

THE MINUTES OF THE IATUL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 2001, DELFT

The Minutes of the IATUL General Assembly 2001 held on 1 June, 2001 at 11:15 in Delft, the Netherlands

1. Opening of the General Assembly

The President, Michael Breaks, opened the General Assembly and welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 39 persons in attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The proposed agenda was adopted.

3. Minutes of the last General Assembly

Minutes of the last General Assembly of IATUL held at the Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia, on Friday, 7 July, 2000 were approved. (Minutes were published in the IATUL News vol. 9, no.3/4, 2000)

4. Statement by the President on the activities of the Association

Michael Breaks highlighted the new IATUL website development and the new address at iatul.org. The IATUL Conference Proceedings are available on the IATUL web. As announced to the membership earlier by email, the IATUL News now comes out only on the web.

In the future there will be a email list for the members, moderated by Murray Shepherd.

IATUL has a reciprocal membership arrangement with ICSTI and the President attended ICSTI meetings in Paris and Munich during the past year.

The IATUL Board met in Edinburgh, U.K., in December 2000 and the Australian Board member, Gaynor Austen, participated via satellite videoconnection. Since there are Board Members from several different continents the year-end Board Meetings will most probably be using videoconferencing from now on for those who find it difficult to travel to Europe.

The Board decided on its Dec. 9, 2000 meeting to call Nancy Fjällbrant to Honorary Membership of IATUL.

An update note from CHEST, which offered IATUL members the possibility of participation to CHEST - negotiated licencing arrangements, tells that there has been problems in making deals owing to the local arrangements and some reluctance from publishers. The negotiations are continuing.

The President's statement was approved.

5. Statement by the Treasurer on IATUL finances

The statement on the budget and finances was presented by Leo Waaijers (appendix 1.). The IATUL 2000 accounts show a surplus of 6111.00 Euros due to the surplus from the Brisbane Conference. Otherwise the result would have been negative. The Treasurer predicted that the result of 2001 should be +/-0 when the surplus of the Delft Conference are added up.

There are still 15 unpaid memberships from the year 2000.

The approval of the IATUL 2000 accounts was proposed by Egbert Gerryts and seconded by Lee Jones. The approval was unanimous.

6. The Report by the IATUL Honorary Auditor

Tony Evans presented his auditing report (appendix 2). He commended that the Treasurer's accounts were in absolutely ideal order. He also stated that there still is quite a lot of money in the savings account and recommended that more be used, e.g. as travel grants for younger people to the IATUL Conferences.

The Board agreed to consider this recommendation and the President thanked Tony Evans for his work.

(Following the report of the Hon IATUL Auditor, it was agreed at the Board meeting held later on 1 June that reserves of 5000 Euros would be made available each year to IATUL conference organisers to be used to encourage attendance from developing countries. The exact disbursement of these funds would be presented to the Board for approval.)

7. Statement on the IATUL membership by the Secretary

At present there are 223 members (203 in 2000). There are IATUL members in 40 countries (40 also in 2000). The geographical distribution is:

Europe	132
North America	45
Asia - Pacific	38
Africa	8
	223

The distribution by category is:

Ordinary members	183
Associate members	19
Honorary members	12
Sustaining members	9
	223

Six new members were welcomed to the IATUL membership:

Ms Elaine Granatstein
Engineering and Computer Science Library
University of Toronto
Canada

Mr. William Maes
Dalhousie University
Canada

Ms Felicity McGregor
University of Wollongong
Australia

Mr. Lars Nellde
Blekinge Institute of Technology
Sweden

Professor Alice Trussell
Fiedler Engineering Library
Kansas State University
USA

Dr. Ted Sheldon
University of Missouri, Kansas City
USA

The report on the membership was approved.

8. IATUL website development

Gaynor Austen told about the website development at QUT for IATUL. The site includes the IATUL Newsletter, the Proceedings, the General Assembly as well as Board Meeting Minutes, notices on conferences and members' projects. The site is not passworded, but the membership list is closed, and there is still developmental work to be done.

9. Board Membership

The Board Members and their duties are now as follow:

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

Because the Immediate Past President, Nancy Fjällbrant, has now left the Board and the Secretary, Sinikka Koskiala, will resign at the end of 2001, the Board will need a new member. The President reported that the Board has decided to nominate Judith Palmer from Oxford, U.K. to the Board. The nomination was approved and now has to be circulated to the whole membership for approval. The President thanked Sinikka Koskiala for her many years of service on the IATUL Board.

10. Approval of Change in the IATUL Constitution

The President presented to the General Assembly the new formulation of the criteria for Ordinary Member (appendix 3). The changes to the Constitution were approved.

11. Future Conferences: invitation to Kansas City 2002

a) Lee Jones from Linda Hall Library invited the IATUL membership to Kansas City, Missouri, USA on 2-6 June, 2002. The conference will be organised by Linda Hall Library and the University of Missouri-Kansas City Library.

The theme of the conference will be "Partnerships, Consortia & 21st Century Library Service".

Call for Papers will be issued in September. The Conference website at www.lindahall.org/iatul2002/ is open now.

b) The 2003 Conference will take place in Edinburgh, U.K. on 2-6 June and will be organised by the Heriot-Watt University Library, the University of Edinburgh Library and the National Library of Scotland.

12. Other business

The IATUL Vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the 22nd IATUL Conference a success, especially Leo Waaijers and his staff at the TU Delft, was presented at the end of the Friday morning session just before the General Assembly.

Also the winners of the IATUL Poster Prize competition - Cracow University of Technology and Linkoping University - and were announced.

13. Conclusion

The General Assembly was concluded and would be convened at the Linda Hall Library in conjunction with the 23rd IATUL Conference on Thursday, 6 June, 2002.

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