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Minutes *

Board Meeting of the IFSR

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Gösser Bierklinik - Zum Güldenem Drachen

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1 Opening <MM>

<MM> opens the meeting and welcomes all delegates.

<GC> circulates an attendance sheet, a list of member organisations for correction and a final agenda

1.1 Attendance

Present : see attendance list attached (section 16)

Apologies and transfer of votes : (for details see attendance list section 16)

- Robert Vallee: 1 vote to G. Chroust, 1 vote to R. Glanville
- George Klir
- Note: Ranulph Glanville has 9 votes (1 vote from AFCSET(Vallee), ASC, Cybernetic Soc London, Heinz-v-Foerster-Soc, SGN),

Guests :

- Jimmy Schimanovic (standing in for Prof. Pichler, representing George Klir)
- Janie Chroust (supporting <GC>)

1.2 Amendments to / Approval of Agenda <GC>

- The final Agenda (tabled) is approved
- <GC> reminds the representatives to sign the attendance sheet, mark any mistakes and indicate a 'stable' e-mail address and a person.
- He points out that most societies are in arrears with respect to the fees ¹

2 Minutes of previous meeting (April 19, 2006) <GC>

The minutes have been sent to the members, a further copy is tabled. Correction to the Minutes: none

DECISION: 2008-03-26 <Board> : The minutes of the Board Meeting of April 19, 2006 were accepted as a true and accurate record

3 Report from the President <MM>

<MM> gives an account of the last two years, mentioning a Meeting between <MM> and <GC> (Feb. 2007 near Vienna) and a full EC-meeting in Aug 2007 in Tokyo parallel with ISSS.

He drew special attention to several points (the details will be discussed later in the minutes):

- 25 year celebration, April 2007, Vienna - a great success
- IFSR day 2008
- Fuschl Conversation 2006 (held 22-27 April 2006)
- Fuschl Conversation (to be held March 29 to April 3, 2008)
- Encyclopedia Project (ESCO)
- International Academy of Systems and Cybernetic, discussing motivation, current status, next steps, statutes etc.

¹ 100 EURO = 150 Dollar, 1 Dollar = 0,66 Euro

- IFSR Publications (IFSR Web-Site, Newsletter, Journal of Systems Research and Behavioral Science, IFSR Book Series)
- some outlook on the future

The complete Report is attached as a separate document and is also available on the IFSR web-site.

4 Report from the Secretary/Treasurer - Membership <GC>

4.1 Membership status

- <GC> reports that the UKSS (United Kingdom Systems Society) has withdrawn its membership as of end of 2007. Even after a lengthy correspondence with their vice-chairperson Frank Stowell, the motivations seem not to be fully clear. One major reasons seems to be the added activities IFSR is planning.
- Currently the IFSR (status at start of Board Meeting, has 35 embers
- <GC> distributes Membership list and the attendance lists and asks for updates. Other additional changes to be sent via e-mail to <GC> (gc@sea.uni-linz.ac.at).
- Again <GC> requests that he as the Secretary/Treasurer should be informed about changes with respect to the officers (or even constitutions) and an up-to-date (and stable) contact person

4.2 New members

4.2.1 Name change of AFSCET

The new long form of the society's name is now Association Francaise des Sciences des Systemes

4.2.2 Heinz von Foerster Gesellschaft

Was admitted on 2007-12-08 by vote of the <EC>. Details on the Heinz von Foerster Gesellschaft can be found on <http://www.univie.ac.at/heinz-von-foerster-archive/>. Key persons are Albert Müller (albert.mueller@univie.ac.at) and Karl Müller (mueller@wisdom.at)

4.2.3 Pentagram Research Centre Private Limited

<GC> and <MM> were honorary speakers at the ICSCI 2008 (5th Int.. Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics) in Hyderabad from Jan 2 to 5 2008 organized by Pentagram Research Center. It was a very interesting, large conference. Systemics and Cybernetics was mostly treated from a rather technical, hardware and software oriented point of view. Pentagram was dmitted on 2008-01-19 by vote of the <EC>.

