

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD BY THE ORGANISING COUNCIL ON THE SIXTEENTH OF OCTOBER, 1964, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. EUGENIO LOPEZ/-

Those present:

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

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Mr. Kirkland  
Mr. Crofts  
Mr. Bailador

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Mr. Albert  
Mr. Capdepon

Absent but re-  
presented:

Austria by Germany  
Luxembourg by Belgium

Absent, not re-  
presented:

Denmark.

Mr. President began the session by showing his concern for the growth of our competitions and notes the steps which should be taken with regard to the future, concerning the entry of new countries, a subject which was fully discussed yesterday. He believes that the possibility of entry of new countries cannot be eliminated, suggesting that an agreement could be reached to the effect, that as France, Norway and Sweden have begun negotiations to join the competitions, it will not be possible to admit any other country, until such times as the negotiations for entry by the three above-stated countries have been resolved. Meanwhile, those countries who desire to do so, and which have the consent of the council, could be present in order to acquaint themselves with our activities.

Mr. Gomes believes that Austria, Denmark and France should be considered as belonging to the competition as their present absence is due to special circumstances.

With regard to the relevant article in the rules respecting this matter, Mr. Emerson proposes that the wording of the text should be based on the agreements reached in Dublin at the 1963 competition.

With respect to this matter the Council agrees:

12.-That the following article should appear in the rules: When a country desires to be incorporated into the Competitions, a request should be made on special forms, approved by a governmental body or an organisation responsible for public interest. Private or individual requests will not be admitted. -It was voted unanimously that the Council should adopt the resolution.

22.-That while the entry of Norway and Sweden into the competitions remains unresolved, and the situations of France, Austria and Denmark are made stronger, it is not desirable to negotiate the entry of other countries into our activities.

Duration of the Competitions.— The duration of the Competitions which are to take place in Glasgow will be that anticipated by the National Committee of the United Kingdom, that is from the 11th to the 30th of July.

A debate opened amongst the counsellors as follows, concerning the duration of successive competitions:

Mr. Dittman gave his opinion that the length of the competitions should be reduced, since it was the unanimous conviction that the competitors and the organisers were away from their homes for too long with the resulting disturbances to working and personal life. He mentioned that several proposals exist concerning the limitation of the working hours of the competitors, and asked that they should be reduced to a maximum of 24.—

Mr. Ramos believes that it is possible to reduce the number of working hours to 24, but thinks that the Council should consider the case of tools-carving, jewellery, silversmithing, and some specialities of wood-work. Messrs. Emerson and Tomida support the motion of Mr. Ramos.

Mr. Gomes believes that with a maximum of 20 or 30 hours it would be possible to reduce the number of days by increasing the daily working hours, though as the time spent working greatly influences the quality of the tests, the number of days should never fall below that which the good name of our competitions demands.

Mr. Laman Trip repeated the motion sent to the Presidency, that the organisation of the competitions should be spread over a period of a fortnight, from the beginning of the preparation of the tests to the handing out of prizes, allowing 24 hours for the duration of the tests.

Having heard the proposals of the majority of the counsellors and considered all the details expounded, the Council agrees that:

v a) That the length of duration of the normal tests of the competitions should be 28 hours.

b) In those subjects which because of their special characteristics require more hours of work, it will be possible with the consent of the Technical Committee, to grant a maximum time of 32 hours to the competitors.

A new manner of executing the tests.— Mr. Ramos proposes that those gentlemen present should consider a new way of organising the tests of our competitions which might be introduced; though not for those presently to be held in Glasgow, but for future competitions.

His proposal is that it might be possible to organise the tests, their choice, the preparation of marking scales, the time limits, etc. by giving certain countries the task of planning and conducting definite professional branches or activities of the Competitions. For example, one country would be charged with conducting the tests of Mechanics (fitting, turning, milling, tools-carving and machine drawing); another country with

the tests of woodwork(cabinet-making,joinery,and carpentry) etc.Those countries which organise the tests would not be permitted to enrol competitors for those subjects which were assigned to them.Thus the maximum objectivity would be achieved in the selection of the tests;the meetings of the Technical Committee would be reduced;judging would be improved,etc.etc.

The Secretary enlarges in more detail Mr. Ramos's statement giving particulars of the new manner of executing the tests which he proposes.

The counsellors unanimously considered that what has been proposed by Messrs. Ramos and Albert is very interesting, and as it concerns a matter of utmost importance for our competitions, they believe that it is not possible to come to a decision at short notice.They agreed that a detailed study of the proposal should be shortly sent to all the representatives by the Secretariat,so that the counsellors,after duly considering the matter,might decide upon it at the meetings to be held in Glasgow.

Finally,Mr. Albert makes it clear that this study has been based upon an idea expressed to him at the competitions at Duisburg,by Mr. Fochi,the then technical representative of Italy and now an honorary member of our Organising Council.

The gentlemen present expressed their thanks to Mr.Fochi for the interest and enthusiasm he has showed in our competitions and agreed to make evident in the minutes the feelings of admiration and esteem shown towards him.

