

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE IACM
HYATT REGENCY HOTEL, Dearborn, USA
August 2nd, 2001

Participants

T. Hughes (Chairman)
E. Oñate (Secretary General)
T. Belytschko
S. Idelsohn
H. Mang
T. Oden
R. Ohayon
B. Schrefler
R. Taylor (representing O.C. Zienkiewicz)
G. Yagawa

Apologies

J. Periaux
A. Samuelsson
E. Stein
S. Valliappan
W. Wunderlich

- ① The minutes of previous meeting were unanimously approved.
- ② E. Oñate reports on the status of the conference IACM organises in Guanajuato, Mexico on January 2002. Some 160 papers have been received from 15 different countries (80% from Mexico). It is expected that the Mexican Association for Computational Mechanics will be created at the meeting. Members of the IACM Executive Committee (T. Hughes, T. Oden, T. Belytschko and E. Oñate) will take part in the meeting by invitation of the local organisers in Mexico.
- ③ E. Oñate reports on the status of the IACM accounts.
- ④ T. Hughes reports on the positive response of the Dearborn USACM conference and about the process for nominating the IACM Awards for the next IACM congress.
- ⑤ E. Mang presents a detailed report on the status of the organisation of the IACM Congress in Vienna on July 2002. It is suggested to extend the deadline for acceptance of Abstracts and also to disseminate further the congress in the USA by means of organising specific sessions by relevant USA scientists.

⑥ The issue of running IACM Congresses at every two years interval is discussed. R. Taylor express his wish that this initiative should not mean the appearance of a new congress and that the IACM World Congress should be made coincident with regional congresses.

T. Hughes informs that the idea is precisely that the IACM World Congress must have a bigger regional impact worldwide and that IACM will favour proposals which would merge the World Congress with regional congresses.

E. Oñate presents a calendar where the feasibility of above scheme is demonstrated.

After some discussions it is agreed:

① To change the periodicity of the IACM World Congress (WCCM) to a two year interval, starting in 2002.

② To favour proposals of future WCCM which will merge these congresses with similar regional and national meetings.

③ To start the process in the 2004 edition of the IACM World Congress.

④ To approach the members of the Executive Council from the Asian-Pacific region to explore the possibility of organising the WCCM in 2004 in that region in coincidence with the next APCOM congress.

⑤ To approach relevant scientists in the USA for organisation of the 2006 WCCM.

The issue of renovating the positions of the Corresponding Members in the Council is addressed. It is mainly approved to change the Corresponding Members in the Council to include the following persons: E. R. Arantes e Oliveira, M. Kleiber, R. Ohayon and E. Ramm.

It is also agreed to nominate Profs. E. Stein and W. Wunderlich Honorary Members of the Executive Council.

It is also agreed to start the procedure to update the list of members of the IACM General Council. E. Oñate will prepare a proposal of the new structure of the Council taking into account the number of IACM members in each country.

The attendants thank Prof. G. Hulbert for helping in the organisation of the meeting and the lunch provided.

