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COUNCIL MEETING  
Auckland  
2-3 March 1988

ATTENDANCE

Council Members Present

A.W. Goldsworthy	President
G. Glaser	Vice-President
Bl. Sendov	Vice-President
G.J. Morris	Vice-President
A. Melbye	Vice President
J. Fourot	Secretary
P. Kovacs	Treasurer
O.M. Dalton	Past-Treasurer
P.-X. Guo	Trustee
A.A. Verriijn-Stuart	Trustee
L. Penedo	Trustee
R. Iau	Trustee
J.H. Finch	Trustee
H.W. Le Roux	Trustee
A. Balasubrahmanian	Trustee

Council Member Absent

G. Sacerdoti	Trustee
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TC Chairmen Present

P. Poole (representing R.E.A. Mason)	TC 2
P.P. Uhlig	TC 6
G. Bracchi	TC 8

Committee\_Chairmen/Members\_Present

S.S. Yau	Chairman - Congress 89 OC
H. Gallaire	Chairman - Congress 89 PC
C.J. Potter	Chairman - SBC
Karen Duncan	Member - PC/Publications Officer
A.A. Dorodnicyn	Member - ADB
A. Alvarez-Rodriguez	Member - ADB/DCSC/MC
S. Jaiyesimi	Member - DCSC/MC/PC
K. Bauknecht	Member - PC

Obseryers\_Present

P. Parnell	President - New Zealand Computer Society
R. Stewart	Member - New Zealand Computer Society
M. Ozeki	Information Processing Society of Japan
K. Takeda	Information Processing Society of Japan
M.V. Jones	FACE
J.L. Rosenfeld	IFIP Newsletter Editor
J. VeIterop	Elsevier/North-Hoi land
Stephanie Smit	Elsevier/North-Ho 1 land

In Attendance

Gwyneth Roberts	IFIP Secretariat - Geneva
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## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The President opened the Council Meeting and extended a cordial welcome to all participants. He expressed his appreciation to the New Zealand Computer Society "For the excellent arrangements and hospitality.

Mr. Potter, NZCS, underlined his joy at having members of the IFIP community in Auckland and trusted they would enjoy their stay in this country. He introduced Mr. Stewart who had been responsible for the local arrangements and advised that the NZCS President, Mr. Parnellj would be joining the Meeting at a later stage.

Mr. Fourot pointed out that all Council Members were present with the exception of Mr. Sacerdoti who regretfully had sent his excuses. He announced the excuses of Other absent invitees.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council unanimously ADOPTED the Agenda.

## 3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINTUES< C2 BUDAPEST 87)

Council unanimously APPROVED the Minutes of the Budapest Council Meeting.

## 4. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

### 4.1 Report\_of\_the\_President

The President advised that the Executive Board had met prior to the Council Meeting and stated that salient issues would be presented with the relevant Agenda items.

### 4.2 Report\_of\_the\_Secretary.

Mr. Fourot reported that IFIP had two Members which were more than three years in arrears with their Dues - namely, Egypt and Yugoslavia. Bearing in mind the IFIP Statutes and Bylaws on that subject, he would duly contact the respective Societies and draw attention to the possible termination of their Membership if the matter could not be resolved. ACTION

Mr. Fourot drew attention to the updated 'continuing Action List' of 15 February 1988 and requested that he be informed once an action had been undertaken. ACTION

Mr. Fourot presented the Council and General Assembly Attendance Sheet covering the years 1981 through 1987.

Council NOTED the report of Mr. Fourot.

#### 4.3 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Mr. Kovacs said he was entering into his role as Treasurer, but would ask Mr. Dalton, his predecessor, to present the 1987 Accounts.

Mr. Dalton referred to TREAS-1, the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for 1987 and the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 1987. It was underlined that the figures were provisional. The 1986 figures and 1987 Budget figures had been included for comparison purposes.

Mr. Dalton again underlined his desire to have the investments based on Swiss francs in the future and hoped the matter would be discussed in the Finance Committee.

Mr. Dalton presented TREAS-2, the Membership Dues Position as at 23 February 1988, and was pleased to record that seven Members had already paid their 1988 Dues. Follow-up action would be taken in respect to the unpaid Dues for 1987 and 1986. As mentioned, the Secretary would be contacting Egypt and Yugoslavia.

Mr. Dalton recalled that the IFIP 1988 Approved Budget had been distributed on 27 November 1987. Since then, Messrs. Melbye and Verriijn-Stuart (respectively Vice-President - Internal Affairs and FC Chairman) had met at the IFIP Secretariat (with Mr. Kovacs in telephone contact) and had thoroughly discussed the 1987 provisional results and the possibilities of 1988 Budget cuts. As a result, attention was drawn to TREAS-3 showing reduced figures and explanatory comments for what would be the IFIP 1988 'Authorized<sup>7</sup> Budget. Mr. Dalton said one of the cost-cutting factors was the decision to postpone publishing the Information Bulletin. There would be no Bulletin in 1988 and the Secretariat's Budget had been adjusted accordingly.

Mr. Melbye commented that the Executive Board had felt there should be a revised Budget and the reason for the Geneva meeting was to deeply reflect on the situation.

Discussion ensued and Council unanimously ADOPTED the proposed revisions. It should be borne in mind that the Council undertook that action in accordance with the authority allowed it per Statute 4.2.2 and Standing Order 3.1.3.

(N.B. GA Members, TC Chairmen and other concerned parties were mailed the following package at the end of March 88:

- explanatory letter from Treasurer Kovacs
- supplementary comments from V-P. Melbye
- IFIP Budget 1988 Authorized by the Council)

Mr. Morris considered the Dues question should be examined and felt FC could maybe come up with a proposal. The President requested FC to distribute a proposal to GA Members ahead of the next GA meeting. ACTION

Mr. Uhlig TC 6 Chairman, proposed that all 'Open' TC events should aim at guaranteeing a SFR. 5,000.- surplus. The Council CONCURRED.

## 5. ACTIVITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Mr. Glaser referred to his report which had emanated from the ADB Meeting of the previous day which had been attended by 22 people. As most of the Council participants had been present at the ADB Meeting, he would not repeat all the issues.

For the sake of the Council Minutes record, the issues discussed at ADB are briefly enumerated hereafter.

### APPROVED EVENTS

ADB had approved 15 IFIP events and 4 IFIP co-sponsor events during the 2 September 1987 to 28 February 1983 period. Some subsequent action had also taken place.

### TC AND WG CHAIRMEN SUCCESSORS

- An excellent response had been received from the TC Chairmen by Mr. Glaser to his demand. The TC Chairmen had been asked to include this topic in their future reports to Council and GA. ACTION

The objective was to avoid having a situation where there was no obvious successor.

### SPONSORSHIP/CO-SPONSORSHIP POLICY

- If individual TC's were invited to co-sponsor an event organized by a non-IFIP body, they should be referred to ADB as only IFIP can co-sponsor an event. ACTION
- the term 'Patrons' would be used to refer to commercial/industrial organizations that provided substantial monetary (or equivalent) support to IFIP events ACTION
- SBC\_Chairman\_Potter would produce a coherent document in respect of sponsorship/co-sponsorship. ACTION

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

- ADB was most grateful to FC for proposing a policy for administering loans and grants and recommended approval of FC's three recommendations (refer Agenda item 10.4).

