

MINUTES of the CIE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

at the BICC, Beijing, China
4 July 2007

1. Opening of the meeting

The President opened the meeting at 9:00 and welcomed the participants.

The roll-count showed 27 National Committees present out of 37, sufficient for a quorum. In the course of the meeting, 6 further country representatives joined. The attendance list of the GA members and observers is attached to the Minutes as Annex 1.

Finalization of agenda: The agenda was accepted without amendments.

The President asked for a minute of silence to commemorate the colleagues who had passed away since the CIE Midterm Meeting 2005:

Mike Marsden (UK)
George Frederick Cole (UK)
József Horváth (Hungary)
Lucien Morren (Belgium)
William A. Thornton Jr. (USA)
Robert M. Boynton (USA)
Reiner Rattunde (Germany)
Wolfgang Budde (Canada)
Jim Palmer (USA)

2. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting 2005 in León

The Minutes had been circulated to NCs with NCCL0626. No comments had come in, and the minutes were accepted.

3. Report of the President

W. v. Bommel presented his report (see Annex 2).

He informed the GA that Division Directors are now appointed already one year before the Session where they take office. To help ease the financial burden of NCs, prices of publications have been halved, membership fees were not increased, and for 2008 and 2009 the fees were even reduced by 3% respectively. Special mention was made of: the signing of the CIE/BIPM Agreement, the Supportive Members scheme which is now taking off, the endorsement of journals, and the CIE Annual Report.

4. Report of the Vice-President Technical

W. Julian presented his report (see Annex 3), mentioning some highlights of the work done in TCs and Divisions.

5. Report of the Vice-President Publications

F. Hengstberger presented his report (see Annex 4).

N. Pollard asked to include a list of sales per publication number in the written version of the report. G. Sauter asked for information on the webshop customers from his country, so that

non-NC-members can be approached. R. Bergman suggested to make this information available on a password-protected part of the website for NC use only.

6. Reports of further BA officers

6.1 Marketing, and Membership development/Supportive Members

H.S. Mamak presented his report (see Annex 5), stressing the evolving Supportive Membership scheme and thanking NCs for their assistance in this matter.

6.2 Membership development/New member countries and ISO/IEC Guide 71

K. Sagawa presented his report (see Annex 6).

6.3 Education and CIE Handbook on Colorimetry

J. Schanda presented his report (see Annex 7).

6.4 Research and metrology

J. Bastie presented his report (see Annex 8).

6.5 Seminars and Symposia

D. Sliney presented his report (see Annex 9).

7. Report of the General Secretary

C. Hermann presented her report (see Annex 10).

It was suggested that NC circulars should be made available on the website (with password protection). J. Schanda suggested to include also an (updated) keyword list on the website. T. v.d.Brink mentioned the problem of e-mails from CIE CB being classified as spam.

8. Finances of the CIE

M. Seidl presented his report (see Annex 11).

The draft year end report 2006 and a list of credit notes made out to NCs were circulated. The Treasurer thanked the most reliable payers for their continued assistance in keeping the financial status stable.

P. Soardo suggested to lower the dues by 10%, in view of his NC's difficulties to pay the fees. M. Seidl replied that not raising the dues for several years in fact constitutes a reduction, as there is no compensation for the inflation.

The BA recommended to the GA to expel the CIE NC of Thailand for not paying their dues, effective end 2007, unless at least the arrears for 2005 are received by the end of 2007. Several GA members offered to try to use their existing contacts with Thailand to reach the NC.

In the subsequent vote, the GA unanimously approved the expulsion under the above condition.

The Draft Budgets for 2008 and 2009 had been circulated to NCs with NCCL0707.

The GA approved the budgets (with one abstention by Italy).

Norbert Johnson (USA) and Peter Dehoff (Austria) were proposed as internal auditors for 2006.

The GA approved both candidates (with abstention of Mr. Dehoff).

9. Matters arising from the BA meeting

(already covered in the Officers' Reports.)

10. Lighting and Energy

This item had been added on the agenda on the request of the NC Finland. Mr. Kallasjoki presented his proposal. W.v.Bommel reported on the discussions at the Board Meeting concerning a CIE Statement on Lighting and Energy, a small task force had been formed to finalize the text still during the Session days. He requested the help of NCs to get into contact with the daily press. G. Sauter stressed the necessity to give technical advice to experts and arguments to politicians. M. Fontoynt suggested a joint statement with IEA.

11. Time and place of the next General Assembly Meeting

The NC Hungary had sent an offer to host the CIE Midterm Meeting in 2009 in Budapest, J. Schanda gave a short presentation on the venue.

The GA approved to hold the Midterm Meeting 2009 in Budapest. The date has still to be discussed.

12. CIE Session 2011

The NC South Africa had sent an offer to host the CIE Session 2011 in South Africa, Sun City, and gave a short presentation on the venue.

The GA approved to hold the CIE Session 2011 in South Africa.

13. Any other business

A. Stockmar reported that the German NC had started to translate CIE publications and sell the translations within the country (with royalty to CIE CB), this might be a possibility to raise money for other NCs too.

W.v.Bommel reminded the participants that at 17:00 the Lighting Exhibition will be opened and all GA participants are invited to attend.

14. Closing of the meeting

The President thanked the hosts for their hospitality and the GA members for their participation in the discussions. He closed the meeting at 16:00.

Annex 1: Attendance List

Annex 2: Report of the President

Annex 3: Report of Vice-President Technical

Annex 4: Report of Vice-President Publications

Annex 5: Report of Vice-President Marketing & Membership Development

Annex 6: Report of Vice-President Membership Development and ISO/IEC Guide 71

Annex 7: Report on Education and CIE Handbook on Colorimetry

Annex 8: Report of Vice-President Research and Metrology

Annex 9: Report of Vice-President on Seminars & Symposia

Annex 10: Report of General Secretary

Annex 11: Report of Treasurer

Resolutions taken at the GA Meeting 2007, Beijing:

- * The GA approved the expulsion of the NC of Thailand at the end of 2007, unless at least the arrears for 2005 are received at that date.
- * The GA approved the draft budgets for 2008 and 2009.
- * The GA approved Mr. Johnson and Mr. Dehoff as internal auditors.
- * The GA approved to hold the Midterm Meeting 2009 in Budapest.
- * The GA approved to hold the CIE Session 2011 in South Africa.