



MINUTES

of decisions taken at the Standing Commission Meeting in Taipei, from 6th to 9th April, 1984.

Chairman : President Albert

Present : Mr. Wang (TAI), Mr. Gonthier (CH), Mr. Kuwahara (J)

Guest : Mr. Eda (J)

Interpreters : Ms. Galeazzi (CH), Rev. Ellacuria (TAI), Mrs. Liao (TAI),
Miss Eda (J)

Minutes : Mr. Sommer (CH)

ad 1 President Albert welcomes participants, in particular third vice-president Mr. Kuwahara, who was nominated by the Japanese Committee in accordance with the constitution and whose nomination will be ratified by the member assembly coming September. Mr. Eda remains official delegate for Japan.

President Albert thanks Mr. Wang for his invitation to hold the meeting in Taipei and also for his hospitality.

Decision : the agenda for the meeting is approved. There is no need to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as they concerned only the distribution of medals and distinctions.

ad 2 Mr. Sommer informs about the transfer of affairs from Spain. Meetings took place with President Albert in October 1983 and February 1984. All files and records up to the transfer remain in Madrid. Contacts are good.

Decision : the meeting acknowledges the smooth transfer of function, files and records.

ad 3 Mr. Sommer gives a brief outline of financial matters :

- all outstanding amounts from previous years have been paid.
- reminders have been sent out for arrear contributions : E = SFr. 14'962.-
D = SFr 11'403.-; F = SFr 12'774.-; EIR = SFr 800.-; GB = SFr 12'576.-;
Contributions from LUX, BR and YR are also outstanding.
- The 1984 contributions have been duly paid by : A, D, CH, F, FL, GB, J, NL, TAI, USA.
- the delayed settlement of 1,7 million pesetas for Mr. Gonthier's expenses has resulted in a depreciation of SFr 6'000.-, which will be borne by the general secretariat.

Decision : this report is noted. The general secretary's efforts to be consistent in financial matters are encouraged. The 1985 budget will be prepared for the September meeting. The administrative committee will have to give a ruling on the question of interest on arrears.

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ad 4 Mr. Eda gives a comprehensive report on the Osaka competition preparations.

- for competitors 191 single and 96 double rooms are available at a forfeit of approx. \$ 22 per day.
- delegates, experts and observers, etc. will be accommodated at the Royal Hotel (1400 rooms) at a price of approx. \$ 65 per person, (including breakfast and one meal). In order to reduce costs, experts and technical delegates will occupy the competitors' quarters during the first week.
- the flight from Europe to Osaka can be organised and booked via the JAL travel agencies in London, Frankfurt and Paris for approx. \$ 1030 - \$ 1045.
- the provisional programme is completed as follows :
 - 21.10 reception by the Minister of Labour
 - 24.10 reception for all participants, except competitors
 - 25.10 reception for all participants
 - 26.10 technical committee meeting at 13.30 hrs
 - standing commission meeting at 15.50 hrs
 - 27.10 inspection of finished work

Decision : inspection and criticism of finished work must take place after the closing ceremony. This could also take the form of individual written reports. This matter is referred to the technical committee for decision in September.

- interpreters : the question of simultaneous interpretation is pending. Mr. Eda and Mr. Sommer will submit proposals before September.

- anybody wishing to inspect competition sites must notify Mr. Eda one year in advance.

- Mr. Eda will send Mr. Sommer 20 large and small brochures of the hotels

- the Japanese organising committee estimate a total cost of US\$ 2 million for the Osaka competition, of which \$ 150'000 is for translation purposes. About 50 interpreters will be available for the workshops.

Decision : the meeting acknowledges these achievements with appreciation and thanks.

ad 5 Due note is taken of the competition objectives elucidated by Mr. Sommer.

Decision : As far as admission of new countries to our organisation is concerned, no limits are imposed. New trades are admitted if existing trades are relinquished, with a maximum of 40 trades. Six competitors per trade are necessary on preliminary enrolment, 5 competitors must finally participate. If fewer candidates actually compete, the competition is held but the trade no longer taken into account for the following competition.

Decision : to be submitted for approval to the relevant committees.

Mr. Sommer informs the meeting of a possible new awards distribution system. The aim is to make the competition more attractive for member countries without changing the standard.

Decision : official distinctions in each trade will be first, second and third places. In addition, 70 % of all competitors receive medals without official positions i.e. : 15 % gold, 20 % silver, 25 % bronze, 10 % diplomas, distributed at the closing ceremony. Mr. Gonthier will prepare the corresponding proposal to the technical committee.

Mr. Sommer explains the NL proposal in terms of which the designation delegates should be differentiated.