- An Ad Hoc Committee (Chairman - Mr. Verrijn-Stuart, Members - Messrs Bracchi, Uhlig and Kovacs) had been formed to implement FC's recommendations into a working procedure which could be adopted for use by all TC's at the 1988 GA. ACTION
- Mr. Glaser would write to TC Chairmen in respect of Mr. Uhlig's proposition (refer Agenda item 4.3, page 7). ACTION
- Mr. Glaser underlined that there would be no more loans or grants made without income and expense projections.

#### TC CHAIRMEN REPORTS

- The various points discussed have been included with the TC reports to the Council (refer Agenda item 6).

#### REGIONAL CONFERENCES

- ADB had been requested by GA in Budapest to investigate the possibility of Regional Conferences being held in non-selected sites for Congress 92. Mr. Glaser advised that ADB felt such conferences were not an attractive opportunity for IFIP or for the organizers of the non-chosen sites for Congress 92.
- Discussion ensued and it was considered that State-of-the-Art Regional Conferences should be organized in the developing world area and DCSC should take the matter on board. ACTION
- Mr. Bracchi implied he would be interested in the possibility of a World Conference on "Information Systems", but TC 8 could not mount such an event alone. Mr. Iau said he would be happy to accommodate any TC initiative in the SEA region.
- Mr. Finch felt that the Long Range Planning Committee could perhaps evaluate the worthiness of Regional Conferences. ACTION

#### OTHER CONFERENCE RELATED MATTERS

- IFIP would provide technical support to a conference on "Information and Communication Technologies - the Integration of Informatics and the New Audiovisual Technologies", Amman, Jordan (first half 1988).
- ADB had agreed that, at the time IFIP's involvement in local meetings was approved, a letter would be sent to the appropriate GA representative advising him of same. ACTION

#### IFIP LOGO

- Mr. Glaser advised that the IFIP logo was often "mistreated" and requested the TC Chairmen and other parties to exert attention when utilizing same. ACTION



## RESTRUCTURING

- In the event of restructurization, Mr. Glaser proposed a modification of the ADB Charter.

## TC REVIEWS

- Attention was drawn to Mr. Sacerdoti's status report and it was noted that the Review of TC 5 would be concluded by September 1988. ADB had agreed that the use of an "outside expert" on Review Committees was useful.

## PROVISIONAL SPECIALIST GROUP ON AI

- Mr. Verrijn-Stuart had presented a proposal from Mr. Meersman that would lead to a WC on "Artificial Intelligence". It had been accepted with the stipulation that Mr. Meersman contact GA Members for nominations of experts and actively coordinate with IJCAII and IAPR. ACTION

## TASK GROUP ON FRACTALS

- ADB had enthusiastically approved Mr. Penedo's proposal to establish a Task Group on Fractals - the aim being to gather specialists in the field and organize the first International Conference on "Fractals" in 1990. Mr. Verrijn-Stuart had pointed out that Fractals was part of a larger area of Applied Mathematics which also deserved the attention of IFIP.

## DC PARTICIPATION IN WG ACTIVITIES

- ADB had discussed how individuals from DC's might more actively participate in WG activities. The TC Chairmen were asked to consider corresponding membership which would allow the concerned party to receive mailings from the TC's and/or WG's

## TC ANNUAL REPORTS

- Mr. Potter reiterated the request to have WG status reports. He would send the IFIP Secretariat the correct wording for such requests to be included in the Secretariat reminder for Annual Reports. ACTION

## MEMBER SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORTS

- Mr. Alvarez-Rodriguez had presented the results of his review of the reports submitted in 1986 and 1987. As a result, the following initiatives had been proposed:
- Mr. Morris would discuss with the TC 3 Chairman the possibility of seeking an author for a survey and follow-on publication describing IFIP Member experiences with the certification of individual professionals. ACTION

- Mr. Glaser would pursue with the TC 9 Chairman the possibility of establishing a Code of Ethics. ACTION
- The President would contact GA representatives to comment on their respective Society's initiatives in respect of "Youth" and its involvement in the field of information technology. ACTION
- Mr. Alvarez-Rodriguez had agreed to review the Members' reports annually and to report his findings to ADB. ACTION

#### HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION

- Mr. Glaser had agreed to make attempts to bring the "Human-Computer Interaction" efforts of Mr. Shackel under the aegis of IFIP as a Specialist Group. Some very successful events had taken place under the name of "Interact". ACTION

#### DISPLAY GROUP

- Mr. Jones (FACE), who was personally acquainted with the responsible parties of the International Federation for Computer Graphics? would informally advise IFCG that it could well become a legitimate candidate for IFIP Affiliate Membership. ACTION

The President would equally write to IFCG. ACTION

#### CONFERENCE OFFICER

- Mr. Glaser expressed IFIP's appreciation of the enormous amount of work undertaken by Mr. Navez to produce the IFIP Activity and Organizer 6-year Plans.

The President wished to place on record IFIP's thanks to the ADB Chairman, Mr. Glaser, and his Committee members for their sterling efforts.

## 6. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

### 6.1 TC 2 (PROGRAMMING)

Mr. Poole, TC 2 member /Australia , said TC 2 Chairman Mason apologized for his non-attendance and he presented the latter's report.

In view of the President's plea, TC 2 proposed reducing its 1988 GA-approved budget from SFR. 23,800.- to SFR. 16,500.-

Mr. Poole pointed out that the status of the Seminars planned by WG 2.2 and WG 2.6 in respectively South America and India were at a critical state as extensively outlined in Mr. Mason's report. Mr. Fourot drew attention to IFIP's commitment with UNESCO in respect of same.

A long discussion ensued and, in summary, it was considered vital to try and solve all the communication problems, etc. and get the Seminars back on course. The TC 2 Cognizant Officer, Mr. Sacerdoti, would be requested to look into the matter. ACTION

The President considered TC Chairmen should have realistic guide-lines to plan State-of-the-Art Seminars and the resulting text books. ADB and PC to respectively take care of these matters. ACTION

Mr. Poole drew attention to the WG activities planned for 1988 and stated that a Review of TC 2 was about to begin.

Mr. Glaser advised that ADB had approved the following event:

- Sponsored by IEEE, in co-operation with WG 2.5, a Conference on "Computer Arithmetic - ARITH 9", September 1989, Santa Monica, California.

The President thanked Mr. Poole for representing Mr. Mason.

## 6.2 TC 3 (EDUCATION)

In the absense of TC Chairman Brauer, who had sent his excuses, the Cognizant Officer, Mr. Verrijn-Stuart, presented a report on TC 3 and underlined that its affairs were flourishing, the membership was motivated and a substantial number of activities would take place that fully agreed with IFIP's objectives.

Mr. Verrijn-Stuart advised that the preparation for "ECCE 88", 25-29 July 1988, Lausanne was almost complete and he had participated in the establishment of the final technical programme. The organizers and the PC Chairman, Mr. Levrat, had the conviction it would be a successful Conference that might lead to a healthy surplus.

TC 3 would celebrate its 25 years of existence during the course of "ECCE 88".

