Learning" and advised that IFIP still did not have an acceptable contract with the publisher.

Mr. Narasimhan stated that the IFIP publications – moneywise – were rather unacceptable to many people. In connection with Congress 83, he queried the feasibility of collecting the invited papers and coming up with a cheap paper-back.

Action

Mr. Zemanek declared he would speak with North-Holland and the Congress 83 Programme Committee on this matter.

Mr. Zemanek recalled that Mr. Schneider had been working on a Dictionary on Computer Science and Data Processing and his German version had come off the press several weeks ago. Mr. Schneider had contacted him and proposed developing an IFIP-approved and supported similar English language Dictionary in 1983-1985. (The proposal was appended to the PC-1 report and included a financial requirement of SFr. 200,000.). Mr. Zemanek added that North-Holland was interested and would certainly contribute. Mr. Morris strongly favoured the idea and said IFIP would derive publicity benefits from same. Mr. Melbye greatly supported the proposition and said he knew of several people in Denmark who would be interested in helping such a project. Mr. Goldsworthy commented that the Dictionary would have to be better than any others available and felt the time was perhaps 'ripe' to revive TC 1 "Terminology" (refer Agenda item 8.1). Mr. Zemanek appreciated the positive reactions and said he would discuss the matter further with Mr. Fredriksson of North-Holland.

The President thanked Mr. Zemanek for his report and stressed again the tremendous amount of work handled by Mr. Zemanek, in particular, and the members of his Committee.

8.8 Public Information Committee

Mr. Morris presented his report (C1 Beijing 83/PIC-1) and advised that since the 1982 Rome GA, a further article by Ken Owen – on TC 10 – had been published and an article on TC 8 was in the process of being prepared. Additionally, Ken Owen would attend an IMIA Board Meeting at the end of the month and it was planned to publish the resulting article prior to Medinfo 83 – probably in July. He would further attend a TC 2 meeting at the end of May and the consequent article would be published in September or October thus giving a reasonable spread over the year. Mr. Morris indicated there had been a lot of positive feedback: the TC 3 article had been fully reproduced in an IBI publication (Agora) and in the Data for Development Newsletter; some Member Societies had reprinted the articles in their national publications; a British commercial publisher had asked to print an article and its affiliate organizations were interested in publishing the others; etc. Summarizing, Mr. Morris said the articles were a valuable, general publicity medium for IFIP and were being used, with discretion, by the Secretariat to that end.

Mr. Morris informed that the 1983 issue of the Information Bulletin was in process. The 'Standard Information' section involved a high volume of amendments and the concerned parties had been rather slow in confirming revision to the Secretariat. Nevertheless, it would go to press the following month.

A revised text for the "What is IFIP?" brochure had been prepared and after receiving the Council's comments, it would be duly published.

Referring to the presentation material on IFIP which PIC had produced for the GA Members, Mr. Morris said several people had commented on its usefulness and had utilized same. He trusted a lot more of the GA Members would do likewise.

Action

Mr. Glaser confirmed he would use the material at the forthcoming AFIPS Annual General Meeting of its Board of Directors.

In respect of Congress 83, the President proposed that a copy of "What is IFIP?" be given to each participant. Mr. Glaser suggested preparing press kits containing "What is IFIP?" and the Ken Owen articles with a covering letter that the press utilize same. Mr. Goldsworthy felt the articles could be included in the Congress Proceedings as additional pages.

Action

Mr. Morris said he would consider these ideas.

Mr. Morris recalled that PIC had been charged to produce an IFIP tie and presented some samples of design, colour and material to the Council participants. He advised that the basic cost for a single design in a single colour would be approximately SFr. 10 for a minimum order of 250. Mr. Morris proposed that the tie be offered for sale at Congress 83. He felt a few scarves should be ordered for the ladies.

Following discussion, the Council participants finally VOTED in favour of a one-design tie with the IFIP logo at the bottom and in a royal blue colour.

