

Administrative Council

Minutes of the 124th meeting held in Paris (France) on 25th August 2012

Were present:

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| A. MERLIN | President of CIGRE |
| K. FROELICH | Technical Committee Chairman |
| P. ESMERALDO | Treasurer |
| F. MESLIER | Secretary General |
| Mr. Jacques REGIS | Past President of IEC |

Rachel MAHON and Liliane NEY acted as Secretary

Julian ADAME MIRANDA - Jassim N.H Al NAJJAR.- Michel AUGONNET – A. AZMI – Kresimir BAKIC - Markus BERGER – Richard BEVAN - Yuriy N BONDARENKO - Ray BROWN - Michel CHAMIA - Jorgen CHRISTENSEN - Abed Alfatah DARADKAH - Ciprian Gheorghe DIACONU Evangelos DIALYNAS - Anatoly F. DJYAKOV- Gojko DOTLIC- Eamonn DUGGAN- Mohamed Ali EKHLAT - Jarmo ELOVAARA - Ruomei LI - José Henrique Machado FERNANDES - Yves FILION Ole GJERDE- Luiz IMAZ MONFORTE - Wilhelmus L. KLING - Ja-Yoon KOO - Nilkuha KRAIRIT Sture LARSSON - Jerzy LEPECKI - Kresimir MESTROVIC- Joao A.NASCIMENTO BAPTISTA Udo NIEHAGE- Jorge Alberto NIZOVOY - Lajos OROSZKI - Milutin OSTOJIC - Helio Benito PEREIRA DOMENECH - Jiri PROCHAZKA - Mohamed RASHWAN- Massimo REBOLINI Javad ROUHI - Aleksandar SEKERINSKI - Rob STEPHEN - Ichiro TAI- Luis VELASCO- Jacek WANKOWICZ - Leonhard WIDENHORN

Were represented:

Karl BAUER by Herbert Haidvogel, Chairman of CIRED
R. N. NAYAK by V.K KANJLIA & P.P. WAHI

Excuses for Absence:

Meriem AMOROUAYECHE - Eduardo ANDRADE - David CROFT- Ibrahim DARNEL Venizelos EFTHYMIOU – Thordur GUDMUDSSON - Alex LEVINZON Rusmir MAHMUTCEHAJIC - Raine PAJO - Gonzalo RODRIGUEZ - Willis WHITE H.E. Hassan YOUNES

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The President opened the meeting at 2.15 p.m. welcoming and wishing everyone present a very enjoyable and fruitful 44th Paris Session.

1. Approval of the 2011 AC meeting minutes Ref: AC.11-13

No comments on the text. **The Minutes of the AC meeting held on 15th June 2011 in Seoul, Korea were approved.**

2. Technical Committee Report Ref: AC.12-02

The TC Chairman presented his report. There had been two TC meetings since the last AC meeting, one in Perth, Australia and the other in Barcelona. He was pleased to note an increase in the number of Working Group experts and was very happy with the continuing team spirit. There were increasing documents for non technical readers, there is an Electra paper pending regarding Strategic Direction 4, another goal is to have a white book in Electra. To improve CIGRE's image someone would be appointed to improve communication and to control the quality of the publications. Yves Maugain has been appointed this year as TC Secretary, taking over from Philippe Adam; Yves is already well acquainted with the work.

3. Finances Ref: AC.12-03

The Treasurer regretted noting that the budget figures were exceeded over 2011, this concerned the following items: IT expenses, and consequent hiring of temporary Staff at the Central Office, the History book and paying legal fees on account of the dispute with SERGI. The Treasurer recalled that having tax exemption but paying VAT has had a seriously negative effect on finances in a period with so many exceptional expenses. The budget for 2013-2014 has been revised and as these exceptional expenses should no longer be necessary, the tax exemption status should work in CIGRE's favour, without these exceptional expenses, the financial recovery should be rapid. It is essential that the

membership fees rise by .2.7% (which remains less than the inflation rate) for the next two years. The positive points are that the Exhibition was larger this year covering two floors. Membership, Symposium figures and advertising are all increasing.