Mr. Verrijn-Stuart stated that the preparations for the 5th World Conference on "Computers in Education", 1990, Sydney were progressing although the first major PC meeting still had to take place. The reputation of this world event had always been very good and it was expected again to attract great interest.

Mr. Verrijn-Stuart drew attention to the topic of conflicting bodies in the field of education, which had been discussed in ADB, and the question of whether IFIP had lost its lead in that area and what TC 3 should do.

Following discussion, Mr. Fourot proposed that a small group of very competent people involved in TC 3 be established to define a policy to be followed for the eventual

discussion and interfacing with such bodies.

ACTION

The President endorsed that IFIP should take an extremely pro-active role in that respect.

Mr. Glaser said ADB had discussed the important role that IFIP Member Societies could play within their respective countries to meet national educational objectives.

Mr. Sendov indicated that TC 3 was very active in the organization of the 1989 UNESCO Conference - Mr. Brauer was an Expert for that event.

The President thanked Mr. Verrijn-Stuart for reporting on TC 3.

6.3 TC 5\_(COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN TECHNOLOGY)

In the absence of TC 5 Chairman Rolstadas, who had sent his excuses, Mr. Sendov, Cognizant Officer, presented the former's report.

Mr. Herman of Hungary had succeeded Mr. Bo as WG 5.2 Chairman and Mr. Encarnacao of F.R.G. had been appointed Chairman of the newly-established WG 5.10 (Computer Graphics).

Mr. Penedo stated that Mr. Encarnacao was very active in the field of Computer Graphics and underlined the importance to IFIP of having such a Working Group.

Mr. Sendov announced that the next meeting of TC 5 was scheduled for 13 June 1988 in Dresden. He added that the third WG Chairman's meeting had been held in London on 8 January 1988.

The TC 5 Review was not yet concluded, but a restructuring of IFIP had continuously been going on during the last 2-3 years.

Unfortunately, WG 5.8 (Product Specification and Product Documentation) had not been able to activate itself. Industrial response had been poor. At its next meeting, TC 5 would decide on the disbandment or revitalization of the WG.

The President thanked Mr. Sendov for presenting the TC 5 report.

6.4 TC\_6\_(DATA COMMUNICATION)

Mr. Uhlig presented his report which covered the period July-December 1987 during which TC 6 had held a successful meeting in Zimbabwe.

Japan had replaced its representative; Iraq and Zimbabwe had made appointments, and the Greek representative had resigned.

Mr. Uhlig advised that Mr. Rudin had succeeded Mr. Sunshine as Chairman of WG 6.1.

Succession planning for TC 6 would be addressed at the next meeting of TC 6 to be held 12-13 May 1988 in Sofia. Mr. Uhlig said he would offer his availability to continue for a second term (1989-1991) and the selection of a Vice-Chairman would also be discussed.

The Working Groups continued to be quite active and he indicated that WG 6.6 (Network Management for Communication Network) was particularly active and interest in its work had been shown by some of the Standards bodies.

"AFRICOM 87", September 1987, Harare had been highly successful with approximately 120 active participants, including people from surrounding countries. There had been considerable interest, good discussion and interplay between the participants. There was also a very good Exhibition of rather high quality. "AFRICOM 87" had received a wide media coverage: press, radio and television.

Mr. Penedo enquired if there were any plans to follow up on "IBERICOM". Mr. Uhlig replied that the TC 6 Spanish representative was responsible for same and was planning for one to be held in 1991, tentatively in Madrid.

Mr. Glaser advised that ADB had approved the following event:

- International Symposium on "Integrated Network Management", 22-24 May 1989, Boston; organized by WG 6.6 with the MITRE Corporation and the National Bureau of Standards (U.S.A.) as Patrons. No loan or grant had been requested.

The following event, conditionally approved at the 1987 ADB meeting, had now been approved following the submission of a satisfactory Conference budget:

- "ISDN in Europe", 25-27 April 1989, The Netherlands, jointly sponsored by IFIP and ICC. IFIP Loan - SFR. 5,000.-; ICC loan - SFR. 5,000.-,

Mr. Uhlig indicated that the PC was comprised of an equal number of IFIP and ICC members.

As Jakarta had felt it could not meet the requirements to host "SEACOM 88", ADB had approved its venue being changed to Singapore and Mr. Uhlig would provide further details when known.

ACTION

The President again recalled that TC 6 was trying to generate SFR. 5,000.- surpluses from its "Open" Conferences .

The President thanked Mr. Uhlig for his report.

#### 6.5 TC 7 (SYSTEM MODELLING AND OPTIMIZATION)

Mr.<sub>i</sub>Balasubrahmanian said he had become the Cognizant Officer since the last GA Meeting and was trying to understand the TC 7 programme. Unfortunately, there was no report from the TC 7 Chairman, Mr. Lucertini.

Mr.<sub>.</sub>Balasubrahmanian announced that, from reports he had received from the TC 7 Indian representative, TC 7 had held a very successful Conference in Tokyo, September 1987 at which time a TC 7 meeting had also taken place.

The next TC 7 meeting was scheduled for 26 September 1988 in London in conjunction with a WG Conference.

Mr.<sub>i</sub>Balasubrahmanian said he had gone through the TC 7 Review Committee report of 1986 and the suggestions therein gave rise to a lot of potential for TC 7.

Mr. Lucertini would be completing his tenure in 1988 and the President underlined that a successor would be forthwith appointed. He requested nominees or suggestions for names of people who would be pro-active in the role of TC 7 Chairman. Unfortunately, no response had been forthcoming from Mr. Lucertini with a proposition. Mr.<sub>.</sub>Glaser said he would contact the current TC 7 Vice-Chairman.

ACTION

The President said he would write to Mr. Lucertini thanking him for his past contributions and informing him that a successor was being appointed. In the interim period. Cognizant Officer Balasubrahmanian would take action in respect of queries relating to TC 7.

ACTION

Mr.<sub>.</sub>Glaser advised that WG 7.5 had requested a grant of SFR. 2,000.- for its forthcoming WC on "Reliability and Optimization of Structural Systems", 26-28 September 1988, London. The request had been denied. The organizers had been asked to raise the registration fee so that the event would at least break even.

#### 6.6 TC 8 (INFORMATION SYSTEMS)

Mr. Bracchi presented his report and gave a briefing on the various activities planned for 1988 - approximately eight Working Conferences would lead to Elsevier/North Holland published Proceedings.

Mr. Bracchi mentioned that TC 8 had just held its 18th meeting in Sydney and, during that meeting, the Scope and Aims of TC 8 and its Working Groups had been revised according to the recommendations of the Review Committee.

Iraq was now represented on TC 8.

Mr. Bracchi announced that his term of Chairmanship would expire in December 1989 and that in 1988 a Vice-Chairman would be elected to take over in 1990. Additionally, many Working Groups would be changing their Chairmen during the course of the year.

At the TC 8 meeting, a decision had been taken to establish a new Working Group - WG 8.5 (Information Systems in Public Administration). Mr. Bracchi presented the proposed Scope and Aims which had been discussed and approved during the ADB meeting. Mr. Glaser said ADB recommended same to the Council. Council AGREED to support ADB's recommendation to the next General Assembly. Mr. Bracchi advised that the WG would be headed by Mr. Kovacs. There were many activities in other parts of the world and Mr. Bracchi underlined that the WG would establish contact with those bodies and, hopefully, arrange for a continued series of events.

