

ACT OF THE MEETING OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, HELD IN MADRID (SPAIN), AT 9h.30' ON OCTOBER 13TH, 1964, UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF MR. EUGENIO LOPEZ LOPEZ, AND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES NAMED IN THE MARGIN.

Mr. Hill
Mr. Ramos
Mr. Emerson
Mr. Palencia
Mr. Ghedini
Mr. Gomes
Mr. Laman Trip
Mr. Hamer
Mr. Fraefel
Mr. Terauchi
Mr. Tomita
Mr. Vlaeminck
Mr. Vastiau
Mr. Dittmann
Mr. Woerner
Mr. Power

The President opens the session welcoming the presence of all the assistants, particularly that of Messrs. Terauchi and Tomita, representing Japan, who attend to this Meeting for the first time, as they substitute Messrs. Miyamori and Hirao.

He excuses the absence of the Luxemburg representation, advising that they have delegated their vote in the discussions to the Belgian representation.

He informs that the Austrian representatives will not attend to this Meeting, recording that some conversations with the Chamber of Industry of that country are taking place, of which point Mr. Dittman is aware, and he will try to obtain a possible reincorporation of Austria in our competitions.

Mr. Lloyd
Mr. Kirkland
Mr. Crofts
Mr. Miró
Mr. Bailador

Thereupon, the President submits to the consideration of the Meeting the study of the various points of the Agenda fixed, and he suggests that such points be altered, on account of the urgency to solve some previous questions, with a view to the organization of the competition to be held in Glasgow in the near future.

Mr. Albert
Mr. Capdepón

The persons present give their approval.

Furthermore, the Acts corresponding to the meetings held in Lisbon, were submitted to the Committee for their approval. Mr. Vastiau, technical representative of Belgium, requests that some mistakes that figure in such Acts, and other agreements reached that do not figure in such Acts, be cleared up.

The Secretary gave the corresponding explanations, which Mr. Vastiau found satisfactory.

The persons present gave their approval to the Acts of the meetings held in Lisbon.

Age of the competitors. - The President submits to the consideration of the Committee the necessity and convenience to establish definite views regarding the maximum age that competitors must have in order to be able to participate in the tests.

After all the representatives having expressed their opinion, the following agreement was reached:

- 1) - Taking into consideration that various countries have their national selection already available, the maximum age for the 1965 Glasgow Competition is fixed at 22 years.
- 2) - In the 1966 Competition, and all subsequent tests, the maximum age of the competitors will be 20 years.
- 3) - No limit was established regarding minimum age.

Categories.-- For the 1965 Competition, in the same way that on previous ones, the division into categories "A", "B" and "U", are agreed. For the 1966 Competitions, and onwards, only category "U".

By unanimous consent it was agreed that the age fixed for the competitors, and the establishment of category "U" for the 1966 Competition, and subsequents, be considered as a definite Agreement. This should figure in the Rules to be drawn up the following days.

Supposing that this Agreement had to be modified, and included in the Rules to be drawn up, a mention as to the way in which the modification is made, will have to figure in the provisional rules.

Distinctions to be allowed to the competitors.-- The President thinks that it should be carefully considered the quantity and value of the medals, trophies and other distinctions allowed to the winners in the competitions, considering such distinctions as encouraging for the mastership of their speciality or work, favouring at the same time the formative aspect in the most efficient way as possible.

The granting of medals must not constitute a valuation of the work undertaken by each country in their competitions of selection of national teams, but a valuation of the apprentices participating in same, and of their attitudes for carrying out the specialities they are usually learning in schools or their works.

In the Lisbon competition more than 80% of the prizes were granted and he considers the Committee's decision somewhat excessive, this being detrimental for what the Competition represents for the apprentices, as also for the premiums granted to those considered the best. We must endeavour to obtain a high level for all the competitors, and it would be ideal that all of them could obtain the maximum points, leading them to think that it is much better to get a job well done than the mere fact of getting a medal.

Furthermore, he submits to the Committee's consideration the fact that, instead of gold, silver and bronze medals, only one medal should be granted, prizing the minimum quality that each exercise must have, which quality would be fixed, in every case, by the Technical Committee. Participation diplomas might be granted to the remaining competitors.

Mr. Emerson intervenes to suggest that, should two golden medals be granted, the silver medal would not apply, passing directly to the bronze medal.

It is Mr. Dittman's opinion that, as far as a Competition is concerned, the comparison of the quality of the works should be more important than the medal or prize to be granted to the competitors.

Mr. Trip suggests that three prizes should be granted, i.e.: a golden medal, a silver medal and a bronze medal, and that all be subject to the existence of a minimum of six competitors in each of the specialities and categories.

After discussing the foregoing suggestions, and having considered all the points raised by Messrs. Lopez, Emerson, Dittman and Trip, the session was suspended, to be renewed at 15h.30'.

At due time, and under the presidency of Mr. Hill, official representative of the United Kingdom, the session was renewed, taking into consideration all the points outstanding regarding the granting of medals.

Just at the moment of starting discussions, Mr. Lopez takes charge of the presidency.

Mr. Vastiau suggests to the persons presents that consideration should be given to the agreements reached in the meeting held in Lisbon on the 2nd of August last regarding the maximum of points that competitors should hold to get a medal; the exceptional cases in which competitors should be compared between themselves, and to the granting of prizes ex-equo.

Mr. Gomes suggests that, as indicated by Mr. Trip, three prizes should be granted (golden, silver and bronze medals) and to cancel the ex-equo prizes, granting some diplomas, with mentions of honour in meritorious cases.

A long discussion took place regarding all the above suggestions, without reaching a conclusion for the time being. In view of this, Mr. Emerson suggests that a sub-committee to study all these questions be constituted, and to submit to the Committee, in the near future, a proposal. Mr. Emerson's suggestion was not approved, and this problem continued to be discussed.

The following agreement was reached: that only three medals (gold, silver and bronze) in each speciality and category, be granted, and that, in very exceptional and justified instances, the Qualifying Commissions suggest to the joint session of the Technical Committee to grant more prizes, on account of the quality of some works made as compared to those having obtained a prize. Also, that some mentions of honour be granted to those competitors deserving same.

At the same time, an agreement was reached in order to cancel all that figures in the Act of the Board corresponding to the Meeting held in Lisbon on the 2nd of August last with respect to the granting of medals ex-equo.

At 17h.45' Mr. Hills takes charge of the Presidency again, in view of the fact that Mr. Lopez has to leave.

Mr. Hill suggests that with a view to solving several organization aspects regarding the Glasgow Competition, some decisions must be taken with respect to the application of the time factor in the qualifications; on the characteristics to be met by the exercises; maximum number of participants so as to celebrate a competition; materials; new specialities liable to be incorporated to the test; nomination of technical experts, etc. etc.

It was agreed that all the points suggested by Mr. Hill be studied in the meetings to be held tomorrow, 14th of October, the session being closed at 18h.45', with the order of setting up the present Act, which I certify, as Secretary.