

ICF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

EXCO Meeting: 7.00 pm, December 5, 2001, Nautilus 1, Hilton Hawaii Village, Honolulu, USA

1. The Meeting was called to order promptly at 7pm by Professor Mai the incoming ICF President (2001-2005). Professor Mai welcomed all members of the 2001-2005 EXCO. Professor Mai then expressed the appreciation of ICF to the outgoing ICF President Professor Ritchie for his outstanding term 1997-2001 culminating in the successful ICF10 and to all the outgoing EXCO 1997-2001, especially to Dr Masaki Kitagawa, outgoing Secretary-General after long and distinguished service to ICF over many years.
2. Apologies for absence at EXCO were recorded from Professors Knott, Petit, Karihaloo and Saxena. Those present were: Professors Yokobori Sr, Mai, Taplin, Ritchie, Carpinteri, Ravi-Chandar, Yu, Kishi, Goldstein, Knauss and Yokobori Jr. This comprises a Quorum for EXCO so that the meeting is formally established.
3. The Agenda was approved with minor additions and modifications, nem con.
4. The EXCO Minutes of the previous meeting on December 2 2001 were approved, nem con.
5. Professors Ritchie and Ravi-Chandar provided a comprehensive Report on ICF10. The registered delegates at last count was 630. Attendance was excellent. This report was approved, nem con.
6. Professor Carpinteri provided a Report on Progress Work on ICF11, Torino, Italia, March 20-25, 2005. This included a comprehensive written document distributed to all EXCO members. The Conference Managers/ Organisers (PCO) will be CCI, Centro Congressi Internazionale Torino . The Contract will be developed between DSE-IGF and CCI within the next six months. Discussions will commence with a number of possible publishers during 2002 in the context of the ICF Statutes and Procedures. There will be a strong focus on young people and wide accessibility. There was an extensive discussion on the technical topics and structures and the key point was that Professor Carpinteri welcomes all recommendations and suggestions to him (carpinteri@polito.it <<mailto:carpinteri@polito.it>>) and Professor Ferro (ferro@polito.it <<mailto:ferro@polito.it>>) especially during this next six months of detailed planning. Please direct comments direct to ICF11 accordingly by email. The Report was approved nem con.
ACTION 1: all members of EXCO.
7. Professor Yu provided a Report on the plans of the People s Republic of China (PRC) for hosting ICF12 in 2009 in Beijing which was very well received noting that a Formal Bid should be presented to ICF Council on March 21 2005 at ICF11 and a Bid Document distributed to all ICF Council and Executive by late 2004. Professor Taplin provided a Report on ideas for ICF13 in perhaps South America in 2013.
ACTION 2: Professor Yu to generate a Formal Bid for ICF12 based on the developed procedures of ICF.
Action 3: Professor Taplin to continue discussions with potential ICF13 candidates.
8. Following wide-ranging discussion on Honour Lectures and in order to affirm the autonomy of the Quadrennial Conference Chairman it was moved by Professor Ritchie, seconded by Professor Taplin that: The ICF Honour Lecturers at each Quadrennial Conference shall be selected by the

Chairman of each Quadrennial Conference . This was approved nem con.

ACTION 4: Professor Carpinteri to implement for ICF11.

9. There was extensive discussion on the ICF/ICF10-Elsevier Contract for ICF10. In order to accomplish a judicious and fair resolution of a key issue related to financial aspects of ICF10 it was then moved by Professor Ritchie and seconded by Professor Ravi-Chandar that: The ICF Treasurer, Professor Taplin be empowered on behalf of the ICF President and the ICF10 Chairman (and ICF) to negotiate with the Managing Director of Elsevier Science, Oxford, UK (Gavin Howe) in order to secure an equitable sum for ICF from Elsevier in relation to ICF10 . Approved nem con.

ACTION 5: Professor Taplin to set up a meeting with Mr Gavin Howe in early 2002 and report back to EXCO by late 2002.