Mr. Bracchi presented his revised TC 8 budget which he had reduced by about 30%. He did not foresee any problem with that reduction.

Mr. Bracchi stated that Mr. Penedo was a very active Cognizant Officer.

Mr. Glaser mentioned that IFAC's activities were spreading more and more into the "information processing" area. What should be IFIP's attitude? Should IFIP collaborate or become more selective? Becoming selective was not that easy to decide.

In conclusion, Mr. Bracchi advised that TC 8 would be very happy to organize on a regular basis - say every two years - a World Conference on "Information Systems".

Mr. Glaser informed that ADB had approved the following:

- IFIP co-sponsorship of a Symposium on "Urban Data Management", May 1989, Lisbon.
- WG 8.1 WC on "An in-depth Analysis of Information System Concepts", 18-20 October 1989, Namur.
- TC 8 Conference on "Collaborative Work, Social Communication and Information Systems", 1991, Finland (with support from TC 9).

The President thanked Mr. Bracchi for his report.

6.7 TC 9 (RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMPUTERS AND SOCIETY)

Mr. Iau, Cognizant Officer, presented Chairman Sackman's excuses for non-attendance.

Mr. Iau advised that the TC 9 Executive Committee had held its first meeting in Tel-Aviv in December 1987 - in conjunction with a Conference on "Robotics". A major outcome of that meeting was TC 9 policy to contribute a substantive set of papers and sessions to the IFIP 1989 World Congress. The next general meeting of TC 9 would take place in Namur on 3 June 1988 prior to the WG 9.8 Conference on "Computing Landscapes".

Mr. Iau drew attention to the Minutes of the TC 9 general meeting which had taken place on 28-29 June 1987 in Amsterdam.

Mr. Iau said TC 9, in conjunction with TC 8, was organizing a WG on "Impact of Information Systems in DCs" in New Delhi in October 1988 immediately preceding "SEARCC 88" and this would be a good opportunity for interaction to take place.

The President thanked Mr. Iau for reporting on TC 9.

6.8 TC 10 (COMPUTER SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY)

Mr. Finch, Cognizant Officer, presented Chairman Reijn's excuses for non-attendance.

Mr. Finch advised that a Review of TC 10 was underway and was scheduled for completion by the end of 1988.

Mr. Finch stated that he was new in the role of TC 10 Cognizant Officer, but was assured that the Committee's activities were under control and going ahead. He would, however, attempt to confirm and clarify the dates of the scheduled TC 10 events. ACTION

6.9 TC 11 (SECURITY AND PROTECTION IN INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEMS)

Mr. Iau, Cognizant Officer, presented Chairman Hoving's excuses for non-attendance, and drew attention to the latter's report.

TC 11 had held its last meeting in Vienna in October 1987 and the next one was planned for May 1988 in Brisbane.

Mr. Iau advised that TC 11 had reduced its 1988 budget from SFR. 15,000.- to SFR. 14,000.-.

Mr. Finch pointed out that TC 11 had been unsuccessful in arranging for "IFIPSEC 89" to be held in San Francisco in



conjunction with IFIP Congress 89. The situation had been described as "hopeless". Mr. Glaser was requested to try and assist TC 11 to hold "IFIPSEC 89" in U.S.A. as originally planned. He agreed to do his best, but felt that TC 11 activities would probably be part of the IFIP Congress programme.

ACTION

Discussion ensued concerning the element of TC 11 which had some difficulty in relating to IFIP. The President \_\_\_\_\_ highlighted and recorded his concern that TC 11 was looking at the possibility of becoming a SIG. IFIP would much prefer TC 11 remaining as a Technical Committee.

## 7. IMIA

In the absence of the IMIA President, Mr. Kaihara (who had sent his regrets), the Congizant Officer, Mr. Melbye, addressed the Council.

Mr. Melbye intimated he only had limited information. IMIA had held its Annual General Meeting in Buenos Aires on 17 October 1987. He had received the Minutes of that Meeting and IMIA seemed to be progressing reasonably well. However, the final accounts of Medinfo 86 had apparently not yet been settled and \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Melbye sensed there was some concern that the surplus might not be as high as projected. (As advised at the 1987 Budapest IFIP GA, the surplus was estimated to be in the region of U.S. \$ 26,000.-) Mr. Melbye, nevertheless, recalled that Medinfo 86 had been extremely successful from the Technical Programme and delegate participation point of view.

Mr. Melbye advised that IMIA had increased its Membership Dues by 57. effective 1 January 1988.

Mr. Melbye said Mr. Kaihara appeared to be keen on tightening up IMIA's Working Group activities as there were evidently certain fields which they were not covering. Mr. Kaihara was in the throes of establishing a mechanism whereby he would hold a meeting of the WG Chairmen prior to every AGM.

Mr. Melbye underlined that the ongoing IMIA Bylaws issue was still of some concern. Revised Bylaws had been presented to the Buenos Aires AGM and approved except for an Article regarding financial implications - which related to IMIA's relationship with IFIP. Mr. Melbye pointed out that, according to IFIP Bylaw 5.7, "Each IFIP SIG must submit a draft of specific Bylaws for approval by the General Assembly...". This had not been the case and the issue would be taken up within the framework of the IMIA Review which Mr. Kaihara and himself would be undertaking in the next few months.

ACTION

(Refer IFIP CI Singapore 87 Minutes, last paragraph - page 19.)

Mr. Melbye considered there were various problems relating to the IMIA-IFIP relationship and some would be clarified during the Review process.

ACTION

Mr. Dalton requested Mr. Melbye to include in the Review issues IFIP Bylaw 5.6 "...The IFIP Treasurer shall receive regular accounting reports from the IFIP SIG Secretary-Treasurer...".

ACTION

A general discussion ensued on the issue of SIG's which, Mr. Morris pointed out, had been invented to cater for IAG. It was suggested that the category of SIG's be abolished. The President felt the Task Force (Chairman - Mr. Sendov) should look into the question of a restructurization and come up with a firm proposal on the continuation or not of SIG's.

ACTION

Mr. Melbye said IMIA relied on the Medinfo's to expand its activities, but considered IMIA could continue to operate in a modest way for some years to come.

The President moved that IFIP register IMIA's trademark, name, etc.

Council ADOPTED the motion.

ACTION

Mr. Melbye enforced that one of his key concerns was the current rules of a SIG. It was clearly stated in IFIP Bylaw 5.6 f) that "Any overall surplus in IFIP SIG funds belongs to the General Assembly and shall be reserved for the activities of the respective SIG.". However, the current IMIA Bylaws stated that the funds belonged to IMIA.

Mr. Sendov considered the medical informatics field extremely important and felt IFIP would lose a lot if there would be a severance with IMIA.

Reverting to Medinfo 86, Mr. Melbye said he had been very impressed by the event. However, he observed that IMIA publications were rather poor-selling. It was a matter of concern to him that IMIA was, apparently, not earning very much in Royalties, and he queried IMIA's professional impact.