Mr. Glaser moved that a working capital of SFr. 2,500 be allocated for the tie.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

The President thanked Mr. Morris and PIC for their very active work.

8.9 Statutes and Bylaws Committee

Mr. Lehmann presented his report (C1 Beijing 83 / SBC-1) and drew attention to the revised editions of the IFIP Statutes and Bylaws and IFIP Standing Orders which had been prepared with the co-operation of the Secretariat. He confirmed they were in the process of being distributed to concerned parties.

Mr. Lehmann stated that according to the advice of the Council and the General Assembly, SBC would present a recommendation to the forthcoming GA in Paris to increase the number of Vice-Presidents by one. This would improve the geographical representation in the Executive Body. (Refer 1982 Rome GA Minutes, Agenda item 11.9). The President remarked that if the GA accepted this condition, a fourth Vice-President would have to be elected in Paris.

The President thanked Mr. Lehmann for his report.

8.10 Internal Awards Committee

Mr. Zich confirmed that IAC was currently preparing the Nominations List for the Silver Core awards. Copies of the certificates would be presented by the outgoing President to those eligible at the close of the Paris General Assembly within the framework of the closing session of Congress 83.

Action

The President said it was planned for the Nominations List to be duly circulated to GA Members sufficiently in advance of GA where it would be approved.

8.11 Ad Hoc IFIP 25th Anniversary Committee

Mr. Zemanek said he had spoken with the Committee Chairman, Mr. Bauer, on several occasions and the latter would present a report at the forthcoming General Assembly. Unfortunately, some of the recommended Committee members had not answered Mr. Bauer's letters.

9. CONGRESS 83

9.1 Organizing Committee

Mr. Carteron presented his report (C1 Beijing 83 / C83-OC-1) and drew attention to the budget estimate as of 15 March 1983. Based on a forecast participation of 3,200, the net surplus was now estimated at approximately SFr. 567,000 of which SFr. 415,000 would go to IFIP. He advised that 251 early-bird registrations had been received thus far. Mr. Dalton queried if this was in line with previous Congress figures to which Mr. Carteron replied the norm at this stage was between 200-400.

Action

The President suggested that OC send a list of early-bird registrations to the GA Members so that they could react if no-one had registered from their respective country.

As to the promotional activities, Mr. Carteron confirmed that the Final Programme and Registration Information would be distributed end of April. Simultaneously, a tape would be made available to AFIPS for the preparation of the Final Programme to be distributed at the National Computer Conference in May. Over 30,000 copies of the Final Programme would be mailed out in France and the same number mailed to other countries. 6,000 posters would be printed by 31 March and sent to IFIP Member Societies, TC and WG members, etc. Mr. Carteron stated that a leaflet would also be distributed to certain parties and other advertising would take place under the aegis of SICOB. Mr. Carteron added that press mailings were effected every three weeks and press conferences were being organized in U.S.A., Belgium, The Netherlands, U.K. and France, etc.

Regarding the Exhibition, only two exhibitors had registered in addition to the normal SICOB exhibitors.

Mr. Carteron was happy to announce that the contract with North-Holland for the publication of the Proceedings had been finalized.

Mr. Carteron gave a briefing on the arrangements planned for the Opening Session (which would be presided by a top level French official – name as yet unknown and where a speech would be given, in particular, by the Director-General of Unesco), the Closing Ceremony (where speeches would be given by the Director-General of IBI and Mr. Danzin, Past-President of AFCET) and interesting Social Events.

Mr. Carteron underlined that a continuous service of Videotex information (session rooms, speakers, etc.) and an interactive message delivery system would be available. Additionally, Andrew Lloyd, a renowned journalist and more than ten very qualified DP people would be assigned to collect, analyse and provide information on sessions and speakers for the press, organize interviews, etc. Technical visits (one or two per day) had been organized to give participants a practical view of the most advanced technological developments in the French industry.

