



## Minutes

### Technical Committee, 30.8 to 1.9.1998 in São Paulo

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Chairman:	Mr Franz Schropp (DE)
Present:	As attached list
Apologies for absence:	U. Schuck (DE)
Absent:	ID, MO
Guests:	Representatives from OC Montreal and Rumania
Minutes:	Mr Daniel Sommer (CH)

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The *Chairman* welcomes all delegates and guests, particularly the future members Belgium, Denmark and Morocco, as well as the observer from Rumania.

The representatives of the new members briefly introduce themselves and their organisations. (Information to be included in the IVTO Bulletin.)

#### 1. Approval of the agenda

*Decision: The agenda is approved including various supplementary items; the order of the agenda will be flexible.*

Mr *Dusseldorp* (AU) refers to the «Skills Volunteers» project and introduces the former competitors Yvan Bargetze from LI and Glenn Brasen from AU. A video tape giving detailed information on the «Skills Volunteers» project in Zimbabwe is played.

Mr *Schropp* (DE) expresses his thanks for the excellent report and encourages all present to support the project and seize the opportunity of having a direct conversation.

#### 2. Approval of the minutes of the St. Gallen meetings

*Decision: The minutes are approved.*

#### 3. St.Gallen results

Messrs. *Schropp* (DE) and *Hatton* (US) report in detail on the results of the St.Gallen competition and their subsequent revision. To sum up it can be said that the software was not properly used; this was not realized at the time and the software itself did not prevent the error. Don Hatton points out that in the future these mistakes will be avoided by way of double checks. Various delegates propose to go back to the 100 points scale and use a simplified BIC programm.

A subsequent lively discussion shows that various delegates would like to have a clear explanation on the advantages and disadvantages of changing the system, some say that, in

former years, they did not have any problems with the 100 points evaluation, and others propose that the BIC system be optimised but not eliminated.

Mr *Beuk* emphasises the importance of standard values; various delegates want a user-friendly software, others mention that numerous experts have no confidence in the BIC system because they never became familiar with the details.

Mr *Schropp* sums up the discussion: In the future, faulty handling must be avoided and simple software will be sufficient. Fortunately, the errors made in St. Gallen did not change the ranking of the different trades. A decision must be taken on how the medals will be awarded.

The representative from *AT* deplores both the errors committed and the fact that they were discovered late. He especially criticises the information policy applied by the President from whom personal contacts would have been expected.

*Decision: Don Hatton's report will be circulated to all members. It is a good basis for any decisions on future solutions.*

It is also mentioned that the BIC system is of little importance nowadays because the rating systems have undergone so many modifications.

*Decision: It is decided by 19 votes (no dissenting vote) that a new DP program based on 100 marks will be developed. This system will*

- *exclude possible operators errors*
- *be easy to use*
- *compatible with all existing documents such as*
  - *Form 6*
  - *Application forms*
  - *etc.*
- *include a full program description and a Help key*
- *make it possible to report Daily, on the basis of modules*
- *automatically indicate the diplomas*
- *provide for an ex-aequo calculation*
- *calculate the lists of medals and diplomas to be awarded, complete with printing facilities*
- *correctly write the diplomas*
- *etc.*

*This program will be sent to all Technical Delegates as a Beta version on CD ROM. A corresponding resolution will be tabled at the Montreal Meeting in April/Mai 1999.*

*In addition, the advantages and disadvantages in the practical application of both the present and the new system must be explained. A new system for deciding on the ex aequo medals will be necessary.*

|| The *UK* requests that, in the future, results be compared to those of former years and *CA* proposes that the number of medals be reduced.

The *Chairman* assures that all these suggestions will be considered in the new system to be presented for approval in April 1999 in Montreal. Nevertheless, the Skills Competitions cannot be compared to Sports Olympics; due to the numerous subjective marks, a suitable rule for the ex aequo cases should be developed.

#### 4. Information on the St. Gallen final report

The St.Gallen team presents an excellent, comprehensive and critical report.

*Decision: The interesting report will be published in the next IVTO Bulletin. In addition, conclusions will be drawn for the marketing plan.*

CA also promises to present an extensive final report. LU requests that the Administrative Committee pay attention to all suggestions. The UK suggests that isometric drawings be displayed at the Competition so that visitors can understand what the competitors are working on. Finally, CA remarks that a great deal could be accomplished if only the present rules were fully complied with.