The President referred to a previous task delegated to Mr. Sendov to investigate whether TC 4 should be reconstituted in the field of Medical and Biological Informatics, concentrating on areas such as mathematical modelling which were not addressed by, nor the concern of IMIA, but should be seen as complementary to IMIA. Mr. Sendov had subsequently produced a position paper which had suggested a liaison with the TC 7 sub-group on "Mathematical Immunology". (Refer Minutes C1 Cape Town 84, last paragraph page 19; GA Varna 84, second paragraph page 47.) Mr. Glaser wished that the position paper be brought back to ADB and re-addressed at the New Delhi Meeting.

ACTION

The President felt consideration should be given to the creation of a Biological Body of which Medical Informatics would be a sub-set. Mr. Sendoy opposed creating a Body which would rival IMIA, but favoured a means of complementing IMIA's activities.

Mr. Finch queried the status of the suggestion that IMIA use the services of the IFIP Secretariat. Mr. Melbye advised that Mme Roberts had given a very concise reply in respect of IMIA's requirements (which he had approved), but no reaction had been forthcoming.

Mr. Verriijn-Stuart felt that IFIP/IMIA Joint Conferences and joint activity projects would be the solution for an on-going IFIP/IMIA successful relationship.

## 8. REGIONAL MEMBERS

### 8.1 SEARCC

Mr. Iau referred to his report and advised that the SEARCC Executive Council had met in New Delhi on 14-15 November 1987. At that meeting, SEARCC had instituted a "Distinguished Speakers Programme" which aimed to sponsor the sharing of experiences and technological capabilities within the region. It was hoped that the Programme could also be offered to countries not yet in SEARCC.

Plans were progressing favourably for "SEARCC 88" which was scheduled for 29 November - 2 December 1988 in New Delhi. An attendance of 1,000 was expected.

Mr. Iau drew attention to the various events planned in the SEA region.

Mr. Iau announced that the Brunei Computer Society was discussing applying for SEARCC Membership.

Mr. Iau indicated that the SEARCC Executive Council would consider the introduction of "Official Observer Status" to allow representatives of countries, who were not yet or could not be full members of SEARCC, to participate in meetings on a non-voting basis and thus facilitate exchange of views.

Mr. Iau underlined SEARCC's desire to have representatives actively participating in IFIP TC and WG activities.

### 8.2 CLEI

Attention was drawn to the CLEI report submitted by Mr. Pino, the new representative to IFIP (succeeding Mr. Vidart).

CLEI had held its Annual Conference in Bogota? Columbia? 9-13 November 1987 which attracted over 400 participants. 90 papers from all over Latin-America had been presented.

It was noted that Mexico had become a member of CLEI.

CLEI had started a Newsletter - the first issue had appeared in February 1988.

## 9. AFFILIATE MEMBERS

9.1 IAPR )  
There was nothing to report.

9.2 IASC )

9.3 ICCC )

Mr. Uhlig, TC 6 Chairman, said he was also Secretary-General of ICCC. Mr. Enslow, the representative to IFIP, regretted he could not be present.

ICCC had held a highly successful event in Dallas mid-September 1987 with around 800 participants. Another event had taken place in New Delhi in October 1987 which had attracted 300 people from India, 50 from other DC's and a number of ICCC members.

Mr. Uhlig advised the "ICCC 88" would be held in Tel-Aviv end October/beginning November 1988.

In conclusion, Mr. Uhlig said ICCC was very pleased to be co-operating with IFIP in ISDN in Europe.

9.4 EUROMICRO )  
There was nothing to report.

9.5 IJCAII )

9.6 FACE )

Mr. Jones said FACE was very pleased to have a representative present at an IFIP Meeting, and drew attention to his report.

Mr. Jones recalled that FACE had been formed in May 1981 with four founder Associations. The current member Associations represented over 2.000 organizations which included thousands of professional engineers, architects, planners and computerists.

Mr. Jones advised that FACE had appreciated the presence of the IFIP President at its last GA Meeting - 1987, Melbourne. The next GA Meeting was planned for 1989 in Los Angeles.

Mr. Jones said FACE was studying how it could be more involved in the IFIP WG activities. It was suggested that he initially contact the IFIP TC 9 and TC 11 Chairmen.

#### 9.7 VLDB\_ENDOWMENT

Mr. Bracchi spoke on behalf of the VLDB Endowment and presented a report on same and its unique structure.

VLDB had 21 trustees who were the legal guardians of its activities and charters. A third were from U.S.A. and the remaining from eight different European countries.

VLDB organized very successful yearly Conferences. The 1988 event would take place in Amsterdam, 1989 in California, 1990 in China and 1991 most probably in Spain. Mr. Bracchi added that a U.S.A. survey had ranked the VLDB Conference Proceedings as the highest quality amongst all Database Proceedings.

Mr. Bracchi stated that VLDB wished to co-operate with IFIP and considered that some joint activities could possibly be organized although it was a little difficult to see by which means.

### 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 10.1 ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

It was noted that Hong Kong, a member of SEARCC, had expressed interest in becoming a Full Member of IFIP. However, according to the IFIP Statutes and Bylaws, only a country could become a Full Member and Hong Kong was a region and, therefore, not eligible.

#### 10.3 CONGRESS GUIDILINES COMMITTEE

Mr. Finch referred to his report and recalled that a new "Congress Guidelines" handbook was in the making. No new policies or guidelines were being developed; CGC was restyling and simplifying the existing manual for the benefit of future Congress organizers.

With the possible exception of the "Programme Committee" chapter, CGC hoped to have a draft handbook available for the next General Assembly Meeting.

#### 10.3 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Mr. Penedo presented his report and advised that a regional meeting, involving all CLEI countries, had taken place in Bogota in November 1987 at the time of "PANEL 87".

It was considered most desirable that IFIP support "PANEL 88" in Buenos Aires. A grant of SFR. 2,500.- was planned for same, drawn from the resources of DCSC.

DCSC had just held a Pacific Region meeting with representatives from the Fiji Computer Society. Due to the problems in Fiji, it was considered that an Oceania Regional IFIP Member might be created involving such countries as New Zealand, Fiji, Soamoa and New Guinea.

Mr. Penedo said DCSC had just held its fourth meeting in Auckland. Mr. Le Roux had reported that due to the size of Africa and communication difficulties, ARCC would be split into four regions. Mr. Iau had advised that the level of activity in the Asian Region was of a very high standard.

Mr. Penedo advised that a Mediterranean Region DCSC meeting was planned to take place in May or June 1988 in Crete. It would attempt to encompass countries located in the South of Europe and North of Africa.

Mr. Penedo reported on the success of the VLSI Workshop in Lisbon which had received funding from UNESCO.

Elsevier/North-Holland had presented around nine tons of books to DCSC. These were in Lisbon and would be separated and distributed to the different Regions. The President was extremely appreciative of the gesture and said he would write to Elsevier/North-Holland according -  
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ACTION

The President was most heartened by the progress of DCSC and congratulated Mr. Penedo and his fellow members.

#### 10.4 FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Verrijn-Stuart said he had been in regular contact with Mr. Melbye (Vice-President - Internal), Mr. Dalton (Acting Treasurer), Mr. Kovacs (Incoming Treasurer) and the IFIP Secretariat.

Mr. Verrijn-Stuart presented his report and advised that ADD had requested FC to look into the question of loans and grants and to study how more income could be generated from activities.