4. Follow-up on AC decisions

Ref: AC.12-04

It was decided to keep for 2013 the amount of financial support to National committees at total of 25000 €.

5. Elections

Ref: AC.12-05

The Secretary General summarised the election process for 2012 -2014. The most significant change with respect to Steering Committee composition was that the membership count resulted in Europe losing one seat in favour of Asia-Pacific. Regarding the election of the 2 AC representatives on the TC, there were now 2 candidates -Wil Kling (NL) and Luis Velasco (Andean National Committee) - as Mr. J. Nascimento Baptista withdrew since Portugal would count an SC Chairman as from now.

6. Website

Ref: AC.12-06

An update on the situation was given. Functionalities were recalled. 13 SCs are now connected. Completion is expected by end of August 2012.

The feedback was positive; the new website was particularly attractive for young members. The cost was found too high. Suggestion by the SG that an extra 60k€ + 40k€ would be required for further implementation of functionalities and maintenance was objected. These aspects should be handled internally.

7. Life of the Association – Membership Process

Ref: AC.12-07

In order to help remedy the slow membership process the NCs are asked to send quality data with correct information on standardised excel sheets and the corresponding payment simultaneously.

It was recalled that allowing a number of students to access Electra free of charge will be continued.

8 Membership Equivalence

Ref: AC.12-08

The existing system was revised aiming for an equivalence system corresponding closely to financial contribution. The proposed equivalence system for implementation as of January 2013: **Individual Members II** (young members) **will be counted as 0.5** reflecting the half rate membership fee. (The comment that the status might be considered downgraded was countered by the argument that the status is temporary and that members in this category enjoy full privileges).

Collective Members I would be considered equivalent to 6 individual members. Collective Members II would be equivalent to 3 individual members. This decision will apply as from January 2013.

9. History of Cigre

Ref: AC.12-09

The agreed figure for publication of the 2nd book (history of National Committees) was 2000. It was recalled that the first book was issued and circulated in October 2011. The second volume – a compilation of the contributions from 31 NCs - is under preparation.

All NCs will receive a number of copies; 40 to 50 will be sent to the NCs who have contributed. Other NCs will receive 10 copies.

Extra copies will be available for sale. Issue will be before the end of the year.

10. CIGRE EVENTS

Ref: AC.12-10

The Secretary General was satisfied with preparation of the 44th CIGRE Session. Attendance figures at this stage were a little above those recorded in 2010.

The next Symposium will be in Lisbon 2013 , on the subject of Smart Grids. 160 synopses have already been received. There is a good probability that the Keynote speaker will be José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission. The other 2013 Symposium will be in Auckland (New Zealand) on Best practice in Transmission and Distribution in a Changing Environment.

Other future Cigre events include: the Paris Session, end August 2014 two Symposia in 2015: one in Sweden on the Electricity Market the other in South Africa, which will focus on issues related to Central Africa.

11. Relations with Adjoining Organisations

Ref: AC.12-11

Jacques Régis, Immediate past President of IEC, present at this AC meeting was invited to say a few words. He stressed that CIGRE's expertise was invaluable and that this Association was regarded as a key partner. Herbert Haidvogel, chairman of CIRED and guest at this meeting said that he was pleased with the collaboration between the two complementary Organisations, recalling that the first CIRED conference dated back to 1970. André Merlin expressed his enthusiasm in continuing CIGRE's collaboration with both organisations. Other instances of collaboration were mentioned: MOU with IEEE, a successful meeting with ENTSO (transmission system operators).

12. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be on Tuesday 28th August, at the Palais des Congrès, starting at 9.00 a.m. The 2013 meeting would be in Russia on the invitation of the Russian National Committee.

The President gave the name of the Administrative Council members who were retiring from the Admin. Council this year. He wished to thank them for their contribution over the years.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.00 p.m.