Details on the Pentagram Research Centre Private Limited can be found on <http://www.pentagramresearch.com/>. Key person is Prof. Ethirajan G. Rajan (e-mail president@pentagramresearch.com and rajane@yahoo.co.in).

DECISION: 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board approves the full membership of Heinz von Foerster Gesellschaft and Pentagram Research Centre Private Limited

4.2.4 Croatian Interdisciplinary Society (HID)

The Croatian Interdisciplinary Society has applied for membership. Its representative could not come due to a sudden, unexpected commitment. The abbreviation is derived from the Croatian name of the society. The key person is Prof. Dr. Josip Stipanac.

<MM> reports on the society. A remarkable aspect is their project to allow high-school childrento perform interdisciplinary research.

DECISION: 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board votes (with 8 abstentions) to accept the Croatian Interdisciplinary Society (HID) as a full member.

4.2.5 International Institute Galileo Galilei (IIGG)

Maria Mercedes Clusella moved that the International Institute Galileo Galilei; Fundación Argentina para el Talento y el Ingenio (FATI) ("IIGG") to become a full member of the IFSR.

The IIGG is now a government organization in good standing. Charles Francois is one of the key persons.

DECISION: 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board votes with 4 abstentions that the International Institute Galileo Galilei; Fundación Argentina para el Talento y el Ingenio (FATI) ("IIGG") becomes a full member of the IFSR

4.3 Fellowships

no discussion

4.4 Inactive member, non-paying members

On 2006-04-19 the Board directed <GC> to start the procedure of revocation of membership for the Asociacion Mexicana de Sistemas y Cibernetica.

In the meantime the society has shown some activities by accessing the Web-Site (around Nov. 2007)

DECISION: 2008-03-26 <Board> : No further actions with respect to the Asoc. Mexicana de Sistemas y Cibernetica is to be taken

No other 'generally inactive members' came to the Board's attention.
The Federation has at the moment 37 members from 25 nations.

4.5 Potential new member

- CROSS (Croatian Systems Science Association) -
- Czech Society - (Ranulph Glanville suggests contact). In the past <GC> has tried to contact them without success)
- Indonesia and Philippines (Glanville promised to contact them)
- Russian Society
- Romania

No news or essential were reported about the above potential members.

4.6 Membership fee 2008-09

(<GC> reminds the Board that there is a need to define the boundaries between FULL and AFFILIATE members, and the right of both groups of members should be laid down. Discussion: what is the difference in rights, advantages, services of a Full and an Affiliate Member?

The constitution of the IFSR states

ARTICLE 6: Rights and Duties of the members

1. ...
2. Only representatives of the Full Members can become officers of the IFSR.
3. Only Full Members of the IFSR have voting rights.
4. Full members of the IFSR have equal votes.
5. Affiliate Members have no right to vote and the method of their participation is determined by the Board for each Affiliate Member on an individual basis.

The IFSR wants to keep membership also of those societies which are not able to pay the membership fee. GA Swanson suggests a different kind of membership. Many societies are not willing to pay because it does not provide enough value for them.

DECISION: 2008-03-26 <Board> : The EC is asked to consider the types of membership, especially at the EC-meeting in Madison July 2008

DECISION: 2008-03-26 <Board, unanimously> : The Membership fee is to be same as 2006/7

That means:

- Full Members: (these have to be societies) : Euro 100
- Affiliated Members: no membership fee
- Honorary Members, Fellows: no membership fee
- Supporting members (fee to be negotiated)

4.7 Headquarter of the IFSR <added at the Meeting>

Due to <GC> leaving Linz (he is now professor emeritus and thus not working in Linz anymore) the official headquarter has been moved to the Austrian Computer Society (OCG). The OCG already hosts IFSR's home page.

The Österr. Studiengesellschaft für Kybernetik (OSKG), a member of the IFSR, is also a member of OCG. <GC> is a active board member of the OCG and due to <GC>'s residence in Maria Enzersdorf, in the outskirts of Vienna (some 15 km to the south). It is easy for him to go there. Thus the official address is now:

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 Tel: OCG's telephone: only for emergencies +43 1 5120235-0
 fax: +43 1 5120235-9
 E-mail: gc@sea.uni-linz.ac.at (<GC>'s email)
 URL: <http://www.ifsr.org>

5 Financial Status and Outlook <GC>

<GC> tabled a copy of the financial situation for 2006-2007.