Mr. Verriin-Stuart spoke about the investments in London and said FC intended working on an investment policy such that it was safe and would provide IFIP with a regular income of SFR. 30,000.-.

ACTION

Council unanimously ADOPTED the following FC recommendations:

a) That TC activities be categorized explicitly in three groups:

- Activity contributing to IFIP income;
- Activity partially contributing to IFIP income;
- Activity not contributing to IFIP income.

The first category ought to comprise all Workshops, Seminars and Working Conferences other than those that were intended explicitly as being in support of some worthy purpose.

b) That any proposal for a specific TC activity be formulated on the basis of its expected global cash flow. All costs and all income directly associated with the activity should be assessed prior to IFIP involvement, namely:

- PC/OC/publicity expenses. etc., as appropriate;
- participants fees, sponsor subsidies, advertising income, etc;
- IFIP specific activity funding (loans/grants);
- Expected royalties;
- Expected surplus.

(i) To provide TC's with loans/grants for specific activities on the basis of all relevant cost and income aspects, including the average of the TCs annual expenses, appropriately apportioned.

(ii) To effectuate same in two steps

- a first amount to be made available on the basis of a project outline (ADB could approve the activity and possibly the first amount);
- the full amount to be made available when all detail was presented.

c) That the (fluctuating) involvement of TC's be monitored by an annual assessment of their contribution to IFIP's income. Cognizance to be taken of:

- operating expenditures;
- loan balances (movements and general level);
- grants received;
- royalties expected and resulting from activity;
- surplus generated.

Specifically, two responsibilities were suggested:

- that the Treasurer include in his Annual Report- a simple global statement along the lines of Table 1 in report FC-1 ;  
ACTION
- that the results of the exercise be specially considered in the context of TC Reviews.  
ACTION

(N.B. kindly refer to Agenda item 5, Finance Committee para.)

#### 10.5 ICIL

Council noted the report submitted by Mr. Tanaka (C1 Auckland 88/ICIL-1).

#### 10.6 IFIP-UNESCO LIAISON COMMITTEE

Mr<sub>t</sub>\_Fourot advised that UNESCO was in the throes of re-organization following the change of its Director-General. His colleagues in the Informatics Section were awaiting directives. However, it was pointed out that IFIP would meet again at the end of 1988.

Mr<sub>t</sub>\_Fourot gave a briefing on the support offered by UNESCO to IFIP for 1988.

#### 10.7 INTERNAL AWARDS COMMITTEE

Mr<sub>t</sub>\_Fourot said his Committee would be developing operating instructions for the Technical Committee Chairmen to enable the initiation of Working Group Outstanding Service Awards. ACTION

#### 10.8 MARKETING COMMITTEE

Mr. Le Roux referred to the MC meeting which had just taken place in Auckland.

Mr. Le Roux presented his report, and recalled MC's proposal to use "preferred agents". (Refer GA Budapest 37 Minutes, page 58). The Executive Board had approved a recommendation that MC commence a relationship with IOS - International Organizations Services subject to a budget and implementation plan to be finalized within six weeks. Mr. Le Roux said a small budget was available to the order of Dutch Guilders 50,000.- and the next step would be to utilize those funds. Ways and means had to be found to move as fast as possible.

Mr. Le Roux said a meeting had taken place with Elsevier/North-Holland in late January 1988 concerning the marketing of IFIP publications. At that meeting, five major marketing issues were identified:

- expanding the sales of IFIP publications to the existing library system;
- utilization of regional distributors in which case the U.S.A. domestic market was seen as the top priority;
- utilization of IFIP language rights (specifically in respect of the Japanese, Chinese and Spanish-speaking markets);
- production and distribution of low-cost publications;
- exploring repackaging opportunities.



Elsevier/North-Holland replied they were prepared to try local channels and also sales of language rights and paper-back rights. They considered production costs might be feasible in some cases, and would be willing to try repackaging of existing material in selected cases. As to lower prices, Elsevier/North-Holland was prepared to offer a discount of 50% to the IFIP Member Societies. Mr. Le Roux felt thought should be given to marketing through the Member Societies.

Mr. Le Roux personally considered the replies somewhat negative and felt limited that IFIP had to depend on Elsevier/North-Holland alone. Nevertheless, MC wished to develop a mechanism whereby IFIP continued to work on a short-term basis with them.

Mr. Le Roux said Elsevier/North-Holland had also requested a modification to the existing relationship and their wishes were spelled out in his Publications Committee report (Agenda item 10.9).

MC had agreed to the pursuing in the longer term a publishing policy as outlined in Mr. Le Roux's MC report.

Mr. Le Roux stated that MC would carefully investigate the possibility of IFIP organizing Specialized Seminars as the idea appeared lucrative on the surface.

ACTION

MC would also consider the possibility of taxing a small percentage on any function where IFIP's identity was used.

ACTION

Mr. Le Roux drew attention to the new edition (December 1987) of "What is IFIP?" which had been published by the IFIP Secretariat.

#### 10.8.1 IFIP NEWSLETTER

Mr. Le Roux extended MC's and IFIP's appreciation to the Editor, Mr. Rosenfeld, for his dedication and excellent work. Council APPLAUDED Mr. Rosenfeld.

#### 10.9 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Le Roux referred to the PC meeting which had just taken place in Auckland and drew attention to his report (PC-1).

Mrs. Smlt presented the Elsevier/North-Holland Status Reports and it was noted that 33 books were expected to be published for the year to June 1988. It appeared that late manuscripts still constituted a major headache.

Mr. Le\_Roux underlined the need for maintaining and improving the liaison between PC and the Technical Committees. There was currently a specific communications problem with TC 7.

Mr. Le\_Roux said he had gone out of his way to meet with Mr. Wossner of Springer in order to extend the relationship, but they were not, in principle, prepared to change their approach. Mr. Wössner had been invited to the Auckland PC Meeting, but no response had been received from him.

Discussion ensued and despite the fact that Springer published a series of some of the TC 7 activity, the President moved that the arrangement with Springer for the publication of TC Proceedings be terminated.

Council ADOPTED the motion, with three rejections and two abstentions.

ACTION

Mr. Sendoy was quite adamant in his disapproval of the adopted motion.

Mr. Le\_Roux announced that following the 1987 Budapest GA Meeting decision to allow the Computer Society of India to publish a journal based on IFIP material, PC could report that the first copy was expected to be available by the time of the next GA Meeting in New Delhi.

Mr. Le\_Roux presented Elsevier/North-Holland's wishes with regards to a modification to the existing relationship and what they would offer in return. (The wishes and offers are outlined in Mr. Le Roux's report - PC-1.)

Following a very long discussion, during which Mr. Velterop of Elsevier/North-Holland presented their case and replied to many questions, and a further discussion at the subsequent Executive Board Meeting, it was decided that a new agreement would be drawn up on a short-term basis which could be renewable.

ACTION

The Council did, however, VOTE IN FAVOUR, with one abstention, that Elsevier/North-Holland should be given a number of exclusive rights - in respect of publications emanating from TC/WG Working Conferences, Symposia and World Conferences.

#### 10.10 SITE\_SELECTION\_COMMITTEE

Following the Council Meeting, SSC would henceforth be known as the SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE.

