
International Union of Pure and Applied Physics
Meeting of Executive Council
London, UK, 07 February 2009

Present

Sukekatsu Ushioda (President), Alan Astbury (Past President), Cecilia Jarskog (President Designate), Robert Kirby-Harris (Secretary General), Rudzani Nemutudi (Associate Secretary General), Williamina Lazaro (Administrator); Vice Presidents at Large: Marcia Barbosa, Alexandr Kaminskii; Vice Presidents/Commission Chairs: Patricia McBride, Samuel Bader, Klaus von Klitzing, Henri Orland, Mustansir Barma.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

1.1 The minutes of the meeting held in Tsukuba, Japan on 14 October 2008 were noted.

2. Agreed Items discussed at C&CC meeting

2.1 Conferences

2.1.1 Amaldi 8 Conference: Noting the communication and technical problems experienced by the previous administration, which led to the failure by the IUPAP computer system to capture the Amaldi 8 conference funding application form, council approves a type B sponsorship for the Amaldi 8 conference.

2.1.2 XXVIII CURCCAF, the Simposio Centroamericano y del Caribe de Fisica (Central American and Caribbean Symposium in Physics): Marcia Barbosa will contact some of the speakers invited at the XXVIII CURCCAF symposium. Subject to Marcia's positive recommendation, council grants conditional approval to fund the symposium at the amount of 3000€.

2.2 Working Groups:

2.2.1 Working Groups should at all times ensure that the statements they issue are not in conflict with the general principles of the IUPAP. The president should be consulted for approval of all statements that have bearing on the IUPAP. This practice should also avoid instances of working groups making contradictory statements.

2.3 Visiting Scientist Program:

2.3.1 This is a new idea which seems to have strong support by commission chairs. There however does not seem to arise uniformity on what is the reasonable minimum or maximum period of stay by the visiting scientist. The President and Secretary General should do something about the idea, thrash it out and get something to present at the next meeting, advisedly with the support/consultation of C13 and C14. The program should be incorporated in the 2010 budget.

2.4 Inter-union representatives

2.4.1 Inter-union representation as discussed with the Chair of Commissions was approved at the previous council, and it is something the present council should be warming up to.

2.5 **C14 Book**

- 2.5.1 Council affirms support for the Physics Education program of C14 and further notes the agreement that C14 be allocated 6k USD from the 2008 budget for printing and distribution of the book titled 'Connecting Research in Physics Education with Teacher Education – Volume 2'

2.6 **UNESCO Memorandum of Agreement**

- 2.6.1 Alan Astbury has appended his signature as the past president. The signed copy should be taken to UNESCO to be co-signed. More effective means of engagement also need to be developed to get ICSU to take the IUPAP General Assembly more serious.

2.7 **Activity of C17**

- 2.7.1 Meeting notes that Commission 17 seems to be getting active again. The commission should be closely watched and given what support is deemed necessary.

2.8 **Venue for Next Fall Meeting**

- 2.8.1 Next C&CC meeting to be held in Chicago on 23-24 October 2009, arriving at the venue on 22 October.

2.8.2 Arrangements for visa applications should be started in time.

2.8.3 Delhi has offered to host the 2010 meeting. Date to be decided.

2.9 **Venue for Next General Assembly Meeting in 2011**

2.9.1 Vienna seems to be a popular choice thus far. The local committee should be consulted and involved. Compared to the Tsukuba GA, the projected total costs of hosting a GA in Vienna should be significantly reduced as travelling expense will be less. Balance could be used to assist the local organizing committee.

2.9.2 Dates of 17-21 October 2011 recommended for the next GA in Vienna. Robert Kirby-Harris to start the ball rolling for final consultation.

3. **Increase number of shares (from two to four) for the Czech Republic**

3.1 Shares seem almost equal to number of seats. China's shares are 8, and so are India's. Council has powers to grant an increase in the number of shares.

4. **Any other business**

4.1 Robert Kirby-Harris mentioned that commission meetings are run by an allocated commission budget of 6k€

5. Sukaketsu Ushioda thanked all for attending the council meeting.

Meeting adjourned