- Several projects had been funded in the past 2 years: They were
 - support of the Pask-Archive and the analysis and recording of its contents
 - support of speakers at EMCSR from countries with weak currencies
 - Subsidizing the Fuschl Conversations 2006 and 2008
 - Subsidizing the acquisition and scientific processing of the Bertalanffy legacy

- There are now only two sources of finance for the Society, one are royalties from Journal "Systems Research and Behavioral Science" (published by Wiley Interscience) and the membership fees.
- Budgeting is difficult in view of sizeable changes in exchange rates (Dollar and Brit. Pound versus Euro). The IFSR has been hit by the devaluation of the British Pound versus the EURO.
- The current financial situation at the moment is very healthy. We have a reasonable buffer for future eventualities.
- The financial outlook of the Journal is very healthy, thanks to the great success of the Journal.
- However, the income from membership fees and JSRBS is definitely too small to cover all expenses. For the near future the savings can be used to supplement the expenses, but in the near future we might have to re-allocate funds and expenses.

DECISION: 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board thanked Prof. M. C. Jackson for his initiative and efforts and also Amanda Gregory, the Deputy Editor

In the ensuing discussion the following points were made (*answers by the EC are given in italic*)

- Can we move some capital to high-interested account (*is done both by M. Jackson and <GC>*)
- Try to cut expenses - e-mail only (*essentially done - only official letters are sent via surface mail. (a few per year) Additionally 2 copies of the Newsletter are sent to each member society per surface mail, in addition to e-mailing them*)
- (Bernhard Scott) Why does IFSR 'sit' on a large amount of money? *We have to consider the future, the income form the Journal is by nature diminishing*
- (<GM>) Why not spend some (more) money? *What kind of projects could be invested in? In the past we had started several projects, set some money aside for them, but they never were accomplished*
- (GA Swanson): Either offer something to members or offer projects - research funds?
- (Ranulph Glanville) Should we support members *or* systems research
- (<GM>) *We support archiving systems literature and legacies. Any further suggestions on valuable legacies?*
- (Robert Trappl): Members are asked to make suggestions to the EC.

ACTION: Nov. 2008 <all members> : Make suggestions for IFSR projects

6 IFSR-Activities

6.1 IFSR 25 year celebration - DVD <GC>

The promised DVD is not yet finished, due to many other activities and tasks of <GC> especially setting up the Web-site

6.2 IFSR-day 2008 <GC>

Due to the great success of the IFSR day 2006 we have had a similar event this year, augmented by an informal get-together on the day before.

Tuesday, March 25, IFSR get-together 18:00 - ?

Wednesday, March 26, IFSR strand consisting of

IFSR - presentation**Ross Ashby Memorial Lecture** - Prof. Y. Nakamori**Symposium with 3 sessions** Symposium K: Systems Sciences - Challenges, Vision and Roadmaps (G.Chroust, Austria, and M.Mulej, Slovenia)

- Preserving and Utilizing past Knowledge and Experience
- Establishing Communication between systems practitioners and theoreticians
- Creating Excellence. Impact, and Future Visions

Board Meeting Gösser Bierklinik (member representatives only)**Tuesday, March 25th, noon** EC-Meeting, Gösser Bierklinik**Thursday, March 27th, noon** EC-Meeting, Cafe Central (for EC + Prof. Nakamori only)**6.3 The Fuschl Conversation 2006 <MM/GM/GC>**

Fuschl Conversations are held every 2 years. The 13th Fuschl Conversation was to be held from 22-27 April 2006 in Fuschl, Austria.