Mr. Finch drew attention to his report and stated that, in view of the GA decision that Congresses ought to be moved to a two-year cycle during the six-year span 1992

and 1998 (refer GA Budapest 87 Minutes, Agenda item 15.11, page 61), formal proposals to host IFIP Congress 94 - 13th World Computer Congress would be required by 1 February 1989.

The entire schedule would be as follows:

- April 1988: A letter of invitation to all IFIP GA Members to consider bidding for IFIP Congress 94.
- GA 1988: Formal Call for interested IFIP Members to declare their intent.
- 1 February 1989: Deadline for submission of formal proposals to SEC.
- July 1989: Report by SEC to GA Members on its evaluations.
- GA 1989: N-5 years - decision by GA.

ACTION

Mr. Finch recommended that the next SEC, together with the President, consider whether it was necessary to actually specify a bidder as a recommended selection. SEC should make its evaluations in writing, but he questioned whether it should make the final recommendation.

The general consensus of the Council favoured the recommendation of Mr. Finch who agreed to draft a re-write of the Aims and Scope under the new Committee title.

ACTION

#### 10.11 STATUTES AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Mr. Potter presented his report which contained proposed amendments to Statutes Articles 3.1A, 3.E, 3.3, 4.2.1 and 7.

Council ACCEPTED the proposed amendments which would subsequently be presented to the General Assembly.

ACTION

Mr. Potter advised that Bylaws Section 3.7 (Sponsored and Joint Conferences) would be urgently reviewed with the assistance of Messrs. Glaser and Le Roux. Bylaws Section 5 (Special Interest Groups) would have to be substantially rewritten in order to reflect the recent Council decisions.

Mr. Potter said a major editing exercise of the Standing Orders was being carried out and it was intended to circulate the new version to Council for approval with a view to reprinting same prior to the next GA Meeting.

ACTION

Mr. Potter drew attention to the grey binders which had been purchased to contain A5 documents. One would be provided for every GA Member to hold Statutes and Bylaws, Standing Orders, etc.

In conclusion, Mr. Potter said a Guidelines Series was being established to cover Nominations Committees, Cognizant Officers and TC Chairmen. Mr. Glaser suggested it might be realistic to find a former TC Chairman to assist with the TC Chairmen Guidelines.

10.12 IFIP COMMISSION FOR THE HISTORY OF IFIP AND IP

Mr. Fourot presented Mr. Zemanek's report. Everyone was requested to complete the IFIPHIST Biography and return same either direct to Mr. Zemanek or via the IFIP Secretariat. ACTION

10.13 LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The President considered that, as LRPC was an Ad Hoc Committee, it could now be abolished and re-established as and when necessary.

Mr. Finch said that, as a member of LRPC and in the absence of its Chairman, he did not agree with the suggestion of the President.

Mr. Glaser also felt the Committee could not be abolished without notice to the Chairman. Mr. Tanaka could be asked to kindly finish the survey and the abolishment be discussed subsequently.

(N.B. Re the LRPC Charter - please refer to the GA Budapest 1987 Minutes, Agenda item 15.11, page 61.)

10.14 EXTERNAL AWARDS COMMITTEE

The President said he would be establishing a Fund-Raising Committee. In that connection, he would be writing to all the Past-Presidents. ACTION

It was estimated that a Fund in the region of SFR. 2-8 million was required.

10.15 TASK FORCE GROUP - IFIP - A TIME FOR CHANGE

Mr. Sendov referred to his document (C1 Auckland 88/TFG-1) and recalled that a Task Force Group on IFIP Restructuring had been created during the 1987 Budapest GA Meeting -consisting of Messrs. Brauer, Freeman, Glaser and Rolstadås under his Chairmanship. TFG had held its first meeting in Budapest and had discussed and subsequently corresponded on the difficulties IFIP was facing and the ways by which same could eventually be resolved.

Mr. Sendov advised that in the beginning of January 1988 he had sent a letter to all GA Members requesting their comments on the outlined TFG suggestions which encompassed **the** President's documents and proposals and the feed-back during the Budapest GA Meeting of the TC Chairmen and GA Members. (Refer GA Budapest 87 Minutes, Agenda item 19.1, pages 63-65.) Subjects included: Affiliate Members, the role of ADB - its possible elimination or metamorphosis, the creation of a Technical Assembly' for especially short- and long-term technical planning, a much more effective Council and consideration of the establishment of Personal (also Corporate) Membership, etc. Additionally the reduction of the academic fraction in IFIP was considered as the central root of decline of IFIP.

Mr. Sendoy regretted that until the end of February 1988 he had received but two replies - namely, from Mr. Sacerdoti/Italy and Mr. Le Roux/South Africa.

Mr. Sendoy stated TFG was not prepared to formulate a final report as it needed much more input from GA Members. TFG did, however, feel that the question of Affiliate Members had been over-estimated.

Mr. Glaser underlined that ADB was largely affected by the recommendations. It was not clear to him that ADB could be abolished, but it could be turned into a much smaller Committee provided that a created Technical Assembly be given the responsibility for the technical direction of IFIP. The reason he suggested that ADB be not abolished - there was a high volume of correspondence, requests for sponsorship, etc. and someone/some Body had to cope with same. He highly considered ADB should not be eliminated, but be given a different tactical focus.

Mr. Morris said he had not responded to Mr. Sendov's letter. One of the things that concerned him was the constant harping of re-defining rules of Committees. One of IFIP's problems was the management of its affairs. He considered he could still speak on behalf of the original Restructuring Committee. He emphasized that the Activity Planning Committee had effected a valuable job, but had not spent enough time on looking ahead. Then, the Activity Development Board had been established. However, ADB had continued to operate like APC. A Technical Assembly was now under consideration with one of its tasks being 'how does IFIP look for new fields?'. Mr. Morris said he would be pleased to involve the Affiliate Members in IFIP affairs, but not so many of the Affiliate Members were that inclined. He did not feel like enlarging IFIP just to cater for Affiliates which were not really interested; IFIP needed some forum in which it could look to its future.

Mr. Morris also considered that many subjects – such as "State-of"-the-Art and Publications" were not amenable to a discussion in Council, but should first be discussed in Executive Board which could subsequently formulate some directives for consideration. He forcibly felt that IFIP needed a recognition of the role of the Executive Board. EB had to exercise its perogatives.

Mr. Verrijn-Stuart underlined the importance of IFIP having a Body which could address matters of scientific content, not just management handling. In Auckland, he had presented a problem to ADB which had replied it was incapable of handling same.

Mr<sub>i</sub>\_Dorodnicyn stated that IFIP was restructuring for the sake of restructuring and he had not observed any change in the final analysis. IFIP needed a Technical Planning Board and organizational planning. He adamantly felt that the National representatives had to be involved in the decision of problems – if same were given outside, then this would be contradictory to the principles of any international organization.

Mr. Penedo stated that the opinion of his Society – the Portuguese Member Society – was to clarify that the supremacy of the General Assembly was not in danger. GA Member representatives were members of professional associations and supposed to know about technical planning. Therefore, if a Technical Assembly were to be created, it should report to the Council and to the General Assembly so that the GA Member representatives would not be completely deprived of IFIP's technical content.

