

MINUTES OF IACM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Place: Lochau, Bodensee, Austria

Date: 22 May 2001

Attendants:

T. Hughes (President)	T. Belytschko
H. Mang (Vicepresident)	E. Stein
E. Oñate (Secretary General)	F. Rammerstorfer
B. Schrefler	W. Wunderlich
R.L. Taylor (representing O.C. Zienkiewicz)	

The minutes of last meeting are approved.

E. Oñate reports on different activities carried out by IACM in last months. He presents the state of accounts.

WCCM V

F. Rammerstorfer presents the status of the organisation of the WCCM V to be held in Vienna in July 2002. The layout of the different sessions is presented together with an updated version of the budget.

T. Hughes points out that there is a lack of relevant scientists representing CFD in the different committees. It is proposed to extend the committees and the list of invited lectures with scientists from the CFD area.

IACM Awards

The organisation of the next IACM Awards is discussed. T. Hughes presents a proposal of 20 members for the Award Committee formed by:

E. Arantes e Oliveira (Portugal)	E. Oñate (Spain)
T. Belytschko (USA)	J. Periaux (France)
Y.K. Cheung (Hong-Kong)	A. Samuelsson (Sweden)
T.J.R. Hughes (USA)	B. Schrefler (Italy)
S.R. Idelsohn (Argentina)	E. Stein (Germany)
T. Kawai (Japan)	S. Valliappan (Australia)
M. Kleiber (Poland)	W. Wunderlich (Germany)
H.A. Mang (Austria)	G. Yagawa (Japan)
J.T. Oden (USA)	W. Zhong (China)
R. Ohayon (France)	O.C. Zienkiewicz (U.K.)

The list is unanimously approved.

T. Hughes will update the existing rules for IACM Awards. In principle the type and number of Awards will be the same as those awarded in the Buenos Aires Congress.

The call for proposals for the IACM Awards will be released next October with the voting of the Award Committee taking place by March 2002.

WCCM VI

A document prepared by T. Hughes and E. Oñate on the possibility of having the WCCM organised at every two year interval is discussed. The document had been previously circulated among members of the EC.

A letter from S. Idelsohn supporting the document and offering Brasil, Uruguay or Chile for a future WCCM in 2012 is presented.

The general opinion is in favour of having the WCCM running at two year interval. Arguments in favour are:

- 1) Strengthens the links between IACM with national and regional organisations.
- 2) WCCM can frequent more places in the globe. This will undoubtedly benefit to regions.
- 3) Makes IACM more prominent. It therefore rises the consciousness of IACM members (both individuals and affiliated societies).
- 4) Strongest competitive position of IACM versus congresses organised by other societies.
- 5) Helps to coordinate and optimise the proliferation of large national/regional meetings.
- 6) WCCM will be selected and announced with at least a four year notice. This will help to promote the congress worldwide and create an atmosphere at regional and local levels.

R. L. Taylor favours the idea of the two year interval but stresses the importance of making sure this will not increase the number of existing congresses. This view is shared by H. Mang and E. Oñate and the rest of participants in the meeting.

It is agreed to send a formal request for a vote on the change of the time lap between WCCM to a two year interval. The final decision will be taken in the next meeting of the EC at Dearborn during the USNCCM (1-4 August 2001).

IACM-ECCOMAS link

E. Oñate informs that he was recently elected new President of ECCOMAS for the next 4 year period. He proposes to use this opportunity to strengthen the links between IACM and ECCOMAS. He recalls the agreement between IACM and ECCOMAS (signed in Goteborg on March 20, 1998) whereby ECCOMAS will represent the IACM interests in Europe.

T. Hughes suggests to take the opportunity to define the role of Regional Organisations of IACM of which ECCOMAS could be a clear example. Similar Regional Associations are the Asian-Pacific Association of Computational Mechanics (APCAM) which is running its first congress in Sydney on November 20-23, 2001.

It is agreed that T. Hughes will present a scheme of the worldwide organisation of IACM to the next IACM EC meeting in Dearborn.

The meeting is concluded at 14:30

The participants thank Dr. Wall and Prof. Ramm for the excellent facilities for the organisation of the meeting and the lunch provided.

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