

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

### Minutes of the 125th meeting held in Paris (France) on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2012

*Were present:*

André MERLIN	President
Paulo ESMERALDO	Treasurer
Klaus FRÖHLICH	Technical Committee Chairman
François MESLIER	Secretary General

J. ADAME MIRANDA - A. AL NAJJAR - M. AUGONNET - A. AZMI - K. BAKIC - M. BERGER  
 R. BEVAN - Y. BONDARENKO - R. BROWN - M. CHAMIA - J. CHRISTENSEN - A. DARADKAH  
 C. DIACONU - E. DIALYNAS - A. DJAKOV - G. DOTLIC - E. DUGGAN - M. EKHLAT  
 Y. FILION - C. GELLINGS - O. GJERDE - L. HAARLA - L. IMAZ MONFORTE W. KLING  
 J-Y. KOO - A. KUMAR - J. LEPECKI - R. LI - K. MESTROVIC - J. NASCIMENTO BAPTISTA  
 U. NIEHAGE - J. NIZOVOY - L. OROSZKI - M. OSTOJIC - R. PAJO - H.PEREIRA DOMENECH  
 J. PROCHAZKA - M. RASHWAN - M. REBOLINI - G. RODRIGUEZ - J. ROUHI - A. SEKERINSKI  
 B. SMITTHILEELA - R. STEPHEN - I. TAI - L. VELASCO - A. VAREJAO DE GODOY - J. WANKOWICZ  
 L. WIDENHORN

*Were unable to attend but were represented:*

E. ANDRADE by H. CASAR  
 K. BAUER by H. HAIDVOGL  
 A. LEVINZON by M. ELLENBOGEN  
 N. WINSER by A. MIDDLETON

L. LEBEDEVA acted as interpreter for A. DJAKOV

R. MAHON & L.NEY acted as Secretary

*Excuses for absence:*

B. CHEKIREN - D. CROFT - I. DARNEL - V. EFTHYMIU - T. GUDMUNDSSON  
 R. MAHMUTCEHAJIC - W. WHITE - H. YOUNES

## Administrative Council

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Mr. André Merlin, President, opened the meeting at 9.00 a.m. welcoming all Administrative Council members. He pointed out that this was the first meeting for a number of members: Mrs. Liisa Haarla (Finland), Mr. Massimo Rebolini (Italy), Mr. Abhay Kumar (Sweden). They were invited to introduce themselves. Two new members were unable to attend but were represented : Messrs. Nayak (India) by Mr. Wahi and Mr. Nick Winser (United Kingdom) by Mr. A. Middleton. Excuses for absence had been received from Mr. David Croft (Past President), from Mr. Karl Bauer (Austria) who was represented by Mr. Herbert Haidvogel, President of CIRED, from Mr. Eduardo Andrade (Chile), represented by Mr. Hernan Casar, and from Alex Levinzon (Israel) represented by Mr. Marcello Ellenbogen.

#### **1. Elections**

##### **Ref. Doc. AC 12-05**

##### **1.1. President**

The President recalled the rules governing the election of the President. He pointed out that this year three members of the Council were candidate : Messrs. Paulo Esmeraldo (Brazil) , Klaus Fröhlich (Switzerland) and Clark Gellings (United States). The candidates each took the floor in turn to present their vision and action plan for CIGRE. The vote was then proceeded with.

It was recalled that the practice was a weighted vote system, the number of votes being based on the membership weight of each National Committee. The blue ballot corresponded to one vote, the yellow ballot to two votes and the green ballot to three votes.

Counting of the votes would be effected by the President, the Secretary General, a past President, Yves Filion, and the Secretary General's Assistant.

**André Merlin gave the results of the vote : Klaus Fröhlich was elected with 33 votes. The counts for the other candidates were : 27 votes for Clark Gellings and 17 votes for Paulo Esmeraldo.**

From then on the meeting was chaired by Klaus Fröhlich who expressed his thanks to Administrative Council members for their confidence. He was very happy to take up the functions of President entrusted to him this day. He wished to stress that in his opinion the other two candidates were both excellent and could have filled these functions.

### **1.2. Treasurer**

The President informed members that there was only one candidate for this position : Mr. Richard Bevan (Australia) who was invited to introduce himself. Mr. Bevan had taken part in the work of the Association since 1994. If elected he would be very happy to have this opportunity to work with the President and Technical Committee Chairman.

