



XXII INTERNATIONAL APPRENTICE COMPETITION

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZING COUNCIL HELD IN MADRID ON 13th SEPTEMBER 1975.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Pérez Cornes (Spain)
Mr. Hamer (Holland)
Mr. Kang (Korea)
Mr. Spoelgen (Germany)
Mr. Dressel (Germany)
Mr. Nispel (Germany)
Dr. Häusler-Angel (Austria)
Mr. Bammer (Austria)
Mr. Vlaemminck (Belgium)
Mr. Vastiau (Belgium)
Mr. Chung (Korea)
Mr. Wang (China)
Mr. Liu (China)
Mr. Maestu (Spain)
Mr. Johnson (U.S.A.)
Mr. Lewis (U.S.A.)
Mr. Poitevin (France)
Mr. Laman Trip (Holland)
Mr. Mirsanajeh (Iran)
Mr. Kholdebarin (Iran)
Mr. Sweeney (Ireland)
Mr. Ferrari (Italy)
Mr. Ghedini (Italy)
Mr. Furuya (Japan)
Mr. Omata (Japan)
Mr. Seger (Liechtenstein)
Mr. Biedermann (Liechtenstein)
Mr. Schneider (Luxemburg)
Mr. Hill (United Kingdom)
Mr. Clayton (United Kingdom)
Mr. Schürch (Switzerland)
Mr. Gonthier (Switzerland)

General Secretariat

Mr. Albert
Mr. Capdepón
Mr. Martínez

A meeting of the Organizing Council, chaired by Mr. Valentín-Gamazo de Cadenas and attended by the members whose names appear on the left was held in Madrid at 18.00 hours 13th September 1975.

Mr. Gamazo opened the meeting by welcoming all the members of the Council. He expressing the wish that their stay in Spain would be a pleasant one and that they would attain all the aims that they had set themselves in the organization of the XXII International Competition.

The Chairman then proceeded to welcome Mr. Kholdebarin and Mr. Ehsani, the representatives of Iran, and Mr. Schneider, the Technical Representative of Luxemburg, who were taking part in their first meeting of the International Council.

Mr. Gamazo then greeted Mr. Attawiparkpaisan, Head of the Institute of Vocational Training Promotion of Thailand, who is attending this International Competition in the capacity of observer. He said that he hoped Mr. Attawiparkpaisan would obtain all the information he required and that Spain would one day have the pleasure of having representatives from his country taking part in our competitions.

After these opening words, the Chairman proposed the following agenda for the meeting:

1. Reading of the previous minutes (Taipei meeting)
2. Report of the Chairman of the Technical Committee concerning arrangements for holding the XXII International Competition.
3. Financing the cost of simultaneous interpretation and written translation as well as of the General Secretariat (proposal of the Sub-committee as its meeting in Dublin)
4. Decentralization of the General Secretariat (study of the Sub-committee at its meeting in Dublin)
5. The possibility of holding Competitions in 1976, 1977 and 1978.
6. Other business.

The assembly expressed its agreement with the agenda proposed by the Chair.

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The previous meeting was held in Taipei. All those present received the minutes in their respective languages from the General Secretariat. The Chairman asked the assembly if it had any objection to the wording of these minutes. No amendments being suggested, the minutes were unanimously accepted.

Report of the Chairman of the Technical Committee concerning arrangements for the holding of the XXII International Competition

The Chairman then asked Mr. Hamer, the Chairman of the Technical Committee, to speak about the arrangements that had been made over the last few years to ensure the smooth running of the Competition. Mr. Hamer said he considered the installations (machinery, furnishings, workshop equipment, etc.) first class and that the competitors should therefore have no difficulty in carrying out their exercises in this account.

He also pointed out that the marking schemes had been prepared for the selected exercises. The time-limit for each trade had also been established along with all the technical instructions for organization purposes. All this information was not available in the General Secretariat, which would provide competitors with all possible data to ensure equal conditions for all.

It was clear from Mr. Hamer's report that as a result of all the arrangements made by the Technical Committee everything was ready for the competition to start as scheduled on 15 September.

Mr. Hamer then praised the work done by the Spanish Technical Representative, Mr Maestu, as well as the labours of the Technical Director of the "Virgen de la Paloma" Trade Union Institution, Mr. Mir. these gentlemen having between them supervised the setting up of all the technical installations for the Competition.

He also spoke highly of the work done by the Workshop Foremen and the teachers of the Institution, in which the Marking Juries had been given every facility for carrying out their activities.

Mr. Hamer asked the Council to place on record the congratulations of all extended to Spanish committee for its excellent handling of the Opening Ceremony that morning, The Council expressed its satisfaction with the work carried out by the Technical Committee and the manner in which everything had been made ready for the Competition to begin, as described in Mr. Hamer's report.

Financing of the costs of simultaneous interpretation and translation services and the General Secretariat.

The Chairman told the Council that the problem of the financing of the expenses of the International Secretariat had been debated our meetings since 1973. The normal expenses of the Competition had been paid in accordance with the resolutions being the cost of interpretation, and translation services and the other usual expenses of the General Secretariat.