Mr. Carteron advised that if a speaker decided not to register, he would be admitted to the Congress for the day on which he would submit his paper. In this event, he would not receive a copy of the Proceedings. (It was recalled that invited speakers and panel chairmen did not have to pay the registration fee).

Action

The President trusted that the support received from IBI or Unesco could be given a top-priority usage to assist any speakers from developing countries with financial difficulties.

Mr. Kalman confirmed that \$4,000 had already been transferred to C83 OC to cover 40 participants at an OC-agreed half-price fee. A further \$3,000 would probably be available once the 1983 contract with Unesco had been signed.

Action

Mr. Kalman proposed he receive a list of those requiring help in order to approach IBI or Unesco.

Action

Mr. Morris queried if acknowledgements had been sent to early-bird registrants as he had not yet received his.

Action

The President requested that this be done on a continuous basis.

Mr. Morris stressed the importance of Member Societies receiving press releases. He felt GA Members should also receive same. Mr. Glaser remarked it was the U.S. Committee's feeling that there had been too few press releases and those which had come forth had not been timely. Mr. Tschritzis stated he had been asked to provide material nearly two months ago and had produced four pages which, to his knowledge, had not been use. Mr. Morris said it was a critical time for selling C83 and every possible opportunity was needed to "push it under people's noses". He added the next 4-6 weeks was very important period and he would greatly welcome at least two press releases for use within the next 4 weeks. Following further discussion, Mr. Glaser moved that C83 OC generate press releases primarily for use in promoting the Congress; to send press releases to the GA Members as well as to the press. IFIP was interested in having a list of advertising plans which should include press releases on the full Congress programme so this could also be released to the press.

Action

Council ADOPTED the motion, with two abstentions.

Action

The President again proposed that the WCCE 81 mailing list be used by OC.

Mr. Tschritzis said his Committee had worked very hard to complete the programme which was released on 14 Mach. He failed to see why this could not be sent to concerned parties very quickly, say the beginning instead of the end of April.

Mr. Goldsworthy considered it a waste of money and time on behalf of the Council Members to sit and discuss routine matters such as the generating of publicity material, etc. He, therefore, moved that the Council (Beijing), in recognizing the unsatisfactory need to debate such issues in relation to the Congress, request the Executive Body to address the matter to ensure that such matters were handled administratively in future.

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

The President felt that the CGC Chairman should be a member of a Congress OC.

Action

It was suggested that GA Members be housed in the same hotel(s) and Mr. Fourot agreed to look into this matter.

The President thanked Mr. Carteron for his report and wished him every success with the Congress 83 arrangements.

9.2 Programme Committee

Mr. Tschritzis represent his report and stated that PC had organized a Technical Programme which would allow participants to obtain a broad view of developments in the Informatics field and, also, to examine in detail the latest developments in specialized areas. The Programme was composed of three types of sessions: Invited Lectures, Submitted Papers and Panel Discussions. Mr. Tschritzis remarked that the Congress 83 fee, over which PC had no jurisdiction, was very high for academics, so the Programme had been made very attractive for people in business and governments.

Mr. Tschritzis informed that 40 noted authorities had agreed to present Invited Papers on their special topic (one-hour duration) and these would appear in the Proceedings. He added that the general rules had been followed – not to put more than two Invited Lecturers back to back and not to have too many subjects which could be considered in conflict. Mr. Tschritzis regretted that one Lecturer had been 'lost' because he could not get travel support. Close to 400 Submitted Papers had been received from which 98 had been accepted for presentation by the authors (one-half-hour duration) and these would also appear in the Proceedings. Mr. Tschritzis intimated that a lot of Papers had been accepted from

France. As to Panel Discussions, he confirmed that 32 had been organized and most of them would last for two hours.

