

**Minutes**  
**Virtual Meeting of IUPESM Administrative Council**  
**October 1998**

**Members Present:** Barry J. Allen, Colin Orton, Dov Jaron, Fumihiko Kajiya, Heikki Terio, Jean-Pierre Morucci, Keith Boddy, Michael A. Smith, Oskar Chomicki, Peter Rolfe, Niilo Saranummi

**Absent:** Shmuel Einav (e-mail address nonfunctional)

**Guests:** Delia Russell, Executive Secretary IOMP & IUPESM; Marijke Lensing-Kooiman, Executive Secretary IFMBE

With these minutes I propose a method of conducting IUPESM business by Virtual Meeting which in future should be conducted by President Boddy from a prepared Agenda which I did not do this time. If you agree I would propose having 4 meetings per year that would consist of exchanges of e-mail over a period of 2 weeks after which we would take a vote and I would communicate results to members as spelled out in the Statutes.

1. The past IUPESM Secretariat in Amsterdam has agreed to maintain both the IUPESM and IFMBE Homepages and these can be visited at <http://www.iupesm.org/> <http://www.iupesm.org/>.

**Motion:** That the IUPESM Homepage be maintained at the present site until the Secretary General can determine if these arrangements are suitable to long-term needs of the Union.

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mike Smith: The Web page for IUPESM is clearly very important if we are to gain ICSU membership and I support the situation above.

yes: 8

no: 0

abstain: 0

2. Is IUPESM going to be represented at the UNESCO World Science conference (Budapest, 26 June - 1 July)?

Niilo Saranummi: The reason for my question was that this conference was briefly mentioned in Nice when we met and Keith agreed to explore it as part of the ICSU approach (if I remember correctly). Since then I have not heard of it until these announcements appeared on my desk. At that time we agreed that a strong IUPESM presence is needed in that conference and that we also should try to obtain a slot to speak our piece. As the conference is in Budapest our minimum involvement should be to ask whether Nandor Richter who lives there and has been a Vice-President of IUPESM can attend and represent us. However, IF we are serious with ICSU, we need to have current officer(-s) there. OK, I will send the announcement by mail to you, Fumihiko, Keith, Jean-Pierre and Colin.

**Motion:** Table until Officers can consider more information on conference. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Yes: 8

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3. We have received a request from the Organizers in Australia to transfer \$30,000 for the 2003 meeting.

**Motion:** That the IUPESM Administrative Council recommend to the IOMP and IFMBE that \$15,000 each be transferred immediately to the World Congress Organizers in Australia.

**REJECTED**

Gary Fullerton: I recommend against this action as the precedent is to send the seed money three years before the meeting at the time of the immediately prior meeting.

Barry Allen: While precedent is fine, the vagaries of exchange rates set a new condition. Further seed money is needed early, rather than late.

Niilo Saranumi: I think it is premature to transfer money to Australia albeit that the exchange rates are now favourable. At the moment there is a letter of intent with them which needs to be evolved into a contract. Only after that is signed should we send them the money. Furthermore, please take note that the role of IUPESM is more 'an administrator' for IOMP and IFMBE than a negotiator as comes to the world congress. The practical matters are handled by the Conference Coordinating Committee (CCC). They need to be made aware of their task to negotiate the contract with Australia.

Fumihiko Kajiya: As to the 2003 meeting, I agreed to the precedent to send the money three years before in principle. But, according to circumstances, in case of need, I think it could be cope with flexibly. Jean-Pierre Morucci: I agree with your position concerning the Sydney request for money (I am also against) and concerning the participation of IEEE/EMBS in Sydney (more discussion is needed : I fear we could loose our soul and our identity if we don't take enough care of the power of IEEE/EMBS).

Mike Smith: I think we need to question the reason for the precedent of three years. I personally do not know why 'three years' was set and if there was a compelling reason for transferring the money earlier I see no reason not to review the time the money, if available, is sent. Gary Fullerton: I agree with Niilo that a signed contract is necessary before money should be transferred. This is especially important if IEEE EMBS is to be included in the mix. I also agree that money could be transferred earlier if there is a strong rationale. The funds of the IOMP and IFMBE are not idle and in the 2 year interim could be put to use to serve the goals of both organizations.

Yes: 2

No: 5

Abstain: 1

4. Barry Allen has also asked about the participation of IEEE-EMBS in 2003.

**Motion:** I suggest the following reply: "There is a precedent for the participation of IEEE-EMBS as an international participant in the World Congress planned for the year 2000. The Organizers for Chicago'2000 are still working through the problems involved with this new arrangement and they will be a good source of information concerning pros and cons. It is therefore legitimate to begin the process of considering such an extension but this will require renegotiations of contractual arrangements as they do not fit within the stipulations of the contracts signed in Nice . It is important in this regard to note that IEEE-EMBS is a signatory to the USA agreement. Please keep us informed of any contemplated changes in plans that might impact on the success of the meeting in Sydney." **APPROVED**

Niilo Saranummi: As you may know IEEE-EMBS is a (transnational) member of IFMBE and therefore already is part of the Sydney congress. If they want to have a stronger role than that and (probably) want to take part into risk sharing this needs to be discussed between the Australian organizers and us (i.e. IUPESM, IFMBE and IOMP) through the CCC.

In principle I am not against their participation as a separate entity but this needs to be negotiated between those concerned.

Barry Allen: Yes.

Jean-Pierre Morucci: I agree with your position concerning the Sydney request for money (I am also against) and concerning the participation of IEEE/EMBS in Sydney (more discussion is needed: I fear we could lose our soul and our identity if we don't take enough care of the power of IEEE/EMBS).

Mike Smith: Coming from IOMP I do not know enough background to offer a view. Your reply seems entirely appropriate given the fact that they are a signatory to Chicago 2000.

Gary Fullerton: Unfortunately I am not playing with a full deck at this point. We in San Antonio can not find a copy of the Sydney agreement in the papers forwarded to me by the IOMP Secretary General, Hans Svenson. We are continuing to sift but I am not sure that Hans ever received a copy. I also do not yet have access to the IUPESM archives. Perhaps Marijke can assist us with this problem.

I have consulted the Statutes and By-laws concerning the CCC. There is unfortunately little information concerning the method of appointing this committee. I consulted briefly with Colin Orton concerning the topic and he indicates that it was intended that the Secretary-General of IUPESM head this Committee due to his access to the necessary resources to facilitate the process. I will prepare material concerning Committee appointments including the CCC for consideration at our next Virtual meeting if that is acceptable to the Council.

Yes: 5 + 2 (with CCC approval)

No: 0

Abstain: 1

5. There is a need for a more rapid and frequent method for the IUPESM Administrative Council to make decisions.

**Motion:** That business of the IUPESM Administrative Council will be conducted on a quarterly basis using the Virtual Meeting process described in these minutes. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

yes: 8

no: 0

abstain: 0

Please write in your concerns if you feel we need to discuss this topic more before reaching a decision.

I have requested that everyone vote again to assure that you all have the benefit of hearing the discussion. I will tabulate votes next week and send a summary of yes, no and abstain votes that will serve as the minutes of the meeting.

Thanks for your help.

Gary D. Fullerton, Ph.D.  
Secretary General IUPESM