

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR ACOUSTICS

Unconfirmed Minutes of the 2006 ICA Board meeting held on 2006 December 2 and 3 in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

2 December 14:30-18:00

3 December 9:00-12:00

Hotel Sheraton Waikiki, Room Puna
Honolulu

1. Opening and Approval of the Agenda

President Nelson opens the meeting at 14:30 on Saturday, 2006 December 2 in room Puna of Hotel Sheraton Waikiki.

Present were:

2 December

Philip A. Nelson, President
Wang Yoon, Vice-President
Sonoko Kuwano, Secretary General
Hugo Fastl, Treasurer
Phillipe Blanc-Benon
Giovanni Brambilla (rep. Pompoli)
Nikolaia Dubrovsky
Douglas Cato
Samir Gerges
Antoni Sliwinski
Anders Bostrom
Jean-Dominique Polack (rep. Vorlaender)

3 December

Philip A. Nelson, President
Sonoko Kuwano, Secretary General
Hugo Fastl, Treasurer
Gilles Daigle, Past President
Phillipe Blanc-Benon
Giovanni Brambilla (rep. Pompoli)
Charles Schmid
Douglas Cato
Samir Gerges
Antoni Sliwinski
Anders Bostrom
Jean-Dominique Polack (rep. Michael Vorlaender)
Marion Burgess
Joan Casamajo (rep. Perez-Lopez)

Regrets were received from Chaohuan Hou, Ewald Benes, Juan Gallego-Juarez, Judy Franz, Stephen Crandall and Hideki Tachibana.

The following agenda was approved:

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Place: Hotel Sheraton Waikiki , Room Puna

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04. Report from the IUPAP Council and Commission Chairs Meeting
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07. ICA Sponsorship of Other Meetings on Acoustics
08. ICA Support and Sponsorship of Regional Meetings
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09. Support from IUPAP/IUTAM
10. Decision of the chair and committee members
 - (1) Nominating Committee
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11. 19th ICA Progress Report, Madrid 2007
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13. Future ICA Congresses (attachment)
14. Report from other organizations by associate members
15. Promotion of International Union for Acoustics within ICSU
 - Response to application to ICSU in March 2006
 - Relationship with IUPAP and IUTAM
16. Proposal for International Affiliated Members of ICA
 - Responses from I-INCE, EAA, FIA, WESPAC, IIAV
 - Responses from Member Societies
 - International Congress on Ultrasonics
17. Proposal for ICA International Conference Coordination Committee
18. Proposed changes to ICA Statutes and by-laws (attachment)
19. Other Business
 - Rule for permanent seat in ICA board
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 - 2007 Board Meeting
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2. Announcement

Announcements were made regarding the reception to be held at 18:00 on 2 December in Hotel Sheraton, room Niihau together with the board members of I-INCE and the Sushi and Wine party to be held at 20:00 on 6 December in Hotel Sheraton, room 2635/2636.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2005 Board Meeting

The minutes of the board meeting held in Rio de Janeiro were approved with slight modification.

4. Report of the IUPAP Council and Commission Chairs Meeting

President Nelson reported on his attendance at the recent IUPAP Commission Chairs meetings held in Cape Town, South Africa, during October 2005 and in London, England during February 2006. He reported that he was unable to attend the IUPAP Commission Chairs meeting held in Prague, Czech Republic during October 2007. It was noted that IUPAP had been given regular progress reports from ICA at these meetings and that ICA was probably one of the liveliest Commissions of IUPAP in terms of conference attendance and other initiatives such as the Young Scientists Conference Attendance Grants and in ICA's sponsorship of speciality conferences in Acoustics. It was a matter for regret that IUPAP no longer donated any funds to ICA conferences, choosing only to recognize and endorse ICA activities. IUPAP did however contribute a sum of \$3,000 to ICA every three years to aid in meeting attendance that was used to support the travel costs of certain Board Members. There was also the prospect of this sum being increased to \$5,000 in the near future.