<GC> tables copies of the corresponding Newsletter reporting on it and the Fuschl 2006 Proceedings:

Chroust, G. and Hofer, C. and Hoyer, C. (eds.); Proceedings of the Twelfth Fuschl Conversation, Inst. f. Systems Engineering and Automation, Kepler Univ. Linz, 2005, SEA-SR-0, ISBN 3-902457-07-4, 117 pages.

<GC> thanked especially Gary Metcalf, but also the other Team Leaders and also Christoph Hoyer (<GC>'s assistant) for the excellent work.

Fuschl 2006 was conceptualized as a strategy meeting, trying to give a new impetus to the Fuschl Conversations, to the IFSR and to the Systems Movement in general. We had 23 participants in 5 groups but with considerable exchange between the groups.

<GC> encourages members to access the Web-site where the Newsletters and the proceedings of the Fuschl conversations (as far as available) can be found

6.4 The Fuschl Conversation 2008 <GC>

The 14th Fuschl Conversation will be held from March 29 to April 3, 2008, again in Fuschl, Austria, again in Seehotel Schlick. GC reports about the concept and the changes planned for Fuschl 2008. a list of participants and topics is tabled.

The results will be published on the Web-site in a short version in the Newsletter and in a longer version as proceedings.

7 IFSR Projects**7.1 ESCO -Charles Francois - Encyclopedia <GC>**

G. Ossimitz is in charge of this project. For details see IFSR Newsletter 2006 (vol 23, no. 1, p. 20). The IFSR will maintain a continuation of Charles Francois' encyclopedia in electronic form. Copyright etc. have to be honored. Our concern is securing Charles Francois's legacy.

<GC> talked to Saur Publishers: they want to publish an electronic version of the Francois-Encyclopedia. This would allow a seamless access and cooperation with the IFSR-setup as planned by Günther Ossimitz.

ACTION: Sept 2008 <GC> : <GC> to get into contact with G. Ossimitz and with Saur Publishers in order to make a new concept

7.2 The International Academy of Systems and Cybernetic <MM>

A report on the International Academy of Systems and Cybernetic (IASC) is tabled. A presentation about Academy is available in EMCSR '08 Proceedings, as a contribution by M. Mulej and J. Gu, see Trappl, R. (ed.): Proc. European Meeting on Cybernetics and Systems Research 2008, Austrian Society for Cybernetic Studies, Vienna 2008, isbn=3-85206-175-7.

<MM> states that additional ideas about membership preconditions are welcome. Some discussion.

DECISION: 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board approves the concept of the IASC and asks the EC to take the necessary further steps

IASC board consists of M. Mulej, as interim president, R. Glanville and J. Gu as interim vicepresidents, and J. Wilby as secretary.

J. Wilby will prepare a list of journals publications in which are applicable. IFSR member associations can then discuss and complete the list.

The key person in the implementation will be <MM>

DECISION: 2008-03-026 <Board> : The Board approved the interim officers of the IASC

7.3 System Archives Vienna <GC>

<GC> tables his paper presented at the EMCSR 2008 on a vision about Vienna archives.

author={Chroust, G. and Drack, M. and Müller, K. H.},
 title={Vienna - The Systems Archive - Dream or More ?},
 editor={Trappl, R.},
 booktitle = {Proc. European Meeting on Cybernetics and Systems Research 2008 (this volume)},
 publisher={Austrian Society for Cybernetic Studies, Vienna 2008},
 pages={595-599},
 isbn={3-85206-175-7}

<GC> Reports that there are several initiatives going on with respect to archiving and getting funding, but nothing stable yet. Contacts are

- Ms Susanne Kratochvil (Austrian Academy of Sciences),
- Pask Archive (H. von Foerster Society)
- IIASA Luxembourg, near Vienna
- Austrian State Archives

Ranulph Glanville: What is IFSR's part in this activities?

<GC>: *We try to get as many systems related archives/legacies to Vienna in order to make Vienna "the Centre of Systems Archives". Vienna is a natural place for such a projects due to the fact that many system thinkers originated in this geographical area.*

8 IFSR Publications

8.1 The new Web-Site of the IFSR (www.ifsr.org)<GC>

The new web-site is now fully operational. It allows registered members (everyone can register!) to add comments. Members of the Board get special privileges (write an e-mail to <GC> allowing them to interact more with the web-site. From then on you can publicize your activities/meetings etc. YOURSELF

DECISION: 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board appreciates the work done by Prof. Magdalena Kalaidjieva on the previous Web-site. The Board expresses its thanks and appreciation to her for her work

Unfortunately the interest in the Web site is rather low.