Mr. Glaser queried how many of the Papers would require simultaneous translation; how many would be delivered in a language other than English and French. Mr. Tschritzis replied that the only facilities would be from French into English. Mr. Ando understood the official language of IFIP was English, but, if necessary, translation could be provided for the local host country. Mr. Fourot recalled the 1982 Rome GA-approved motion (now an integral part of the Standing Orders) – "... 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. ... A prerequisite to the granting of the exemption is the availability of a proven simultaneous translation system into English..." Mr. Morris felt there should be consultation between Speakers and Interpreters and that the respective scripts, if existing, should be made available to the Interpreters to ensure that the quality of the simultaneous translation would be sufficient for the participants to follow in English. Mr. Tschritzis emphasized that the whole process of simultaneous translation was outside the jurisdiction of PC, its responsibility concerned what had been written and the contents. Mr. Tanaka felt it was nonetheless PC's responsibility to do whatever could be done to present the Programme (screening, interfacing, etc.). Mr. Tschritzis confirmed all of this being done, but the translation process added a dimension which PC had not asked for. He added that a decision had been made in PC that simultaneous translation would be accepted for Invited or Submitted Papers, but Panels would only be allowed in English. The President then felt it was up to OC to really check with every French language Speaker to present his Paper in such a way as to allow for a correct and adequate translation to be understood by the audience. Mr. Fourot underlined that this was a standard procedure in respect of 'Convention Informatique' and rules were in existence;

Action

nevertheless, he would see that OC made a special point in developing a precise procedure in the particular case of Congress 83. In reply to Mr. Glaser's query as to whether a Congress attendee going into a session would know if he would be listening to a simultaneous translation, Mr. Fourot advised there would be a Videotex system in operation at all times which would broadcast information on ongoing activities.

Mr. Tschritzis distributed a list of the Invited, Submitted and Panel subjects together with the names of the respective Chairmen. He recalled that, in the past, some authors who had agreed to present their Papers had not turned up due to visa or travel-funding problems. He, therefore, requested the assistance of the GA Member representatives to help Speakers who had difficulties and to keep PC advised accordingly. If PC received sufficient advance warning of a Speaker being unable to present his Paper personally, then it could try to make an adjustment. Following a discussion, Mr. Morris moved that a formal letter, signed by the President, be sent to each accepted Speaker stressing the distinction of being chosen and the importance of attending the Congress to deliver the Paper. A second objective of the letter was to help the recipient, if necessary, to secure financial backing and any necessary visa. Mr. Morris explained that a recipient in difficulty could use such a letter to show his employer, National Society, etc. in order to obtain possible funding.

Action

Council unanimously ADOPTED the motion.

Action

As GA Members were not aware of the names and addresses of the accepted Speakers, the President said he would send a copy of each letter to the respective country GA Member. Mr. Morris said the GA Member's full name and address should also be indicated to the Speaker for contact purposes.

Action

The President felt he should maybe write a covering letter to the respective GA Members. He added that he wished difficulties in respect of Speakers from developing countries to be drawn to his attention.

Action

Mr. Tschritzis promised to arrange for the names and addresses of the accepted Speakers to be sent to the President, and thanked him for undertaking this task which was very much appreciated.

Mr. Goldsworthy expressed concern at the lack of Papers from various countries. Mr. Tschritzis explained that the Call for Papers had not been timely distributed and, consequently, a lot of people might not have known about the Congress.

Action

The President recommended the Congress 86 organizers to pay great attention to its publicity schedule and distribution channels.

In conclusion, Mr. Tschritzis wished to thank AFCET for having provided a Secretariat for PC. PC had received excellent secretarial support and all the PC meetings had finished in half the scheduled time as the PC members had worked very hard and very consistently.

The President said he would like to express his thanks to Mr. Tschritzis and the members of his Committee – a Committee worked well when the Chairman worked well.