5. Report of Treasurer: Financial Report; Member Dues Status and Expenses

Treasurer Fastl gave a Power Point report on the balance of ICA financial account for the year 2005. Also the status of payment of annual dues and donations from member societies was reported. It was confirmed that the member societies that did not pay the dues more than three years would be an observer status. It was decided that the ICA sponsorship for symposia applied from the member societies that did not pay the dues would not be supported.

It was reported that sometimes member societies sent annual dues by cheque and the bank charges were higher than their annual dues. It was decided that in such cases the cheques would be returned to the societies.

It was decided to change the dues for one share from 25 USD to 25 Euros. This will be applied after the revision of By-law is approved at the General Assembly in 2007.

6. Commission New Membership / Resignation

The application to the membership from the Acoustical Society of Croatia was approved. It was recommended to invite the Acoustical Society of Egypt and the Acoustical Society of Rumania to become member societies.

7. ICA Sponsorship of Other Meetings on Acoustics

No application for sponsorship was received.

8. ICA Support and Sponsorship of Regional Meetings

The following four meetings were supported 1500 Euros for each in 2006. The reports of the meetings were received from SPECOM and WESPAC. A notice will be sent to the organizers of the other meetings asking to submit the report.

- (1) 11-th International Conference SPEECH AND COMPUTER (SPECOM'2006)
St. Petersburg (Russia) 2006.6.25-29
- (2) Western Pacific Acoustics conference (WESPAC)
Seoul, Korea, 2006.6.26-28
- (3) 3rd International Acoustical Conference - EAA Symposium
ACOUSTICS High Tatras 2006 (SKAS)
Slovakia, 2006.10.4 – 6
- (4) National Symposium on Acoustics (NSA 2006)
New Delhi, India, 15-17 November 2006

The application of the following meeting was not accepted since it was not focused on acoustics.

- Mechanisms of mechanotransduction in living cells, Armenia, 2006.8.1-3

The following three applications were received for 2007. According to the new rule, the acceptance of these applications will be voted in January 2007.

(1) Therapeutic Ultrasound

Corsica, France, 2007.4.10-13

750 Euros (joint support with ASA)

(2) Acoustical imaging of complex media: Applications in Medicine, seismology and oceanography

Corsica, France, 2007.10.15-20

750 Euros (joint support with ASA)

(3) 6th EAA International Symposium on Hydroacoustics

- XXIV Symposium on Hydroacoustics

It was decided that the ICA support should not be used for distinguished speakers from developed countries.

9. IUPAP/IUTAM Sponsorship of Conferences

IUPAP has confirmed that IUPAP financial support for ICA Conferences should be withdrawn, despite lobbying by President Nelson. It was noted that the International Commission for Optics held a similar status to ICA within IUPAP. However, IUPAP gives the support of 3000 USD per three years for the board members to travel to the board meetings. President Nelson reported that the amount would be increased to 5000 USD per three years.

10. Decision of the chair and committee members

Each committee was approved as follows.

(1) Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is chaired by Gilles Daigle, Immediate Past President and the members are Philip Nelson, President, and Larry Crum, Past President. The corresponding item in the ICA By-laws will be changed at the forthcoming General Assembly.

(2) Committee for ICA Career Award

The committee is chaired by Wang Yoon, Vice-President. Gilles Daigle is a member. Other

members will be selected taking the geographical regions and their fields of research into account.

(3) Committee for Young Scientists Conference Attendance Grant

The committee is chaired by Wang Yoon, Vice-President, and the members are Gilles Daigle, Michael Vorlaender and Samir Gerges.

11. 19th ICA Progress Report, Madrid 2007

Joan Casamajo gave a progress report of ICA2007 in place of Antonio Perez-Lopez. ICA2007 will be held from 2 to 7 September 2007 in Madrid, Spain just after Inter-noise 2007 held in Istanbul, Turkey. There were following questions and they will be discussed at the organizing committee of ICA2007.

