

# **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES (IATUL)**

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011**

**1 pm Tuesday 31 May 2011**  
Warsaw University of Technology

### **1. Opening of General Assembly**

The President, Ainslie Dewe, opened the Assembly and welcomed all members.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

The proposed agenda was adopted

### **3. Minutes of last general Assembly**

The minutes of the last general Assembly, held at Purdue University on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010, were accepted as correct.

### **4. President's Report**

AD's report had been circulated. It noted stable membership levels at 231 members and the increased spread of membership.

The President thanked Dr Reiner Kallenborn, Treasurer, who will step down from the Board and the Treasurer's role at the end of 2011, for his excellent management of IATUL finances. TUM has combined the management of the membership database with the finance function and it is hoped to continue this practice. The Board is considering an offer from TUM to continue with the day to day administration of the finances, on contract, and under the direction of the new Treasurer. This process is still under discussion.

The 2010 conference in Purdue was extremely successful. Papers from the conference will be available through the Purdue Institutional Repository.

The President expressed her thanks to Ms Jolanta Stepniak, the Director of the Main Library, Warsaw University of Technology, for organising what promises to be an excellent conference. Planning for the 2012 conference in Singapore is well advanced.

The 2010 autumn board meeting and seminar was held in Munich, to coincide with an international event there. The seminar provided stimulating presentations and discussion.

The Special Interest Group met at the annual conference. The President noted that this, and a number of other activities were driven by Dr Kallenborn and the board thanked him for his contribution to IATUL development.

The President noted that there are ample funds in IATUL savings and investments to invest in development projects, and that this would be a productive application of them. IATUL's status as a not-for-profit organization means that financial assets should not accumulate to significant sums. Developments under consideration include an IATUL strategic plan to co-ordinate existing initiatives, and an IATUL Action Task Force for actively promoting and supporting initiatives. These initiatives as well as the IATUL Action Task Force concept will be further discussed at the autumn board meeting and seminar in Melbourne and a report on progress will be tabled for the General Assembly in 2012.

The website is a critical function for IATUL as an international organisation. The President expressed her thanks to Gillian Barthorpe for supervision of its activities.

The President noted that the day to day operation of Board business has been superbly carried out since 2005 by its Secretary, Mr Paul Sheehan, of Dublin City University, whose period of service is also concluding at the end of 2011.

The end of 2010 also marked the end of the term of Immediate Past President, Ms Maria Heijne, from Delft University of Technology. The completion of terms of these three long-standing officers marks the end of an era for IATUL. It had been an enormous pleasure for the Board to work with Maria, Reiner and Paul and their energy and good humour would be missed. IATUL, as a whole, owes them a great debt of gratitude.

The President concluded by thanking all Board members for their contribution to IATUL during the year.

## **5. Financial report**

The Treasurer presented the financial reports, including the outcome for 2010 and the budget for 2011, and the auditor's report by Loeffler & Kollegen which covered the period January to December 2010. The auditors reported that the accounts were in order and revealed no discrepancies.

Conference surplus transfers arrived after the reporting period and will be included in the 2011 financial report, but there were surpluses of €13,000 for Leuven and €3,500 for Purdue. Investments in shares and bonds in the previous two years had grown, which led to an increase in reserves. This needs to be monitored as IATUL is a charity and should not accrue significant reserves.

The 2010/11 realization includes a sum of €8k for the digitization of conference proceedings. They also include costs for the autumn seminar.

The treasurer said that there would be a deficit budget for next year, but this was planned as the reserves were so high.

The financial report was adopted.

## **6. Amendment to the Constitution**

The proposed amendments, which had been circulated a month before the Assembly, were:

**It is proposed to add the following to the By-laws of the Board**

***6. (f) In addition to the number specified in 6 (a) the Board may co-opt up to two further members***

6(a) currently reads:

The number of the Board Members shall be eight except during the calendar year when the immediate Past President shall be a ninth member, as provided in Article 6 of the Constitution.

**It is also proposed to add to By-law 6(C) the phrase**

***Such re-elections are limited to one term, and there may be a further temporary extension, of less than a term, to allow the filling of vacancies***

By-law 6(C) would then read (proposed addition in italics):

6. (c) In cases where a Board Member is elected or re-elected President, Secretary or Treasurer (i.e. a Member of the Executive Board) s/he may serve a further term regardless of his or her previous length of service as a Board Member. *Such re-*

*elections are limited to one term, and there may be a further temporary extension, of less than a term, to allow the filling of vacancies*

The proposed amendments were unanimously adopted.

## **7. Board membership**

Irma Pasanen (Finland) and Elisha Chiware (South Africa) were proposed for Board membership. The proposals were unanimously adopted by the meeting.

Irma Pasanen will act as Treasurer from January 2012

Elisha Chiware will act as Secretary from January 2012

The President pointed out that IATUL members can put their names forward for board membership

## **8. Future conferences**

Planning is already advanced for the 2012 conference, which will be held in the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

The 2013 conference will be held in the Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Cape Town, South Africa.

The board is examining suggestions for the 2014 and 2015 conferences.

## **9. Vote of thanks**

All present joined the President in a vote of thanks to Warsaw University of Technology, and particularly to Jolanta Stepniak and her colleagues for their work in organising an extremely successful conference.

## **10. Conclusion**

The General Assembly was concluded and will be reconvened in Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, during the Annual Conference, from 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012.