<GC> Encourages members to access the IFSR web site (<http://www.ifsr.org>) for both getting and supplying it. Use it as a communication tool!

ACTION: <all> [new 200803260]: access the IFSR Web site

8.2 IFSR Newsletter <GC>

A hardcopy of the IFSR Newsletter 2007 is tabled

<GC> stated that the Newsletter is published annually and put on IFSR's web site. For documentation purposes approx. 80 copies are printed (2 per society, plus a number of copies for legal purposes, VIPs etc.).

8.3 Journal of Systems Research and Behavioral Science <J. Wilby>

Both a copy of the Journal and the marketing plan were tabled. Once again the Board thanked Prof. M. C. Jackson for his initiative and efforts and also Amanda Gregory, the Deputy Editor-in-Chief

8.4 IFSR Book Series <J. Schimanovics>

IFSR International Series on Systems Science and Engineering Series Ed.: Klir, George J. ISSN: 1574-0463 see "<http://www.springer.com/series/6104?detailsPage=titles>" for details.

New books since 2006:

- A Missing Link in Cybernetics
Andrew, A.M., Vol. 27, 2009
- Semantics-Oriented Natural Language Processing
Fomichov, V., Vol. 26, 2008
- More Generalized Measure Theory Wang, Z., Klir, G.J., Vol. 25, 2008
- Foundations and Applications of MIS
Takahara, Y., Liu, Y., Vol. 24, 2006

Jimmy Schimanovic reported on behalf of Prof. Pichler (to whom George Klir delegated reporting) of the status of the Books Series. A list of all publications is on the IFSR-web site.

- A discussion about the position and purpose of the Book Series was held, especially in view of the (unsuccessful) attempt of Wolfgang Hofkirchner (BCSSS) to start a subseries of the Book Series for the publications done by BCSSS.
- There is currently no influence of the IFSR on the contents of the Series.
- Jimmy shows the layout of the Cover of the new Book (Wang/Klir). The layout is received with mixed feelings.
- The IFSR should try to get in a more detailed communication with George Klir with respect to the IFSR Books Series

ACTION: <EC> : Contact George Klir about the future of the IFSR Books Series

9 IFSR Supported Events

9.1 Ashby Lecture EMCSR2008 <GC>

The Ross Ashby Memorial Lecture of the EMCSR 2006 was given by Prof. Yoshiteru Nakamori School of Knowledge Science, Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology "Models and Systems for Knowledge Integration and Creation"

9.2 EMCSR 2008 <GC>

As sponsorship the IFSR had paid the conference fees for 8 persons to allow them to attend the EMCSR at a cost of approx. 250 Euro each. The names of the delegates sponsored were tabled. They are:

- Karthik, Bharat, Symposium A, "Information Flow in Distributed Systems: Graded Classifications, Infomorphisms, and Channels" T.J. Watson School of Engineering and Applied Science, New York, USA
- Frantisek, Capkovic, Symposium B, "A System Approach to Describing and Analysing the Behaviour of Agents in MAS" Institute of Informatics Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia
- Prytula, Yaroslav, Symposium H, "Improving the performance of universities in transitional economies" Lviv Ivan Franko National University, UKRAINE
- Medvedeva, Tatyana, Symp. H, "Educating managers during a period of social and economic transition" The Center of Business and Management, Siberian State University of Transport, Novosibirsk
<NOTE: Tayana finally did not come and therefore did not receive the subsidy!>
- Davidson, Glenn, Symp. H, "The Practice of Artstation and a Cybernetic Cannon" artstation.org.uk, United Kingdom
- Galkin, Dmitry, Symp. H, "Understanding Interactivity: Artistic Reflections on Cybernetics" Tomsk State University Tomsk, Russia
- Clusella C., Maria Mercedes, Symp. H, "Organizational Changes in Catching-Up Countries Context" Intern. Inst. Galileo Galilei Argent. Found. for Talent and Ingenuity, Santiago del Estero Argentina

