

S t a n d i n g C o m m i s s i o n M e e t i n g , T a i w a nRemarks relative to the points for discussion as per agenda

1. Minutes. All decisions have been attended to.
2. Transfer of duties. The general secretariat has been active since August 1983. Two meetings were held with president Albert. All files up to August 1983 will remain in Spain.
3. Finances. Thanks to Austria's cooperation, the secretariat had money at its disposal. Reminders have been sent for outstanding debts. Transfer of remaining money from Madrid has been announced. Outstanding payments due to the President of the Technical Committee for 1981 - 1983 have been settled. The only outstanding amount is from 1981, concerning the USA. Luxemburg does not seem to be in a position to pay. Payments from Brazil and Venezuela for 1983 are outstanding. Payments from : D, F, GB, E and USA have been delayed.

The books are due to be closed mid-May. Delegates will be advised that, in accordance with decisions taken in Linz, accounts can be examined by consular representatives in Zurich. The audit will take place in September 1983 in Bern. The auditors have been informed accordingly.

In future, regular notice will be given of all finances due and reminders sent as soon as the due date has elapsed.

4. Osaka. A discussion was held in Zurich on 3rd February with Mr. Eda. Preparations seem to be well in hand. Board and lodging prices for adults are not yet known. The overall programme has been approved. Mr. Eda will inform accordingly.
5. Objectives of the organisation. From Discussions held in Linz regarding the admission of new countries and new trades have shown that objectives have to be clearly defined.

The number of trades should be limited to 40 for organisational reasons. New trades will be admitted when existing trades fall away. 5 competitors per trade are necessary. A suitable balance between industrial, manual and service trades should be aimed at.

The number of countries should not be limited. The main objective is not medals, but to stimulate learning. Therefore the whole question of distribution of medals should be reconsidered. A Brazilian who was placed last in the competition can still be a well-skilled tradesman in his country. The aim should not be qualification on the basis of competition performance. 70% of all competitors should receive a distinction, for example : between 100 and 75 points = gold, 50 and 60 points = silver, 60 and 40 points = bronze. Independently of this, first, second and third places should be awarded per trade. For many countries it is important to have medals, placing results are not so meaningful.

6. Revision of the constitution. The constitution and by-laws have been revised and checked by Mr. Segaar and Dr. Häussler. The constitution should be concisely worded and remain up to date. Details are contained in the by-laws. Objective : whoever reads both has a clear overview of our organisation.
Procedure : Standing Commission in September, Administrative committee in September, approval at the Member Assembly 1985.
7. IVTC World Congress 1986. Preliminary negotiations have taken place. Organisational aspects are still pending. President Albert will inform accordingly.
8. Technical committee matters. Mr. Gonthier will comment. See separate paper.
9. Agenda for the September meetings. Provisional programme as per enclosure. Points for discussion are all pending matters and the constitution revision as decided by the standing commission.
10. Honorary members. Come under consideration former president Gamazo (E), former technical delegates Nispel (D) and Bammer (A). The official delegate of France has resigned.

11. Pending matters from Linz. These will be dealt with within the framework of the Osaka competition organisation.
12. Settlement USA : Motion : we pay for travelling and board and lodging expenses for the interpreters 1981. The decisions taken at the time are not clear.
13. Contacts. Contacts have been established with Singapore, Saudi-Arabia, Sweden, India, Tunisia and Belgium.
14. Badges. Motion : re-issue as per Mr. Albert's offer.
15. Report Mr. Albert. Motion : Summary as Bulletin No. 2.
16. Miscellaneous.