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The Extraordinary General Meeting 2013**

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**Minutes of the 18th Ordinary General Meeting of the IUVSTA and
the Extraordinary General Meeting 2013
Palais des Congrès, Paris, France.
Wednesday September 11, 2013.**

1 Opening

The President, Prof Jean-Jacques Pireaux, formally opened the meeting at 13.40.

2 Attendance

Officers:	President	Prof J-J Pireaux
	President Elect	Prof M Anderle
	Past President	Prof J W Rogers Jr.
	Secretary General	Dr R J Reid
	Treasurer	Prof François Reniers
	Scientific Director	Prof David Ruzic
	Scientific Secretary	Prof C Eisenmenger-Sitner

National Delegations:

(Argentina	Alfredo Juan, Julio Ferron, Edith Goldberg)
Australia	Rod Boswell, Bruce King
Austria	Christoph Eisenmenger-Sittner, Manfred Leisch, Peter Varga
Belgium	François Reniers
Brazil	Perdo Nascente
Croatia	Nikola Radic, Petar Pervan, Maja Buljan
Czech Republic	Karel Masek, Pavel Hedbanvy
France	Daniel Verniere, Maria Carmen Asensio, Anouk Galtayries
Germany	Frank Richter, Michael Kopnarski, Christian Day
Great Britain	Martin McCoustra, Alex Shard, David Sykes
Hungary	Laszlo Kover, Andras Berko, Gyorgy Radnoczi
India	Represented by Great Britain
Iran	Represented by Pakistan
Israel	Sidney Cohen, Ron Naaman
Italy	Espedito Vassalio, Paolo Manini, Francesco Ghezzi
Japan	Katsuyuki Fukutani, Yoshio Saito, Hideaki Kasai
Korea	Jin-hyo Boo, Guen Yong Yeom
Mexico	Sandra Rodil
Pakistan	Javaid Ahsan Bhatti, M Zafarrullah Khan, Tariq Sattar
P R China	Haiming Guo, Fei Zeng
Poland	Leszek Markowski
Portugal	Orlando Teodoro, Ana Cristina Silva, Reinhard Schwarz
Slovakia	Robert Redhammer, Jaroslav Kovac, Andrej Vincze
Slovenia	Miran Mozetic, Monika Jenko, Janez Kovac
Spain	Jose Martin-Gago, F L Tabares, Alesandro Guitierrez
Sweden	Ulf Jansson, Lars Montelius, Nils Brenning
Switzerland	Martin Wuest
USA	Joe Greene, Gregory Exarhos, Bill Rogers

Observers: Ivan Petrov (Surface Engineering Division, Chair), M G Barthes (IVC19, Former President), Ann Sykes, Alexandra Jung.

Recording Secretary: Dr D E Sykes

Dr Reid, the Secretary General announced that the quorum for the Ordinary Meeting was fifteen and for the Extraordinary Meeting twenty; there were delegations from twenty four member societies present in the room and two further societies represented by other societies and so the meetings were quorate. He explained that the meeting would be in two parts, following the procedure agreed in Beijing at GM17 and implemented in Namur at EGM 2011.

3 President's Welcome

The President, Prof J-J Pireaux, welcomed delegates to the meeting and thanked the French Vacuum Society for their hospitality. He explained that the Ordinary General Meetings approve the accounts and set the budget and, every three years, would elect the officers of the Union. Every three years following the OGM there is an Extraordinary General Meeting to review the activities of the Union over the previous triennium.

4 Remembrances

The President informed the meeting that he had been informed of the death of Akio Yoshimori who had been very active in the work of the Union, he read his obituary, (ECM-116-05-01). The meeting observed a silence of one minute.

5 Alterations to Membership

Dr Reid informed the meeting that three societies had requested changes to the number of shares they held; China wished to increase its number of shares from three to ten, Korea wished to increase their number of shares from five to seven whilst Australia wished to reduce its holding from two to one share. Dr Reid explained that these changes required the consent of the General Meeting and a secret ballot was necessary as the changes would impact on the relative voting strength of the three Societies; there would be three votes, one for each Society, but they would be taken in parallel. François Reniers sought clarification asking that although this vote changed the voting strengths for the next triennium, was it also pertinent to GM18; he was informed that this was the case. Ann Sykes (UK) and Alexandra Jung (Austria) were appointed as tellers. The results of the three ballots were: vote 1 (China) fifty six in favour, four against and one abstention; vote 2 (Korea) fifty seven in favour, one against and no abstentions; vote 3 (Australia) forty four votes in favour, nine against and one abstention. The changes to the voting strengths were thereby approved.

6 Admission of the Argentine Vacuum Society to Membership

The delegates from Argentina who had been observing the proceedings withdrew from the meeting. Dr Reid explained that all the paperwork was in order and that ECM116 had recommended unanimously that the Argentine Vacuum Society be admitted to membership of the Union. A secret ballot was held, (Ann Sykes (UK) and Alexandra Jung (Austria) as tellers). There were sixty four votes in favour of the motion that the Argentine Vacuum Society be admitted to the Union, none against and no abstentions. The Argentinian delegates were welcomed back into the meeting as full members of the Union.