Decision : as a matter of principle, the present system should be maintained. Official delegates are often government representatives who from the point of view of the country concerned have higher competence. In the member assembly, however, official and technical delegates have equal status.

Mr. Sommer outlines the NL proposal regarding observers.

Decision : the present system is maintained. Observers should be given an opportunity to meet and have discussions during the competition. The status of official observers will be clearly defined in the revised by-laws. Member countries are free to choose their own observers.

ad 6 Mr. Sommer informs that the revised text of the constitution and by-laws is now in the hands of Mr. Segaar (NL) and Dr. Häussler (D).

Decision : the new texts will be submitted to the standing commission and the administrative committee before the next meeting. The first reading will take place in September and the member assembly will take the final decision in 1985.

ad 7 President Albert outlines his intention to hold an international vocational training congress in 1986. Mr. Sommer adds some explanation on the financial aspects.

Decision : the president and the secretary-general will prepare a detailed proposal with cost estimate for the administrative committee. It is necessary to have an idea of possible interest on the part of member countries before the September meeting.

ad 8 Mr. Gonthier informs the meeting of the technical committee proceedings :

- the Beuk sub-commission has not finalised its work. Decisions on the various proposals must be taken in September.
- the schedule for technical preparations for the Osaka competition has been given to Mr. Eda.
- corrections, modifications and translations of the trade descriptions are in progress.
- the official competition forms will be incorporated in the trade descriptions under chapter E, after revision.
- chapter F of the trade descriptions will contain instructions to experts, competitors and workshop masters. The revised texts must be approved at the September meeting.
- the preparation of the trade demonstration in September is under way.

Decision : the meeting acknowledges and approves the above report. The GB proposal must be handled as follows : this demonstration to be organised during a forthcoming technical committee meeting in GB during 1985.

ad 9 **Decision :** the procedure for the meetings in September is approved. The standing commission will meet on Sunday, to prepare the work in peace. The detailed agenda will be submitted to the president for approval at the end of May.

Ad 10 **Decision** : a proposal will be submitted to the administrative committee to nominate ex-president Gamazo as honourary president and Messrs. Bammer, Bouvart and Nispel as honourary members. As far as the gentlemen from Portugal are concerned, president Albert will renew contact. A further proposal is made that the revised constitution include a ruling on minimum requirements for admission as honourary members (ex. no outstanding debts for the country in question).

ad 11 On the basis of experiences in Linz, Mr. Sommer proposes :

- technical experts must do their own modifications to the drawings and remarks, reduced to a minimum, must be added by hand (no. Mr. Martinez).
- marking summaries will no longer be typed out.
- access to the general secretariat will be limited to delegates and certain specially appointed interpreters.

Decision : after detailed discussion, it is decided to submit to delegates in writing the following new procedure alternatives :

alternative 1 : in future each member country will prepare a test project for two trades. The country in question does not compete in these two trades.

alternative 2 : experts meet approx. 2 months before the competition. Final selection of test projects and information to competitors to take place before the competition.

alternative 3 : all test projects are drawn up by the host country, within the scope of the trade descriptions. Competitors from the host country participate without qualification but obtain a special medal. (Mr. Eda agrees to this procedure).

alternative 4 : Mr. Sommer's proposal

Alternative 4 is to be recommended for financial reasons.

ad 12 **Decision** : Mr. Sommer is authorised, on account of the particular circumstances, to propose to the USA that in final settlement of outstanding debts for the 1981 competition, the arrears of SFr 12'000.- be written off. Should this not suffice, the remainder for 1984 could also be waived. The latter amount is in any case inferior to the sum of \$ 10'000.- claimed by the USA.

ad 13 **Decision** : countries outside the organisation interested in our work (India, Saudi-Arabia, Sri-Lanka, Sweden, Morocco, Singapour, Bali, Canada, etc.) will be invited to attend the September meetings.

President Albert will continue to promote contact with the ILO with a view to the coming administrative committee meeting. A certain restraint is considered advisable.

ad 14 **Decision** : the question of badges is referred to the administrative committee. A less expensive edition is recommended.

ad 15 President Albert's report to the Linz meeting will be prepared for publication by Mr. Sommer. A decision in this respect must be taken by the administrative committee.

ad 16 Mr. Wang expresses his thanks for the commission's visit to Taiwan. In extending this invitation, he wished to reciprocate hospitality and to prove at the same time that Taiwan is a long and tiring journey away from Europe.

President Albert thanks Mr. Wang for the quality of the reception and expresses his appreciation for a very well-run meeting.

responsible for the minutes :



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