Feminine participation.-After Mr.Ditlman,who had proposed feminine participation in our competitions,had declared the desirability of allowing women to take part in the competitions,and had carefully studied the matter,with the intervention of the majority of counsellors, the Council agrees that an article should appear in the Rules in which the possibility of women taking part is made clear,competing with young men in those trades deemed desirable by the Council and published in the announcement of the competitions.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.45.

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At 15.30 the meeting was resumed and the following matters were discussed:

Previous minutes.- It is agreed to enlarge and amend the content of the minutes of the 13th and 14th,in the following manner:

a).To amend the agreement about the class of material the cabinet-makers will use,so that both for category A and B,mahogany will be used.

b).To amend the agreement on the tests that are to be made in the welding examinations,so that the 'torsion'test will be eliminated.

c).To make it clear that the materials for the gas-welding



tests should be 'steel,

d). To enlarge the content of the minutes by agreeing that the judging system for the competitions in Glasgow should be the same as that used at the competitions in Lisbon.

Diplomas and attendance certificates.—Mr. Ramos asks the counsellors if they would show whether they were in agreement or not with the text made available to them, concerning the diplomas to be given to the competitors in each competition

The gentlemen present unanimously declare that it is most necessary to standardize not only the text but also the format of the aforesaid diploma. It is agreed that the text should be as follows:—

THE ORGANISING COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING COMPETITIONS, AWARDS TO:.....OF.....NATIONALITY THE .....MEDAL IN THE ESPECIALITY OF.....BY VIRTUE OF THE PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD BY THE QUALIFYING JURY OF THE TESTS.—DATE.—SIGNATURES OF THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL.—

This diploma should be worded in Spanish and translated into the language of each successful candidate. The texts of the translation of the diploma into the various languages should be sent to the Secretariat as soon as possible by the respective delegates, so that the latter might be adapted to the usual form of each nation.

With respect to the attendance certificate, it was agreed that the text should be the same as at former competitions, but the classification of the competitor shall be omitted.

This new form of classification will be used as from the competitions of 1966.—

The creation of honours and emblems for members of the Council and people or associations not belonging to the same.—Mr. Ramos states the desirability of establishing prizes and crests to reward people and institutions who have or may contribute towards our competitions. He proposes for these that; a permanent emblem of the competitions should be created to appear on all matters related to the competitions, on diplomas, official paper, etc.; that a diploma should be created for honorary members; that there should be a medallion for the competitions; that there should be a crest for the competitions.

With these honours it would be possible to reward and recognize the collaboration of members of the Council, and of those persons promote support for the competitions in the respective countries, and of institutions and establishments that cooperate in the development of the same.

All the counsellors showed their concern and desire that the plan described by Mr. Ramos should be carried out and that this interesting matter should be placed in the Rules, so that it might be put into practice in our competitions.

Mr. Ramos shows some sketches of designs that could be the permanent emblem of the competitions and on which might be based all such emblems.

In order to judge better and decide on the matter, the

counsellors agreed that those countries that found it convenient, should send to the Secretariat, not later than the coming 31st December, some sketches of the aforementioned emblem, so that the Secretariat might send copies to each delegate and thus decide on what will be the emblem, adopting it at the competitions in Glasgow.

Rules of the Competitions.—Mr. Dittman declares that many important principles have been studied and settled in these meetings which specify points to be included in the Rules of the Competitions. The problem of financing the expenses of the Competitions and of the General Secretariat, remains to be studied.

After a debate in which the majority of those present participated, it was agreed that, until December the Secretariat should send to each delegation, particulars of the expenses incurred in all its activities and of the money that should be spent to perfect the functions of the latter. With these particulars in view it will be possible to judge the system of financing these expenses better, so as to introduce it into the Rules.

As far as concerns the other points which the plan of the Rules for the Competitions contains, it was agreed to form a sub-committee to study the exact wording of the same, so that when this has been done a copy can be sent to all the delegates before discussing and proceeding to approve it.

It is agreed that the said sub-committee should be made up of delegates from Germany, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Holland and Spain. It is also agreed that the said sub-committee will meet next year in Brussels, with all the necessary material, including that which will be available until the beginning of January, on the date to be indicated and specified by the Presidency. The proposal of Mr. Vastiau, that the presidency of this sub-committee should be held by the Spanish delegation is agreed to.

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Mr. President gives the floor to Mr. Hill, who expresses the thanks of all those gentlemen present, to the Secretariat, including all the people working there, for the magnificent work that has been accomplished. He also expressed his thanks to all those who have taken part and especially to the group of interpreters, who have so ably and competently accomplished the laborious tasks that we have imposed on them. He declared that it was one of the few times that these meetings have enjoyed such a competent and efficient team.

Mr. Lopez also expresses his thanks to everyone and declares his wish that our work should continue with the efficiency required for the perfection of our Competitions.

As it is 19.30 the session rises, with orders that the present minutes should be published, to which I as Secretary certify.