9.3 Restructuring of future IFIP Congresses

Action

Following a lengthy discussion on this subject, the President said he would write to GA Members and TC Chairmen requesting suggestions for the next PC members so that the new PC Chairman could have a chance to build his PC on the spot (in Paris). If IFIP was going to change significantly the nature of its Congresses, the President thought great reflection was necessary and the matter should be handled within another group in order to have clear ideas to present to the next PC Chairman.

Mr. Goldsworthy suggested a group comprising Mr. Tschritzis, the incoming PC Chairman and perhaps Mr. Sumner or another past-Chairman.

Action

The President wished Mr. Goldsworthy to be a member of the proposed group and indicated that he would ask Mr. Sumner to Chair the group, as proposed, and ask it to report at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Goldsworthy emphasized that the group should be asked to completely rethink the nature and the content of the programme and tender suggestions for progressive and partial implementation.

The President underlined the necessity of involving the TC's. Mr. Tschritzis suggested that TC's be given a time frame to know what they should do in advance.

10. MEDINFO 83

The Medinfo 83 'Invitation to Register' brochure was given to every Council participant. It appeared that all the arrangements were progressing satisfactorily.

11. FUTURE COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

Mr. Fourot advised as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Council</u> -----	<u>General Assembly</u> ----
1984	Invitation from Hungary	Firm proposals from Sth. Africa and Bulgaria
1985	Firm invitation from FRG - Munich (in conjunction With IFIP 25 th Anniv.)	Firm proposal from Japan - Tokyo
1986		Ireland – Dublin (in conjunction with Congress 86)

Mr. Fourot added that Morocco was willing to host an IFIP Meeting in 1984, 1985 or 1986.

Action

Following discussion, Mr. Fourot confirmed he would write to Mr. Piloty to thank and accept the invitation to hold the Council Meeting in Munich in March 1985.

Action

As agreed to at the Executive Body Meeting, he would write to both South Africa and Bulgaria for details regarding visas and any other restrictions.

Regarding the 1985 GA Japanese proposal, Mr. Ando advised that the period of 9-13 September was envisaged as there would be a World Science and Technology Exhibition in Japan. The President thanked Mr. Ando for the proposal which would be duly presented to the General Assembly.

The Schedule for the 1983 Paris General Assembly and related meetings was drawn up. (Kindly refer to the Highlights prefacing these Minutes.)

12. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

12.1 International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU)

Mr. Fourot referred to a letter IFIP had received from ICSU in January 1983 concerning its Standing Committee on the Free Circulation of Scientists which had constituted some guidelines regarding visa applications and an ICSU Visa Certificate.

Action

Mr. Fourot confirmed he would distribute same to GA Members.

12.2 4th IFAC / IFIP / IFORS Int. Conf. on "Control in Transportation Systems"

The President advised that this Conference would take place in Baden-Baden, F.R.G., 20-22 April 1983 and he had been asked to address the opening session or nominate a representative. He regretted he was unable to attend, neither could Messrs. Piloty and Vlietstra, due to prior commitments.

Action

The President said he would transmit his excuses to the organizers.

12.3 Congress 86

Mr. Dalton advised that the fifth meeting of the Management Committee had taken place. It was planned to hold Congress 86 in the first week of September. Apart from the hotels, 300 rooms at a low cost had been reserved at Trinity College. Mr. Dalton added that they would have a small booth at Congress 83 where the first advance notice of Congress 86 would be distributed.

12.4 Site Selection Committee

Action

The President said he was planning to write to all GA Members to submit proposals for Congress 89. He recalled that Mr. Finch was the Chairman of SSC-C89.

Action

Mr. Fourot reminded that a Job Charter for SSC had not yet been established. The President answered he would ask Mr. Finch to define the rules.

13. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

The President thanked the Council Members and other participants for their contributions. He again expressed his appreciation to Mr. Guo and the Chinese Institute of Electronics for their warm and gracious hospitality.

The President declared the Meeting closed.

ACTION POINTS

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5.6	Mr. Finch
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