

## ***International Commission for Acoustics***

Unconfirmed Minutes of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
Held in Madrid, Spain on Wednesday, 2007 September 5

### **1. Opening of the meeting**

The fourth General Assembly of the International Commission for Acoustics opens at 15:00 in room L202 of the Municipal Conference Center

The ICA President, P. A. Nelson welcomes all the participants to the meeting

### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda is approved:

1. Opening of the Meeting
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3. Election of Chairperson for the Meeting
4. Ratification of Commission Membership
5. Summary of Commission Activities
6. Discussion of Membership of ICSU
7. Revision of Statutes and By-laws
8. Election of the Board Officers and Members (2007-2010)
9. Financial Report from Treasurer
10. Agreement on a Provisional Budget for Future Years
11. Discussion of Questions submitted by the Members
  - i. Questions submitted ahead (2 months prior) in writing
  - ii. Other questions submitted later than 2 months prior to the General Assembly

### **3. Election of Chairperson for the meeting**

G. Daigle proposes that P. A. Nelson act as the Chairperson of the meeting. The proposal is seconded and approved.

### **4. Ratification of membership in the Commission**

The President provides a PowerPoint presentation.

There are 45 member societies in ICA and three of them are observers.

### **5. Summary of Commission activities**

The Presidents introduces the following activities of ICA during these three years.

- (1) Board meetings
- (2) ICA Early Career Award
- (3) ICA Young Scientist Conference Attendance Grants
- (4) ICA website
- (5) Financial support for symposia
- (6) Congress Coordinating Committee

## (7) International Affiliated Members

### **6. Discussion of Membership of ICSU**

The President explains the structure of ICSU and that ICA has been approved as a Scientific Associate in ICSU. It was agreed that ICA should prepare itself to apply for a full membership of ICSU in future.

### **7. Revision of Statutes and By-laws**

The revision of the Statutes and By-laws including the number of the International Affiliated Members has been approved by the majority of the votes of the delegates from the member societies. The International Affiliated Members will have one share and one vote and the Statutes and By-Laws would in the first instance limit the number of International Affiliated Members to six.

### **8. Election of the Board**

There are two names for President (Gerges and Kuwano), one name for Secretary General (Burgess), and one name for Treasurer (Fastl). This leaves the names for the remaining Designated Seats: China (Hou), France (Blanc-Benon), Italy (Alippi), Russia (Maizel), north America (Schmid, Stinson) and U.K. (Nelson).

A slate of 6 names is proposed for the 4 Open Seats. These are Ivancevic, Yoon, Kazys , Kozaczka , Perez-Lopez and Yuksel Can.

An Election Committee is nominated by the Board, formed by Daigle, Schmid and Vorlaender and Blanc-Benon. Each Member Society receives an envelope containing a number of ballots equal to their number of votes. Before the voting, self-introduction (or introduction by a delegate) was made by the 6 candidates. The ballots are filled and are handed to the Election Committee and the committee retires to a private room to count the ballots.

### **9. Financial report from the Treasurer**

The treasurer is invited to present a summary sheet of the Commission finances.

### **10. Agreement on a provisional budget for future years**

The report of the Treasurer in the preceding item is approved with (1) the change in the dues from 25 USD to 25 Euros per share and (2) the allocation of 5% from the 19<sup>th</sup> ICA in Madrid.

### **11. Discussion of questions submitted by the Members**

#### **i. Questions submitted ahead (2 months prior) in writing**

There is a request from Poland that they want to have a permanent seat. This will be discussed by a sub-committee of the ICA Board that would examine both the current governance structure of the ICA and steps necessary to prepare ICA for full Union status

within ICSU.

**ii. Other questions submitted later than 2 months prior to the General Assembly**

There were no items to be discussed under this point of the Agenda

There not being anything else to discuss in the Agenda, the Election Committee announces the results of the election.

The ICA board members for 2007-2010 are as follows.

President: Samir Gerges

Vice-President: Sonoko Kuwano

Secretary General: Marion Burgess

Treasurer: Hugo Fastl

Past President: Philip A. Nelson

Permanent Seats

Chaohuan Hou

Philippe Blanc-Benon

Adriano Alippi

Charles Schmid

Michael Stinson

Alexander B. Maizel

Open Seats

Suk Wang Yoon

Eugeniusz Kozaczka

Antonio Perez Lopez

Zerhan Yuksel Can

The General Assembly was adjourned at 16:30.