

MINUTES OF THE FIRST BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD

2001 - 2003

Wednesday 21 March 2001, Bangalore India

Present

Maria Jose Lemaitre del Campo (President)
Ton Vroeijsstijn (Secretary)
Wong Wai Sum, Marjorie Peace Lenn
Mala Singh
Juan Carlos Pugliese
David Woodhouse (Past President)
Richard Lewis

Absent

John Randall
Lee Harvey

1. Welcome

Maria Jose welcomes the members of the board, especially the newcomers in the board Mala and Carlos. She is also glad that David, although the changes in the constitution not yet are accepted, will participate in the board. As evidence for the gratitude for all the work he has done as president, she present David a local dress. She knows it will not an easy task for her to proceed him, but will do her best.

2. Co-optation for the board

After some discussion, the board decided to co-opt as board member:

- Ethley London (Jamaica)
- Birute Mockiene (Lithuania)

3. Reconfirmation of the treasurer

The old board had already discussed the re-appointment of Richard as treasures. The new board confirmed the decision. There has been agreed that Richard and Ton will purge the database and look for a solution of the non-payers.

4. Observers in the board

As observers in the board (with no voting rights) are welcome:

- Lee Harvey as editor of the journal
- Seamus Puirseil (or one of his colleagues) as organizer of the 2003 conference

5. Appointment CPC 20003

Maria Jose thanks John (who unhappily can not be present) for the excellent work he has done as convener of the Conference program committee 2001. She proposed this to organize the CPC this time in another way. Last time, members of the board were also members of the CPC. To promote the commitment of other members, the proposal is to have only a few board members in the CPC and look for the involvement of other members. The board agreed with the idea. However, the role of the board should be clear:

- the board decides on the general theme and sub themes
- the board decides finally on the fee

The following members for the CPC are proposed:

- Marjorie Peace Lenn (chair)
- David Woodhouse
- Seamus Puirseil (local organizer)
- Bill Massay
- Gemma Rauret
- Arumugham Gnanam
- Phil Mead
- Richard Lewis
- Cynthia Jepperson

Marjorie will contact the members as soon as possible. The CPC will come with the first outline in 6 months time.

The secretary will make an announcement on the website that one is invited to send ideas for the next conference to the chairperson of the CPC2003.

6. Editor of the Newsletter

David had in the last meeting of the old board already told no longer to take care of the editorship of the Newsletter. What to do? Wai Sum says she is willing to discuss the matter at home and see what can be done. It depends also what investments are expected. The main thing will be to chase people to write articles, to collect the articles and to set them in such a way that the newsletter can be published on the website.

The secretary distributed the most recent list of full and associate members. The secretary will look once again very carefully to the data base and correct the errors.

7. Priorities 2001-2003

Maria Jose says she and Ton is planning to write down an activity plan for 2001-2003. There is now a short time to discuss priorities:

- one of the priorities is to promote the co-operation between INQAAHE and other international organizations. We have to look what organizations there, being important for co-operation

- the working groups still have priority. We should try to involve all members in the discussion via the website
- There is a need for another working group: Technical/vocational education. The proposal to ask Jacques L'Écuyer to lead group 5 is accepted.

8. Geographical distribution of the specific fields of the board members

Given the changes in the composition of the board, the specific attention of the board members for specific countries, has to be re-thought. Maria Jose and Ton will make a proposal.

9. The website of good practices of Phil Mead

Phil has said that he will finish with the website he has build for this conference. However, it might be interesting to see if this side can stay. David will sound Eleanor Elkahwas if she is interested to prolong the side.

10. INQAAHE and consultancy

David states that the accessibility of resources and consultants still is an important matter. How can for example a starting agency find reliable consultants? The right information about the possibility to get the right consultant. The board support the idea of the need. David will write down his ideas about the topic and the role of INQAAHE.

11. The changes in the constitution

The board agreed with the decision made in the General Assembly meeting to put the proposed changes on the website and ask the members to vote about the changes. The secretary will place the information as soon as possible on the web.

12. Any other business and closing of the meeting

Because there is no other business, Maria thanks all board members for their input and closed the meeting at 19.00