Mr. Melbye felt IFIP had a need for technical planning, but wondered what the role could possibly be. The essence was for IFIP to identify people to be invited to take up the activity. He felt IFIP was unable to undertake the initiatives it wished to do and considered that the Technical Committees were happy with their current existence and wished to maintain as large an autonomy as possible.

Mr. Glaser said concern had been raised in the minds of GA Members. He wondered if the President could create a small Technical Assembly and appoint people he would like to have on that Body – e.g. ask it to consider the possible restructurization of TC 4, ask it to consider if IFIP's position in the education field was slipping. On an Ad Hoc basis, create a Body to solve such problems. The results could then be presented to the General Assembly and as a result, the Body could, maybe, subsequently be constituted as an official entity.

Mr. Balasubrahmanian said it was becoming difficult for IFIP to operate. It was necessary to have long-range

planning in areas of new emergence. He certainly saw the need for a Technical Assembly' and supported Mr. Glaser's idea for a preliminary Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Iau said IFIP had various Bodies with a certain amount of overlapping and repetitive discussions – action was needed. Mr. Finch concurred. Mr. Finch also considered that IFIP should hold its ADB meetings (or Technical Assembly meetings) in a 'theatre' whereby GA Members could participate as Observers and thus feel involved to a maximum degree.

(Under this Agenda item, the subject of SIG's and, in particular, IMIA, was discussed.)

Mr. Finch, who had been the Cognizant Officer for IMIA during six years? felt that IMIA should be brought back into IFIP as a TC or looked at as an Affiliate Society. He considered that the present "SIG connotation" was not working.

The main complaint re IMIA was its lack of reporting and contradictory Bylaws.

Further discussion ensued on the pros and cons of the eventuality of creating a "TC 12" which might give rise to competitive activities with IMIA. Nevertheless, there was a strong feeling that IFIP should be more directly involved in the field of Biological/Medical Informatics. Mr. Finch urged that great thought be given to forming a higher degree of co-operation between IFIP and IMIA. To achieve this, IFIP should – maybe – be more stern in an appropriate fashion, but not belligerent. He highlighted the good communications entertained in the past with the previous IMIA Presidents – Messrs Shires and Peterson.

Following a further discussion, Mr. Glaser suggested that the constituent Members of IFIP (which were also Members of IMIA) send their Dues c/o IFIP Secretariat.

Council ADOPTED, with one abstention, the suggestion.

The President said it could be explained to IMIA that several IFIP GA representatives had expressed their concern at the current situation and had indicated that, as a step, they would suggest to their Societies to pay the IMIA Dues to the IFIP Secretariat.

Mr. Melbye queried how could IMIA thus dispense of the monies. The President responded – as soon as IFIP had approved the IMIA Budget.

It was ultimately decided that the Executive Board would take a decision. ACTION

In conclusion, the President said the Task Force Group had opened up the opportunity for people to make comments. Now, new ideas, suggestions and differences of opinion had been expressed.

Mr. Sendov thanked all those who had contributed and shown their concern. He requested the President to decide on the subsequent steps to be taken. ACTION

## 11. CONGRESS 39 (28 Aug. - 1 Sept. 1989, SAN FRANCISCO)

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### 11.1 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Mr. Yau presented his status report and said OC had planned the following schedule for the major events of the Congress:

- Congress Programme: 28 August - 1 September
- Exhibits: 29-31 August
- One-day Tutorials: 24 - 25 August
- Technical Visits: 25, 29 and 31 August.

22,000 copies of the first Call for Papers had been distributed. OC's next major publicity item were the Congress posters, preliminary Programme highlights and the Final Call for Papers.

Mr. Yau presented an AFIPS-approved revised, more conservative budget. The number of attendees had been reduced from 2,170 full Congress registrants to 1,675 (including 150 one-day registrants). To compensate that amendment, the registration fees had been raised in certain categories. In order to be more competitive in the Exhibits area, the booth price (300 booths) had been reduced from \$2,500.- to \$1,500.-.

Mr. Yau said OC had had to make major reductions in the expenses which might lead to decreased social activities.

In reply to a query of Mr. Sendoy, Mr. Yau said no contract had been established between AFIPS and IFIP. In the first proposal to IFIP, it was stated that 70% of the surplus would go to IFIP and 30% to AFIPS. AFIPS also guaranteed a minimum of SFR. 20,000.-. The President said he would like to see a more formal contract between the two parties as the value of a contract was its enforceability. Mr. Glaser said he would advise the AFIPS President accordingly. ACTION

Mr. Yau had not yet asked IFIP for any money. During the last days, he had talked to the Treasurer about how to advance money. OC wished to use the IFIP money to cover the Programme Committee expenses.



The President suggested that 'specialist' advertisements be placed in Journals. Mr. Gallaire said PC members would try to handle that issue.

As to visas, Mr. Yau advised that OC would appoint an individual in Washington to handle the visa operation.

#### 11.2 PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Mr. Gallaire presented his progress report. PC had held its second meeting in Lisbon 19-20 February 1988 and he expressed his thanks to Mr. Penedo and API for the organization of same. All the PC members had been present.

Mr. Gallaire announced that the TC's and WG's had been solicited and the response had been good. WG's were being used significantly to provide Invited Speakers, Responders and Panelists. The President remarked that it was apparently the first time that TC's and WG's had been effectively incorporated.

PC had complimented OC on the layout of the first Call for Papers.

Mr. Glaser underlined that ACM wished to positively support the Congress and would try to hold its 1989 business meeting at Congress time if adequate space were available.

Mr. Gallaire advised that Annexe 1 (Better Tools for Professionals) and Annexe 2 (Fundamental Tools - Invited Speakers/Responders) would be combined in a document to be realized by OC, serving at the same time as a Call for Papers and a Preliminary Programme. PC reserved the right to make last-minute changes to the Annexe 1 and 2 information. From this available information and the First Call for Papers, OC would produce a two-page flyer to be used quickly.

Mr. Gallaire pointed out that the track on "Major Information Technology Programme" had been proposed to a) increase the international aspect of the Congress, b) explain what had been achieved in those major pre-competition projects and c) increase industrial involvement.

The President said he would like to place on record IFIP's thanks and congratulations for the very comprehensive reports of the OC and PC Chairman.

Mr. Yau underlined that OC and PC were working very well together.

Mr. Alvarez-Rodriguez said his Society (Congress 92) was planning on bringing 150 people from Spain to Congress 89.

## 12. FUTURE MEETINGS

Mr. Fourot announced :

- GA and Related Meetings: New Delhi, 5-9 Sept. 1988.
  - Council and Related Meetings: Geneva, 27 Feb-3 March 1989. (Original plan advanced by one week)
  - GA and Related Meetings: San Francisco 1989.
- The President and Mr. Yau would determine the exact dates. ACTION

Mr. Fourot advised that Spain (Barcelona) had offered to host the 1990 Council Meeting and Argentina (Buenos Aires) the 1990 General Assembly Meeting. Decisions would be taken in New Delhi.

## 13. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

## 14. CLOSING OF MEETING

The President thanked Mr. Parnell, President of NZCS, Mr. Potter and his colleagues for the excellent arrangements, the courtesies, kindness and hospitality. He felt every Council participant would go back home with very kind thoughts of New Zealand.

The President declared the Meeting closed.