

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

**Minutes of the 118th meeting held on 23rd August 2008  
in Paris – France, under the chairmanship of Mr. Yves FILION  
President of CIGRE**

*Were present:*

Messrs.	Y. FILION	President of CIGRE
	P. TYREE	Treasurer
	K. FRÖHLICH	Technical Committee Chairman
	J. KOWAL	Secretary General
	J. REGIS	President of IEC

J. ADAME MIRANDA - A. AZMI - K. BAKIC - K. BAUER - R. BEVAN - A. BOLZA  
Y. BONDARENKO - P. BRAUN - M. CHAMIA - J. CHRISTENSEN - D-T. CRISTESCU  
D. CROFT - A. DARADKAH - P. DE PAUW - E. DIALYNAS - A. DJAKOV  
J. ELOVAARA - P.ESMERALDO - N. FLATABO - C. GELLINGS - T. HAYASHI  
K. ISAKSSON - C. JONES - K. KING - W. KLING - J-Y. KOO - I. KROMER  
P. KUNDUR - J. LEPECKI - A. LEVINZON - A. MERLIN - J. MOSER - A. MUFTI  
J. NASCIMENTO BAPTISTA - J. NIZOVOY - J. PROCHAZKA - G. RODRIGUEZ  
RUOMEI LI - A. SEKERINSKI - P. SMITH - F. SOTO MARTOS – J. WANKOWICZ  
R. WINDMÖLLER

Were represented:

Messrs. G. CARDWELL by T. MITTON  
R.P. SINGH by P.P. WAHI  
F. KHADRI by M. AMOROUAYECHE

Mr. V. MIROLIUBOV acted as interpreter for Mr. A. DJAKOV

*Excuses for absence:*

Messrs. B. BINSON - I. DARNEL - M. EKHLAT - T. GUDMUNDSSON  
R. MAHMUTCEHAJIC - R. PAJO - H. PEREIRA DOMENECH  
G. RODRIGUEZ - D. ROUHI - F. SARMIENTO ALMEIDA - TRAN DIN LONG  
R. VALDIVIA – W. WHITE – H. YOUNES

Ms. L. NEY acted as Secretary

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#### 1. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT Ref. Doc. AC 08-02

The TC Chairman reported on the action of the Technical Committee over the last year.

- Intermediary meetings (November) allowing more in-depth discussions and general brainstorming on current issues proved most valuable and would be continued.
- The new Strategic Plan – roadmap for the next 10 years – is ready and will be published in ELECTRA, after editorial amendments.
- New actions aimed at recruiting young members – coordination with the SteerCom group working on this.
- SC D1 - clarification as to scope and title was the subject of much brainstorming and agreement was reached on the following new title: "Materials and Emerging Test Techniques".
- The operation of the Study Committees was satisfactory, as was the number and rate of turnover of Working Bodies, all of which were based on approved TORs.
- Concept of ELECTRA would be revised to integrate some peer review system.

The President thanked and congratulated the TC Chairman for his work, and mentioned the exceptional event on UHV held in China and organised jointly with IEC.

#### 2. FINANCIAL SITUATION Ref. Docs AC 08-03 a) & b)

The Treasurer thanked members for their support as this was his last meeting. He was pleased with the healthy financial situation of CIGRE. The Statements of accounts at end December 2007 including recommendations regarding allocation of the results **had been sent out in May and had been approved.**

Proposals:

- A **tax expert to be called upon** to check for possible minimising of present taxation (fee should be €4000 to €5000). **Proposal supported.**
- **An Ad hoc group from Steering Committee and Admin Council to be appointed to examine projects to be funded by CIGRE. Proposal supported.**

Comments:

- Before leaving and with a view to help his successor, the Treasurer would finalise with the Officers the formal procedure relevant to authorisation of expenses, to ensure a tight and transparent process. This would not imply any change to present practice but would only formalise it.
- The "defensive" investment policy adopted by CIGRE had proved efficient and should be continued.

***Budget:***

**The recommendation that Membership fees be maintained at the same rates in 2009 and 2010 was approved.**

**3. LIFE OF THE ASSOCIATION  
Ref. Doc. AC 08-05**

Significant membership growth noted, in all parts of the World: 1000 new Individual members were recorded for 2008. Late payments were still a concern, and the practice of sending back issues of the journal in the case of late renewals meant unnecessary work and time investment. Suggestion: drop this practice. The Steering Committee supported this move. The suggestion would be raised at the Forum of National Committees during the Session.

Two new National Committees have been formed, are meeting statutory requirements and have applied for formal recognition: Cyprus and Montenegro.

The Administrative Council **supported recognition of the two Committees.**

**4. REVISION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE & RULES FOR STUDY  
COMMITTEES  
Ref. Doc. AC 08-06**

The **revised text clarifying the process for election of the President was approved.**

The **amendment to the Rules for Study Committees** concerning appointment of term of office of **was approved.**

**5. 2008 SESSION**

The set-up was very similar to that of the 2006 Session, except for the General Assembly scheduled on Monday midday. The number of registered participants was at this day 2700, the highest figure ever recorded for CIGRE.

**6. 2008 ELECTIONS  
Ref. Doc. AC 08-04**

They would be proceeded to as in 2006. Candidates for Officer, Steering Committee and Technical Committee functions had sent in a short CV in advance for the better information of Admin Council members.

**7. ACTION PLAN  
Ref. Doc. AC 08-07**

Discussion focused on National Committee actions and funding by the Central Office. **It was recalled that funding would concern only technical activities and that funds would cover only a proportion of the total budget.**

## **8. HISTORY OF CIGRE**

André Merlin reported on the advance of the work. The contents of the five Chapters of Book 1 had been determined. Comments from Administrative Council members were welcome. The "History of CIGRE" group would hold a meeting during the Session.

The Canadian National Committee had just issued the book on CIGRE-Canada which Prabha Kundur presented briefly.

## **9. RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS Ref. Doc. AC 08-10**

Yves Filion thanked Jacques Régis, President of IEC, for his participation at this meeting and asked him to present the IEC. Jacques Régis's presentation was found of the highest interest for members and it was suggested that the electronic version of the presentation be circulated to all CIGRE National Committees, for their information.

Yves Filion mentioned the WEC event on 'Responding to Global Changes', scheduled September 2010 in Montreal, Canada, with an expected attendance of 3500.