10. The need for a Post-Conference hard-bound traditional volume in book form was discussed at length. This is important in regard to Royalty income for ICF and more importantly in the context of the ICF Brand in the science, engineering and technology community. Due to the exigencies of the contract with Elsevier allegedly not having been fully complied with by Elsevier there was a suggestion that this need not be published by Elsevier (at ICF8 ICF used two publishers for different parts of the ICF Proceedings: Elsevier and McGraw-Hill). Accordingly it was proposed by Professor Carpinteri, seconded by Professor Taplin that: Professor Ritchie be empowered on behalf of ICF and ICF10 to negotiate with the Managing Director of Elsevier Science (Gavin Howe) in order to accomplish the key requirement of ICF to produce a hard-copy traditional book from ICF with Royalties to go to ICF . This was approved, nem con.

ACTION 6: Professor Ritchie to progress discussions initially with Mr Eastbury and report back to EXCO expeditiously.

11. The fundamental issue that in the opinion of Professor Ravi-Chandar Elsevier had seemingly reneged (allegedly breached the legal contract) in producing a soft-bound Delegate Manual (so-named) rather than a world-class hard bound volume was discussed at considerable length. It was moved by Professor Ritchie, seconded by Professor Carpinteri that: Professor Ravi-Chandar be empowered by ICF to negotiate with the Managing Director of Elsevier Science, Oxford to rectify the matter of the Delegate Manual and the substantial errors in the CD-ROM . This was approved, nem con.

ACTION 7: Professor Ravi-Chandar to continue discussions with Mr Eastbury and report back to EXCO expeditiously.

12. Following a presentation by Professor Goldstein it was agreed that an ICF Interquadrennial Seminar be organized in Moscow, Russia under the auspices of the Russian Academy of Sciences and Chaired by Professor Goldstein on Fracture of Hierarchical Systems .

ACTION 8: professor Goldstein to provide a SEMINAR SCOPE document to EXCO within three months.

13. Professor Yokobori Jr as the incoming Secretary-General undertook to correct all the key ICF Records and Documentation, especially on FICF(hc) recipients and Statutes and to establish an ICF website. This website would be best created in conjunction with ICF11). ACTION 9: Professor Yokobori Jr to report back to EXCO in early 2002 on progress.

14. The Executive Committee formally received on behalf of ICF Council the MINUTES of the ICF COUNCIL, December 3 2001, as appended.

ACTION 10: The Secretary General to log these Minutes for ICF Council Members directly.

15. The absolute principle of ICF Council was affirmed of One Country, One Vote as defined by the United Nations. ACTION 11: Professor Yu to explore with the appropriate authorities in PRC and

Hongkong this matter and report back to EXCO before the next ICF Council, March 21 2005 in Italy.

16. The newly established ICF Awards Committee (Joint-Chairs: Professors Taplin & Karihaloo) was asked to make recommendations on the FICF(hc) Certification & Certificates/Plaques and on perhaps establishing an upper limit on the total number of FICF(hc), as part of its responsibilities. ACTION 12: Professors Taplin & Karihaloo to report back to EXCO.

17. Professor Ravi-Chandar is to ensure that Professor Carpinteri is provided with a comprehensive mailing list related to ICF10 for ICF11 and Professor Carpinteri to develop this as an ICF Mailing List which will be the ongoing property of ICF:

ACTION 13: Professor Ravi-Chandar to communicate with Professor Carpinteri and Elsevier to ensure that this is accomplished within six months time and to report back to EXCO.

18. There will be no actual meetings of EXCO during the period up to ICF11, business of EXCO being conducted via the ICF President's Technical Office, electronically and via conference calls. The next ICF Council meeting will be probably scheduled for 19.00hrs, March 21 2005, Lingotto Centre, Torino, Italy. Accordingly the Next Meeting of the ICF Executive Committee will be 20.00hrs March 19 2005, Lingotto Centre, Torino, Italy at ICF11.

19. The EXCO Chair and ICF President 2001-2005, Professor Mai then thanked everyone for their attendance and important contributions and formally drew the meeting to a close at 21.15hrs.

Professor Y-W Mai, ICF President (2001-2005), Chair of EXCO

Professor D M R Taplin, ICF Treasurer, Secretary of EXCO

Professor A T Yokobori Jr, ICF Secretary-General

Honolulu, USA, December 6 2001