

International Union for Physical and Engineering Sciences in Medicine
Minutes of the General Assembly
Held at the World Congress in Beijing, China
29th May 2012

1. President's Welcome

Prof Allen welcomed everyone to the meeting, there were no additional Agenda items and the Agenda as circulated was accepted.

2. Presentation by Dr C. Borrás, IUPESM 2012 Award Winner

Dr Carri Borrás, recipient of the 2012 IUPESM Award, gave a presentation on her involvement with the development of medical physics, particularly in South America. The presentation was well received by those present.

3. ICSU Progress Report

Dr Dov Jarron, ICSU Executive Board member, gave a presentation on the work of ICSU. He described its structures and IUPESM's relationship as part of one of the 12 Unions. He also described the themes being promoted by ICSU and urged medical physicists and engineers to get involved. Dr Jarron's presentation stimulated a number of questions, in particular how IUPESM can interact further with ICSU. It was **agreed** that this should be discussed at the meeting of the new Administrative Council.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous General Assembly held in Munich on 19th September 2009 were approved on a proposal by Prof Voigt and seconded by Dr Borrás.

5. Matters Arising not on the Agenda

There were no matters arising not on the Agenda.

6. President's Report

Prof Allen reported that progress had been hampered over the last three years by communication problems, in particular in his dealings with the Secretary General, and also the paucity of funds in IUPESM. He made a plea to the member organisations to support projects under the Health and Technology Task Group (HTTG) with funds. He thanked Prof James Goh for organising the development of a new website which was helping to improve the communications deficit.

Prof Allen also commented on the work of the Congress Co-ordinating Committee (CCCC) and how it had been involved in the development of the current Congress.

During the discussion which followed the President's report it was **agreed** that:

- i) On a proposal by Prof Magjarevic, seconded by Dr Tabakov, the IUPESM Administrative Council should hold one physical meeting between World Congresses, to coincide with one of the member organisations' meetings.
- ii) Guidelines be agreed to encourage the member organisations to finance directly travel to IUPESM AC meetings, proposed by Prof H. Voigt and seconded by Prof R. Magjarevic.

The President's report was approved.

7. Report of the Nominating Committee

Although Prof Nagel was not at the meeting the Nominating Committee had submitted a written report identifying proposed officers for the forthcoming three years. This report had been augmented by the addition of Dr Peter H.S. Smith as the nominee for Treasurer. The list of officer is as follows:

Officers

President	Prof H. Voigt	ex officio
Vice President	Prof F. Nüsslin	ex officio
Past President	Prof B. J. Allen	ex officio
Secretary General	Dr J Goh	elected
Treasurer	Dr P. H. S. Smith	elected

Members

IFMBE President	Prof R. Magjarevic	ex officio
IOMP President	Dr K Y Cheung	ex officio
IOMP Vice President	Dr S. Tabakov	ex officio
IFMBE Secretary General	Prof S.M. Krishnan	ex officio
IOMP Secretary General	Prof M. Rehani	ex officio

Elected Members

IFMBE	Prof Depei Liu	elected
IFMBE	Dr Monique Frize*	elected
IOMP	Dr T. Kron	elected
IOMP	Dr Yinmin Hu	elected

*Nominated after the General Assembly

The nominations were accepted by acclamation.

8. Secretary General's Report

There was no report from the Secretary General.

9. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer referred to his report and accounts which had been circulated via the website, and contained the 2011 Accounts and also a three year summary, 2009 – 2011.

In summary he reported that there was a surplus of €14,214 in 2011 and the year ended with overall assets of €87,950, compare with €58,457 at the start of the three year period.

He wished his successor well for the next three years, and thanked Mr Ian Wolstencroft for his assistance with the accounts over several years.

10. Report of the Congress Co-ordinating Committee

Prof Allen gave a report on the activities of the committee and commented on how effectively the three Presidents had worked together prior to the 2012 World Congress. It was **agreed** that the funding of this committee should be reconsidered.

Following discussion the following proposal by Prof Nüsslin, seconded by Prof Voigt, and subsequently amended, was **agreed** “That the CCC should comprise the Presidents and Secretaries General of IUPESM, IOMP and IFMBE”.

11. World Congress 2012

Prof Depei Liu gave a report on the World Congress to date. The exhibition space had been sold out, and a significant number of delegates were attending, but as yet the financial results have not been determined.

12. World Congress 2015

Dr David Jeffrey, Co-Chair, of the organising committee, gave a report on progress to date. He reported that the Congress will be held on 7th to 12th June 2015 in Toronto, and that the theme for the event will be “Advancing Medicine – Building Evidence”. There were some discussions on the appropriateness of the theme as it does not highlight technology. He has taken note of it and will discuss it with his committee. He also reported that the domain name “WC2015.org” had been acquired.

13. Awards Committee Report

It was reported that the IUPESM Awards had been presented to Dr Carri Borrás and Prof Joachim Nagel at the Congress opening ceremony.

14. Education and Training Committee Report

Dr Tabakov referred to his previously circulated report which highlighted a number of activities and workshops. In particular he commented on the publication “Medical Physics and Engineering Education and Training – Part 1” which is available as a free e-book.

15. Health Technology Task Group

Dr Borrás, Co-Chair of the group, reported on the Group’s work over the last period. She stressed that additional resources are required to improve the impact of the Group. Dr Borrás reported that Prof Nagel is no longer involved with the Group.

16. Health Technology Journal

The President reported that Prof Nagel’s report on the development of the Journal was available on the website. He also reported that there are sufficient articles already received for the next two issues.

17. Induction of new President

Prof Allen thanked the officers and members of the Administrative Council of the last three years and presented appreciation plaques to those present.

Prof Allen formally passed the Presidency to Prof Herb Voigt who presented an appreciation plaque to the retiring President, and thanked him for his work for IUPESM. Prof Voigt also expressed the wish that other appropriate organisations be identified to strengthen IUPESM by their involvement.

18. World Congress 2018

Prof Voigt announced that the ballot for holding the 2018 World Congress had been won by Prague on a weighted ballot of 102.25 to 53.75, this was received with acclamation. The representatives from the Czech organisations thanked the delegates for their support.

19. Any Other Business

There was no other business brought to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.02

Recorded by I Wolstencroft

Vetted by J Goh

Approved by B Allen and H Voigt

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