(1) topics of structured sessions

(2) reduced registration fee to those who will attend both ICA and Inter-noise

(3) poster sessions (especially poster sessions are requested in the field of musical acoustics)

Also hotel accommodation, predicted number of presentations, price for exhibition, etc. were discussed.

ISMA 2007 on music acoustics is being planned as a satellite symposium and a symposium on room acoustics will be considered. There was an opinion to change the term “satellite to “associated”.

12. 20th ICA Progress Report, Sydney 2010

Marion Burgess gave a progress report of ICA2010 to be held in Sydney, Australia in August 2010. The keyword for ICA2010 will be “Sustainability”. They have a plan to have a workshop in a concert hall.

13. Future ICA Congresses

New invitations of ICA2013 were received: one from the Presidents of the Acoustical Society of America and the Canadian Acoustical Society to host ICA2013 at Montreal, Canada and the other from Ibero-american Federation of Acoustics (FIA) to host ICA2013 at Rio de Janeiro. They were introduced by Gilles Daigle and Charles Schmid, and Samir Gerges.

Another invitation was received from Denmark in 2005. Considering the geographical rotation, it was decided that ICA2013 will be held in Pan-American region and the organizers of the two invitations from ASA/CAA and FIA are asked to introduce their detailed plans at the board meeting in 2007.

14. Report from other organizations by associate members

There was no report.

15. Promotion of International Union for Acoustics within ICSU

President Nelson reported on the the result of the application of ICA to become an associate member of ICSU as follows.

ICA has been accepted as an associate member of ICSU. In future, ICA should plan to apply for full membership of ICSU. For that it would be important to demonstrate that ICA is an organization that brings together many related organizations such as I-INCE, EAA, WESPAC, FIA, ICU and IIAV etc. by presenting the information, activities and the budget of these related International and Regional Associations. The status of ICA in IUPAP and IUTAM will not be changed after ICA has become an associate member of ICSU, so that ICA will continue to be affiliated to both IUPAP and IUTAM.

16. Proposal for International Affiliated Members of ICA

The invitation to become International Affiliated Members of ICA has been sent to I-INCE, EAA, WESPAC, FIA and IIAV and all of them accepted the invitation, except IIAV who had expressed some concerns and reservations regarding their relationship to ICA as an organization. IIAV did however express interest in participation in the proposed Conference Coordination Committee. A letter of thanks will be sent to those organizations accepting our invitation and they will be asked how much share they want to have. If they do not want to pay the dues, they can be an observer status with no voting right at the board meeting and general assembly. It was also resolved that IIAV be offered observer status in view of their reservations. The International Congress on Ultrasonics (ICU) had also expressed a strong interest in becoming an International Affiliate and will also be invited to become International Affiliated Members of ICA

17. Proposal for ICA International Conference Coordination Committee

It was proposed that the Committee will be chaired by Gilles Daigle. The Committee will coordinate the International Conferences related to acoustics.

18. Proposed changes of ICA Statutes and By-law

The Statutes and By-law of ICA should be changed mainly in items related to ICSU, International Affiliated Members and Vice-President. In item 4 in the Statutes, N was decided to be 6 in maximum. The proposals of revised Statutes and By-law will be circulated to the board members before distributing them to the member societies.

19. Other Business

There was a proposal from Polish Acoustical Society that they want to have a permanent seat in the ICA board. When ICA became an associate member of IUPAP, it was decided that permanent seat is given to the member societies that pay more than 10 shares with exception of China that has 8 shares. There was an opinion that the size of the member society and geographical regions should be considered to give a permanent seat even if they pay more than 10 shares. Careful considerations will be needed and it would be necessary to have a rule.

20. Next Board meeting Schedule

The next board meetings and the general assembly are tentatively planned in Madrid, Spain as follows.

Board meetings

2 September, 9:30-18:30

7 September, 12:00-16:00

General Assembly

5 September, 16:00-20:00

21. Close of the Meeting

The President closed the meeting at 12:00.