#### 5. Decision on modifications to the Competition Rules

Decision: The following modifications are approved:

- Art. 1.2      *Duration*
- Art. 1.3      *Number of trades*
- Art. 1.5      *Test projects; instead of "lists of materials" the text will be "lists of installations, machines and materials"*
- Art. 2.4      *Jury presidents' panel. A new sentence is to be added at the end:  
«Subsequent to the meeting of the jury presidents, the Technical Committee will meet.»*
- Annex 2      *List of duties for jury presidents and jury panels*
- Art. 2.9      *Observers (former 2.9, 2.10 and 2.11)*
- Art. 2.10      *Translators*
- Art. 2.11      *Access to workplaces. To be added to the English text:  
2) ...or an expert from another member*
- Art. 3.1.4      *In the French text substitute "contrôles" for "épreuves"*
- Art.3.2      *paragraph 3, Assessments: Will not be decided on until the April/May meeting in Montreal. The remaining paragraphs are approved*
- Art V          *Disciplinary measures*

BR recalls the problems that have arisen in trades 18 and 19. The Chairman believes that these will be automatically solved by the future modules.

*Decision: In Montreal assessment must be possible also in the evening.*

#### 6. 1999 Skills Competitions

##### 6.1 List of trades, demonstration trades

*Decision: The lists of trades and demonstration trades are approved (annex). Trades 37 and 40 are deleted. CA confirms that in Montreal the following demonstration trades will be participating:*

- *Graphic design*
- *Pastry*
- *Cosmetics*
- *Landscape gardening*
- *Network techniques*

*The experts will bring test projects for these trades to Montreal.*

CA's proposal that various trades be renamed is discussed. Nevertheless, problems might arise in the different languages.

*Decision: CA will bring a new general proposal to the April meeting.*

The *Amundsen* proposal (NO) on increased team work is discussed; a uniform rule seems impossible. A flexible procedure should be applied.

## **6.2 Procedure for the 1999 test projects**

*Decision: The summary contained in the appendix is approved. Members will receive the corresponding papers from the Secretary General.*

## **6.3 Information from the CA Committee**

During two hours, all details are set out. These are not included in the minutes as all delegates have received the written report. As from 11.11.1998, the latest news will be continuously available on Internet.

*Decision: In trade 33, vehicles from all continents will be available; the makes of the vehicles will be made known by 31.12.1998. The software specification for trades 6 and 7 will be announced by 30.11.1998. Further data concerning trade 19 will be presented by 31.12.1998.*

## **6.4 Bases for appointment of jury presidents and chief experts**

The proposal from Messrs. *Filiatreault (CA)* / *Valentinuzzi (FR)* that the jury presidents be appointed by drawing lots is discussed thoroughly. It is agreed that the jury president's job is mainly a matter of management; specialised knowledge is not necessary but is no disadvantage. In various trades, the jury presidents are experienced persons and they should stay. An additional problem is that we are short of jury presidents.

*Decision:*

- 1. New technical delegates will work in unison with experienced jury presidents.*
- 2. In the future, Mr Hammer (UK) will need two assistants who may eventually become his successors.*
- 3. In trades where specialised knowledge is a must, jury presidents are to be assisted by substitutes and thus succession will be ensured.*
- 4. In the remaining trades the chief expert can be assigned by drawing lots.*
- 5. If as a result of the draw, the jury president and the chief expert are compatriots, the situation should be remedied whenever possible.*

*Mr Schropp (DE) will not act as jury president for any trade, Mr Hatton (US) will be assigned to the same trades as before.*

The chief experts' selection will be prepared in the usual way. Chief experts who did not prove capable will be substituted.

*Decision: Chief experts will be appointed in April 1999. The necessary papers must be sent in time.*

## **6.5 Training of jury presidents and chief experts**

*Decision: Special training sessions are planned for jury presidents. Chief experts' training will be organised as in St. Gallen. Special attention is to be drawn to the explanation of forms 5 and 5A.*

## 6.6 Approval of technical descriptions

*Decision: The technical descriptions are approved and various modifications presented will be included. A list is to be prepared showing the date of validity of each description.*

## 6.7 Proposal concerning the appeal committee

*Decision: The following committee members will be proposed to the General Assembly*

- Ellen du Bois (AU)
- François Ortolani (LU)
- Won-Bok Lee (KR) as substitute

## 7. Various points concerning the Skills Competitions

- The assessment system for each trade must be improved. Details will be dealt with once a decision on the assessment systems has been made.
- Experts will bring test projects for 2001 to the 1999 Competition. Technical delegates may decide if every expert is to present a test project.
- These test projects do not need to be translated into all official languages.

The experts will be assigned as in 1997, in particular with regard to the assessments.

## 8. Honours

*Decision: Mr Josef Blattner (AT) and the former technical delegates Platon D. Maglalang (PH) and Hook Meng Ng (MY) are proposed as Honorary Members.*

## 9. Other business

- In answer to JP it is confirmed that experts must check the feasibility of the test projects presented.
- Mr Corcoran (IE) mentions the test projects for trade 33. He received proposals from CA, JP, IE and AU.
- LI has a video tape on St.Gallen which can be made available on demand.
- Mr Spada (BR) explains a new group assessment system for the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors. This will be discussed in relation with the papers on «National ranking».



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