

THE MINUTES OF THE IATUL GENERAL ASSEMBLY - YEAR 2000

The IATUL General Assembly for the year 2000 was held at the Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia, on Friday, July 7th, 2000. 65 persons were present at the 2000 General Assembly. The Minutes are given below.

Minutes of IATUL General Assembly - year 2000

1. Opening of the General Assembly

The General Assembly was opened by Michael Breaks, the new IATUL President who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. The proposed agenda was adopted

3. Minutes of the last General Assembly

Minutes of the last General Assembly of IATUL held at the TUC Conference Center, Chania, Greece on Friday, May 21st, 1999 (published in the IATUL News vol. 8, No. 3, 1999) were approved with one addition, that of the appointment of Tony Evans as the Honorary Auditor for IATUL.

4. Statement by Nancy Fjällbrant, the immediate Past President on the activities of the Association:

The IATUL Board had in the meeting on 2nd July, 2000 decided to call Michael Hill and Jay Lucker to IATUL Honorary Membership.

The future annual conferences of IATUL are going to be held at:

- 2001 at TU Delft, the Netherlands
- 2002 at Linda Hall Library, Kansas City, Kansas, USA
- 2003 at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland
- 2004 at Crakow University of Technology, Crakow, Poland

The IATUL Publications program is going to be all electronic by the end of 2000 when the print version of the Newsletter will cease. The Proceedings and the Newsletter will continue as web-publications, and the Proceedings will be published on CD-ROM as well.

Nancy Fjällbrant also mentioned several IATUL-related ongoing or completed projects:

- DEDICATE
- AVEL
- INTO INFO
- History of Science and Technology collections

The Past President's statement was approved.

5. Statement on IATUL membership by the Secretary:

At present there are 203 members (197 in 1999). There are IATUL members in 40 countries (41 in 1999). The distribution by continent is:

Africa	9
North America	38
Asia	7
Australia & New Zealand	19
Europe	130
TOTAL	203

The distribution by category is:

Ordinary members	169
Associate members	16
Honorary members	11
Sustaining members	7
TOTAL	203

There are no IATUL members presently in South America. The report on the membership was approved.

6. Statement by the Treasurer on IATUL finances:

The statement on the budget and finances was presented by the Treasurer, Leo Waaijers. The noticeable matter in the 1999 account is the unexpectedly large amount gained in 1999 as stock profits. The expenditures in 1999 were somewhat less than anticipated in the budget. The budget for year 2000 is calculated to be the normal size for IATUL and no expectations are loaded for stock profits for this year.

The report by the Honorary Auditor A.J. Evans, was presented to the General Assembly.

A discussion followed the Honorary Auditor's recommendation, that part of the IATUL investment funds be used to the benefit of the IATUL members in the coming years. This idea was unanimously supported, and it was recommended to the Board that the Board should think of ways to use some of the funds to the benefit of the IATUL membership.

The Treasurer reported that a new software package had been purchased to upgrade the IATUL financial system and to keep the membership records.

The approval of the IATUL 1999 accounts was proposed by Murray Shepherd and seconded by Anthi Katsirikou. The approval was

unanimous.

7. The IATUL publishing program was dealt with by Nancy Fjällbrant in the Statement of Activities (see point 4.).

8. Proposed changes to the constitution

The President, Michael Breaks, presented a proposal to simplify and clarify the IATUL membership structure. The approval of the changes was proposed by Gulchin Cribb and seconded by Vladimir Borovansky. The changes to the constitution were approved.

9. Board Membership

Presently the Board consists of the following members:

Michael Breaks, President
Nancy Fjällbrant, Immediate Past President
Egbert Gerryts, 1st Vice President
Gaynor Austen, 2nd Vice President
Leo Waaijers, Treasurer
Sinikka Koskiala, Secretary
Murray Shepherd, Member
Lee Jones, Member

The President reported that the Board has decided to nominate Marianne Nordlander from Sweden to the Board. The nomination was approved, and now has to be circulated to the whole membership for approval.

10. Other business

The IATUL Essay Prize and Poster Prize winners were announced by Nancy Fjällbrant. There were two winners in both categories. The Essay Prizes were given to Helen King from La Trobe University, Australia and to Sandra Lawrence and Pauline Fountain from the Brisbane Institute of TAFE, Australia.

The Poster Prizes were given to Lidia Defert-Wolf, University of Technology and Agriculture, Bydgoszcz and Marek Gorski, Crakow University of Technology, Poland and to Claire Hill from AVEL at University of Queensland, Australia.

11. Future conferences

Leo Waaijers from Delft University of Technology invited the IATUL membership to Delft, the Netherlands on 28th May - 1st June, 2001. He outlined the planned program and mentioned some of the invited speakers.

The 2002 IATUL conference is going to take place at Linda Hall Library in Kansas City, Kansas, USA.

12. Vote of thanks

The President proposed a vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the 21st IATUL Conference such a great success. This included especially Gaynor Austen and her staff at the QUT. This was passed with acclamation.

13. Conclusion of the General Assembly

The General Assembly was concluded and would be convened at the Delft University of Technology in conjunction with the 22nd IATUL Conference on Friday 1st June 2001.

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