9.3 Other events

none

10 Release of Obligation of the Executive Committee

10.1 Formal Vote

Robert Trappl (OSGK) takes the chair;

DECISION: 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board releases the EC from duty the complete Executive Committee unanimously

10.2 Resignation of Prof. Jifa Gu as vice president

End of 2007 Prof. Jifa Gu, vice president of the IFSR (2006-2008) and president of the IFSR (2002-2006), expressed his wish to step down as a vice president. He decided not to run for another election. before is not a candidate for reelection.

DECISION: 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board expresses its sincerest thanks to Jifa Gu for his work for the IFSR, especially for opening our channels to Asia especially with the IFSR 2007 Congress in Tokyo

11 Election of IFSR Officers

Robert Trappl thanks the Executive Committee of the IFSR for all the good work they have performed in the last 2 years.

11.1 Number of vice-presidents

DECISION: 2008-03-26 <Board> : Upon the suggestion of the EC, there will be two Vice Presidents for the next Period - Unanimously approved

11.2 Proposed Candidate for Vice-Presidency: Prof. Yoshiteru Nakamori

The <EC> suggests as a new vice-president Prof. Yoshiteru Nakamori. A handout of Prof. Nakamori's CV is tabled.

Prof. Nakamori is President of the "International Society of Knowledge and Systems Science" (Japan) School of Knowledge Science, Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, 1-1 Asahidai, Nomi, Ishikawa 923-1292, Japan, nakamori@jaist.ac.jp.

Curriculum vitae (shortened): School of Knowledge Science, Department of Knowledge System Science, Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, 1-1 Asahidai, Nomi, Ishikawa 923-1292, Japan, nakamori@jaist.ac.jp

Degrees : B.S., M.S., and ph.D. degrees, all in applied mathematics and physics, from Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, in 1974, 1976, and 1979, respectively

Professional Career : Professor in Department of Applied Mathematics at Konan University (1991), Professor of School of Knowledge Science (1998-), Presidential Advisor at JAIST (1999-2000), Dean of School of Knowledge Science (2002-)

Specialties : Systems Methodology, Environmental Studies, Agent-based Simulation

- Creative Environment-Issues of Creativity Support for the Knowledge Civilization Age 14 Management of Technology in Academic Research, Toshiya Kobayashi, Yoshiteru Nakamori, Andrzej P. Wierzbicki, Springer, 2007, pp.353-368
- Creative Space - Models of Creative Processes for the Knowledge Civilization Age, Andrzej P. Wierzbicki and Yoshiteru Nakamori, Springer, 2005.12, 289
- Environmental Kuznets Curve for Some Countries- Regression and Agent-based Approach., C. A. Brebbia and J. F. Martin-Duque eds. Pawel Bartoszczuk, Tiejun Ma and Yoshiteru Nakamori, Air Pollution X, 2002, 93-102

Published Papers (short selection) :

- Multiple attribute decision making under uncertainty: The evidential reasoning approach revisited, V.N. Huynh, Y. Nakamori, T.B. Ho, T. Murai, IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man and Cybernetics - Part A: Systems and Humans, Vol. 36, No. 4, pp. 804-822, July, 2006
- A satisfactory-oriented approach to multi-expert decision-making with linguistic assessments, V.N. Huynh, Y. Nakamori, IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics - Part B: Cybernetics, Vol. 35, No. 2, pp. 184-196, 2005.4
- Design of a Software Agent for Business Gaming Simulation, Yuji Shinoda, Mina Ryoike, Takao Terano and Yoshiteru Nakamori, Journal of Systems Science and Systems Engineering, 15, 1, 83-94, 2006.3

Extramural Activities :

- International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Researcher(1984-1985)
- National Institute for Environmental Studies, Visiting Researcher(1986-)
- Dalian University of Technology, Visiting Professor(1992-)