The Subcommittee set up to study. The Future of the Competition agreed at its meeting in Dublin last April to submit possible resolutions to this Council for the allotment and financing of these costs between them. The General Secretary was asked to give an account of the state of the studies with wich he had been encharged by the Sub-Committee.

The General Secretary said that those Studies were under way but had not yet led to any final resolutions because he lacked the proper guidelines required as the basis for calculating such a distribution. He said that he needed to know if his calculation should be based on the number of inhabitants in the different countries, the number of competitors or the number of experts, or another proposal of the Subcommittee that the countries which did not organize Competitions should pay a larger share of the cost.

Without this guideline, the Secretariat had been unable to complete the study with which it had been encharged. The assembly agreed that the Secretariat would submit a study at the next meeting on September the 20 giving breakdowns of the aforementioned expenses per number of inhabitants and competitors.

in the present year, the inhabitants and average number of participants per country in the last three Competitions, the inhabitants and average number of competitors and experts in the last three meetings. The study presented by the Secretariat would be the point of departure for further debate on this subject at the next meeting of the Council.

Decentralization of the functions of the General Secretariat

It was also pointed out at the meeting of the Subcommittee in Dublin that the Belgian Representative had proposed at Luxemburg that the functions of the General Secretariat be divided: one part would concern itself with the International Apprentice Competitions and the other with the organization and holding of seminars and establishing contacts with other international organizations.

After a number of the members had expressed their points of view, Mr. Vastiau explained at length the proposal he had made at Luxemburg. Mr. Häusli-Angeli considered that such a division would not be advisable and Mr. Spoelgen proposed that the subject be debated after the Council had been advised of and adopted a resolution with regard to the drafting of the New Constitution. The Council accepted this last proposal and agreed to postpone further debate on the matter until the New Constitution had been suitably approved.

Possibility of holding the Competition in 1976, 1977 and 1978.

The Chairman pointed out that this matter too had been discussed the meeting of the Subcommittee in Dublin and a representative was specially invited by the Delegation of Korea.

It appeared that there were signs that the 1976 Competition would be held in Dublin, that of 1977 in Holland and that of 1978 in Korea.

The Chairman asked Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Laman Trip and Mr. Kang to tell the Council what they thought about the possibility of the Competition being held in their countries.

Mr. Sweeney regretted that Mr. Power was not attending the meeting because he himself was not competent to make a decision and begged the Chairman to wait until Mr. Power was present to answer in person.

Mr. Laman Trip said that the Dutch Committee was making every arrangement for the 1977 Competition to be held in Holland and that it was highly probable that this country would provide the eventual venue, on account of the public commitment of the authorities at the last National Competition held in Utrecht. Finally, Mr. Kang, the representative of Korea, said that his Government has also decided to hold the 1978 Competition in that country.

Other business

Mr. Johnson, the Representative of the United States, asked the

the Chairman, to inform him concerning the agreement reached in Palma de Mallorca with regard to the carrying out of research by the International Council in the field of Vocational Training and to report on the various systems predominant in each country. It was proposed that such research should be placed in the hands of sociologists, psychologists and educationalists.

The Chairman told Mr. Johnson that for various reasons these agreements had not yet borne fruit but said that they certainly would eventually since they constituted one of the most important steps towards achieving the objectives outlined in the Constitution.

Mr. Laman Trip said at the Dublin meeting that circumstances had been observed which unfortunately hindered the holding of the International Competition and begged the International Secretariat to report the results of its visit to I.L.O centre in Turin, which has apparently the required facilities and, in case of need, might host our Competition.

The Secretary said that the programme established by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science to visit the Centre in Turin had been postponed until the end of October and that therefore he had been unable to visit the Centre in question.

Finally, it was concluded that the Secretariat should make contact with Mr. Lamantrip as soon as possible and together with some other representatives willing to accompany him, visit the Turin Centre and inform the Council of their impressions at its next meeting.

Mr. Dressel, the Technical representative of Germany, pointed out that reconsideration and subsequent revision of the current trade descriptions of the International Competition was one of the objectives laid down by the Technical Committee at the Paris meetings. He considered that the experts taking part in this International Apprentice Competition could be asked to give their opinion of the present trade descriptions. Their verdict could serve as the basis for discussion at future meetings.

The Council agreed the General Secretariat should communicate Mr. Dressel's proposal to all the technical experts in writing.

The Chairman told the assembly that it would be advisable for the Organization to be given the status of legal entity. For this purpose it had entrusted a jurist specialized in International Law with a study that might serve as a basis for eventually obtaining such status. The Chairman would inform the Council of the results of this study at the next meeting.

Closing, the Chairman thanked the Technical Committee, the experts and all the staff of the "Virgen de la Paloma" Trade Union Institution for the efforts made over the last few days to ensure the smooth running of the Competition. He made special mention of the contribution of the Trade Union Organization towards equipping the workshops. He also expressed his gratitude, on behalf of the Council, to the Spanish Committee, which organized and supervised all the arrangements for the holding of this XXII Competition. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and these minutes, which I hereby undersign as Secretary, were drafted.