**Election of the Treasurer was by show of hands. The vote showed unanimous support for Richard Bevan.**

### **1.3. Technical Committee Chairman**

Klaus Fröhlich indicated that the candidate for this position was Mr. Mark Waldron. He pointed out that as this important position requires much time it is not easy to obtain the support of the Company.

**Election of the Technical Committee Chairman was by show of hands. The vote showed unanimous support for Mark Waldron.**

One member pointed out that **in future the candidate for the position should be present at this meeting so that he could introduce himself as do other candidates. This suggestion was approved.**

### **1.4. Election of three members to the Steering Committee**

The President recalled that there were six candidates and three seats to be attributed through direct election. The candidates were: Messrs. Jorgen Christensen (Nordic and Baltic Countries) , Luiz Imaz Monforte (Spain), Ja-Yoon Koo (Korea), R.N. Nayak (India), Jorge Nizovoy (Argentina), Rob Stephen (South Africa). Le President invited the candidates to say a few words. They each took the floor to speak briefly about their activities within the Association and about the National Committee's ambitions for CIGRE.

**The vote by secret ballot then took place. The results were the following : the three candidates with the highest number of votes were: Messrs. Jorge Nizovoy (Argentina), Jörgen Christensen (Denmark) and Rob Stephen (South Africa). The number of votes recorded were : J. Nizovoy (AR) : 50 votes, J. Christensen (DK) representing Nordic and Baltic Countries : 48 votes , R. Stephen (ZA) : 44 votes, J-Y. Koo (KR) : 39 votes, L. Imaz Monforte (SP) :29 votes, R.N. Nayak (IN) : 19 votes.**

Composition of the Steering Committee for the period 2012 - 2014 is as follows :

**Officers:** Klaus FRÖHLICH - Richard BEVAN - Mark WALDRON

**Members:** Michel AUGONNET (FR) - Jorgen CHRISTENSEN (DK), Anatoly DJAKOV (RU) - Clark GELLINGS (US) - Udo NIEHAGE (DE) - Jorge NIZOVOY (AR) - Mohamed RASHWAN (CA) - Ruomei LI (CN) - Rob STEPHEN (ZA) - Ichiro TAI (JP) - A.VAREJAO DE GODOY (BR) - H.E. H. YOUNES (EG)

### **1.5. Election of two Administrative Council Representatives on the Technical Committee**

The President indicated that the two candidates were: Messrs. Wil Kling (Netherlands) and Luis Velasco (Andean Committee). Les candidates briefly introduced themselves. A vote by show of hands followed.

**Both candidates were unanimously supported.**

## **2. DELEGATION OF FINANCIAL POWERS**

It was recalled that the President is invested with the financial powers ; delegations and sub-delegations are implemented in accordance with Article 13 of the Statutes and with the Rules of Procedure.

## **3. MISCELLANEOUS**

The Secretary General informed members of the Council that the number of registered delegates was now around 3200, i.e. close to 200 more than the number recorded for the 2010 Session.

It was suggested that the scientific papers to be issued in ELECTRA should be made accessible outside the Association membership. François Meslier fully supported this position. The selection process for these papers would be maintained with the Technical Committee in charge of the review. However, through e-cigre these papers would be available to all.

A member of the Council pointed out that there were regrettable clashes in the Session schedule, especially with Group Meetings and Poster sessions. The Secretary General recalled that with plenary meetings over 4 days and 16 Study Committees to be accommodated, it was difficult to work out the ideal schedule, all the more so as Study Committee are reluctant to hold their Group Meeting on the first and last day of the Session. A rotation system which seemed the fairest was thus adopted. Further reflection on this point is of course desirable.

The President added that Poster sessions were a new activity and that there is a logistics problem attached. It was difficult to please everyone in this respect.

## **4. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The Secretary General informed the Administrative Council that an invitation had been received from the Russian National Committee. He asked Prof. Djakov to speak about the venue of the next meeting. Prof. Djakov said that **the venue would be Pyatigorski, North Caucasus region**; he gave some information on the main features of the region and the possible technical visits. The dates proposed and approved were **26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013**. On behalf of the Administrative Council the President thanked Prof. Djakov for this invitation which all were delighted to accept.

Before the meeting was adjourned Clark Gellings wished to take the floor to thank André Merlin for his contribution to the Association over many years and especially in his position as President for the last four years. Clark Gellings' s words were supported and followed by a round of applause for André Merlin.

André Merlin expressed his thanks to members of the Administrative Council for their support throughout his term of office.

Le President thanked the members of the Administrative Council for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 12.00.