11.3 Proposals for the next Executive Committee

The <EC> presents the new slate for the officers of the IFSR. Thus the <EC> proposes the following slate

- President: Prof. Dr. Matjaz Mulej (Slovenian Society for Systems Research)
- 1st Vice-President: Prof. Y. Prof. Yoshiteru Nakamori (International Society of Knowledge and Systems Science)
- 2nd Vice President: Dr. Gary Metcalf (Int. Society for the Systems Sciences)
- Secretary-Treasurer. Prof. Dr. Gerhard Chroust (Austrian Society for Cybernetic Studies)

11.4 Formal Election

Robert Trappl asked the meeting

1. If there are other nominations - No further nominations
2. If secret ballot was desired

DECISION: 2008-03-26 <Board> : no secret ballot is desired
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3. If en-bloc voting is acceptable

DECISION: 2008-03-26 <Board> : en-bloc voting is accepted

Robert Trappl calls for a vote of the proposed candidates

DECISION: 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board approves unanimously the proposed Executive Committee for the Period 2008-2010

- President: Prof. Dr. Matjaz Mulej (Slovenian Society for Systems Research)
- 1st Vice-President: Prof. Dr. Yoshiteru Nakamori (Systems Engineering Society of China)
- 2nd Vice President: Dr. Gary Metcalf (Int. Society for the Systems Sciences)
- Secretary-Treasurer. Prof. Dr. Gerhard Chroust (Austrian Society for Cybernetic Studies)

All member of the EC accept their nomination.

12 IFSR Committees

12.1 Fuschl Committee

<GC> stresses the need for a small committee to help Fuschl Conversations and to provide continuity beyond the individual Fuschl Organizers. The Board asked that this committee be handled on an informal basis.

The following persons will be members: (more to be added) Gordon Dyer, Yoshi Horiuchi

ACTION: 2008-10-01 <GC> [new 200803260]: select a Fuschl committee
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12.2 Web Committee

<GC> stresses the need for a small committee to help organise the Web-site, both with respect to quality issues and to new ideas with respect to usage. The Board asked that this committee be handled on an informal basis. Jennifer should be one person on it

ACTION: 2008-10-01 <GC> : select a Web Committee

13 Further Activities of the IFSR

On request of <MM> all members are asked to show their membership in the IFSR by displaying the IFSR-logo on their home page.

Also the members are asked to put the note "Member of the IFSR", respective if "Founding Member of the IFSR".

ACTION: <OSGK, SGN, ISSS> : Put "(Founding) Member of the IFSR"

ACTION: <all other members> : Put IFSR-logo on their home page

ACTION: July 2008 <GC> : send IFSR logo to all member societies

No other activities are envisioned.

13.1 Fuschl 2010

Fuschl 2010 should be similar to 2008 . It will be held Saturday- Thursday, April 10 - 15, 2010

13.2 ISSS 2008

The EC will meet in Madison at the ISSS Conference (13-18. July)

13.3 IFSR day at EMCSR 2010

Like 2008 a IFSR-day is planned for EMCSR 2010. Its purpose is to make the IFSR better known and to support the EMCSR meeting. Planned date: Wednesday April 7, 2010

13.4 Other events

no other events

14 Other Business

15 Closing <MM>

15.1 Dates of next Meetings

- next EC-Meeting : July 2008 at ISSS 2008 in USA -with no cost to IFSR!
- next EC-Meeting : July 2009 (at ISSS 2008, Brisbane, Australia)
- Easter: Sunday/Monday April 4/5 2010

- Preparatory EC-Meeting: Tuesday April 6, 2010
- Board Meeting: Wednesday April 7, 2010
- IFSR Day at EMCSR: Wednesday April 7, 2010
- Fuschl Conversation: Saturday April 10 - 15, 2010

16 ATTENDANCE LIST: IFSR Board Meeting 26 March 2008

- Taketshi Yoshida (International Society of Knowledge and Systems Sciences) = 1 vote
- Yoshiteru Nkamaori (International Society of Knowledge and Systems Sciences) = 1 vote
- Jennifer Wilson (ISSS) = 1 vote
- GA Swanson (ISSS) = 1 vote
- Robert Trappl (OSGK) = 0 vote
- Ranulph Glanville (ASC, Cybernetic Soc. (London), HvFoersterS, SGN) + 1 vote from AFCSET) = 9 votes
- Clusella Maria Mercedes (ALAS, GESI) = 4 votes and IIGG (not yet a member)
- Magdalena A. Kakaudhueva (BSSR) = 2 votes
- Bernhard Scott (RC-51) = 2 votes
- Wolfgang Hofkirchner = 2 votes
- Gary Metcalf (Vice president, ISSS) = 0 votes
- Matjaz Mulej (SRS) = 2 votes
- Jifa Gu (SESC) = 2 votes
- Gerhard Chroust (OSGK) 1 vote (from AFCSET)
- Janie Chroust (guest) = 0 vote
- Jimmy Schimanovic (guest) = no vote

17 ACTIONS (IFSR-20080326)

ACTIONS: p20080326-final, 2. August 2008

- act ==> Nov. 2008 <all members> : Make suggestions for IFSR projects
- act ==> Sept 2008 <GC> : <GC> to get into contact with G. Ossimitz and with Saur Publishers in order to make a new concept
- act ==> <all> [new 200803260]: access the IFSR Web site
- act ==> <EC> : Contact George Klir about the future of the IFSR Books Series
- act ==> 2008-10-01 <GC> [new 200803260]: select a Fuschl committee
- act ==> 2008-10-01 <GC> : select a Web Committee
- act ==> <OSGK, SGN, ISSS> : Put "(Founding) Member of the IFSR"
- act ==> <all other members> : Put IFSR-logo on their home page
- act ==> July 2008 <GC> : send IFSR logo to all member societies
(Reminder! put onto list 'all-actions')

18 DECISIONS (IFSR-20080326)

DECISIONS: p20080326-final, 2. August 2008

- dec ==> 2008-03-26 <Board> : The minutes of the Board Meeting of April 19, 2006 were accepted as a true and accurate record
- dec ==> 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board approves the full membership of Heinz von Foerster Gesellschaft and Pentagram Research Centre Private Limited
- dec ==> 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board votes (with 8 abstentions) to accept the Croatian Interdisciplinary Society (HID) as a full member.
- dec ==> 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board votes with 4 abstentions that the International Institute Galileo Galilei; Fundación Argentina para el Talento y el Ingenio (FATI) ("IIGG") becomes a full member of the IFSR
- dec ==> 2008-03-26 <Board> : No further actions with respect to the Asoc. Mexicana de Sistemas y Cibernética is to be taken
- dec ==> 2008-03-26 <Board> : The EC is asked to consider the types of membership, especially at the EC-meeting in Madison July 2008
- dec ==> 2008-03-26 <Board, unanimously> : The Membership fee is to be same as 2006/7
- dec ==> 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board thanked Prof. M. C. Jackson for his initiative and efforts and also Amanda Gregory, the Deputy Editor
- dec ==> 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board approves the concept of the IASC and asks the EC to take the necessary further steps
- dec ==> 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board approved the interim officers of the IASC
- dec ==> 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board appreciates the work done by Prof. Magdalena Kalaidjieva on the previous Web-site. The Board expresses its thanks and appreciation to her for her work
- dec ==> 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board releases the EC from duty the complete Executive Committee unanimously
- dec ==> 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board expresses its sincerest thanks to Jifa Gu for his work for the IFSR, especially for opening our channels to Asia especially with the IFSR 2007 Congress in Tokyo
- dec ==> 2008-03-26 <Board> : Upon the suggestion of the EC, there will be two Vice Presidents for the next Period - Unanimously approved
- dec ==> 2008-03-26 <Board> : no secret ballot is desired
- dec ==> 2008-03-26 <Board> : en-bloc voting is accepted
- dec ==> 2008-03-26 <Board> : The Board approves unanimously the proposed Executive Committee for the Period 2008-2010

(Reminder! put onto list 'all-decisions')