7 Minutes of GM-17**[GM-17-01-01]**

Dr Reid reported that the minutes of GM17, [GM-17-01-01], were on the web site and in the book of reports. He had not been informed of any necessary changes to the minutes and these were approved as a true report of the meeting.

8 Amendments to the Statutes and By-Laws

The Secretary General explained that the Statutes Committee had recommended small changes to the By-Laws concerning the operation Scientific Divisions (paper GM-18-20G-01). As a consequence of the improvements in communications it was possible for all members of the divisional Colleges to participate in the work of the Divisions rather than a committee of seven. Once again, the changes needed to be approved by a secret ballot and Ann Sykes (UK) and Alexandra Jung (Austria) were appointed tellers. David Ruzic commented that, in the past, the Divisional Colleges would elect a committee and the committee would elect the officers, under the proposed changes, all the Divisional College members would be able to participate in the work of the Divisions. As the result of the ballot would not impact upon the work of the meeting the business of the meeting continued whilst the votes were counted.

9 Approval of a new Division

David Ruzic explained that the BioInterfaces Study Group had been functioning as a Division throughout the past triennium and that, at ECM116, the STD had recommended that it become a Division in its own right. No secret ballot was necessary and the motion to approve the formation of a BioInterfaces Division was approved unanimously by a show of hands by the heads of each National Delegation.

The result of the ballot to change the By-Laws was declared; the motion had received unanimous approval.

10 Approval of the Accounts for the financial year 2012

The Treasurer, François Reniers, explained that the Union was constituted under Belgian law and consequently the General Meeting had to approve the accounts of the previous year; the accounts also had to be validated by a certified accountant. He presented the figures for 2012 showing the balance sheet and the state of the General Fund which, at the end of 2012, stood at 480kEuro. He invited questions and comments; there were none. A motion to approve the accounts for 2012 was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

11 Approval of the Budget for the financial year 2013.

François Reniers explained that normally the approval of the Budget would be carried out at the first meeting of the year but every three years it was more appropriate that it be carried out at a triennial meeting. He presented his budget for 2013.

Questions and comments were invited. Miran Mozetic asked about Visual Aids and the expenditure agreed at ECM116; François Reniers explained that this would not appear as a separate line in the budget but would be covered by Discretionary Expenses.

A motion to approve the budget for 2013 was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

12 Transfer of Presidency

At this point in the meeting Prof Pireaux formally transferred the Presidency of the Union to Dr Mariano Anderle by handing over the gavel as a symbolic gesture.

13 Elections for the Triennium 2013-2016

The new President introduced the proposed new Officers; the Executive Council's nomination for President Elect was Lars Montelius, there had been no other nominations. The General Meeting approved unanimously the Executive Committee's nomination by a show of hands. Lars Montelius was invited to take the seat of the President Elect. The President then proposed that David Ruzic continue as Scientific Director; Andrej Vincze to become Scientific Secretary, François Renier to continue as Treasurer and Prof Christoph Eisenmenger-Sittner to replace Dr Ron Reid as Secretary General, David Sykes would continue as Recording Secretary. There were no objections to the appointments. Daniel Verniere proposed a vote of thanks to Ron Reid for all the work he had done for the Union; the meeting honoured Dr Reid with a standing ovation.

14 Ratification of the framework budget for the Financial Years 2014-2016

François Renier presented his framework budget for the new triennium explaining that the income and expenditure was slightly higher than for the past triennium as a result of the changes in shares. The motion to accept the proposed budget was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

15 Approval of the subscription rates for each of the Financial Years 2014, 2015 and 2016

François Renier proposed that the subscriptions remain at their current value of 150Euro/share for the Financial Years 2014, 2015 and 2016; the proposal was approved unanimously by a show of hands.

16 Ratification of National Committee Councillors and Alternates

Christoph Eisenmenger-Sittner presented a list of Councillors and Alternates as given in the Book of Reports; he noted that Israel had nominated members to the Divisional Colleges but not a Councillor or Alternate Councillor. The Councillors and Alternate Councillors were approved by the General Meeting.

17 Recognition of retiring Officers and ECM Members

Prof Pireaux presented a list of retiring Officers, Councillors and Alternates and Division Chairs [GM-18-03-03]. He presented those present at the meeting with certificates and asked fellow countrymen of those not present to deliver their certificates on his behalf.

18 Any Other Business

The President asked if there were any other items of business delegates wished to discuss; there were none.

The President then adjourned General Meeting 18 and opened the Extraordinary General Meeting 2013. The meeting was declared quorate.

19 Retiring President's Report [GM-18-02-01]

The Retiring President, Prof Jean-Jacques Pireaux, presented his Retiring President's Report [paper GM-18-02-01]. He expressed his thanks to all those who had helped him during his presidency, in particular Ron Reid and François Reniers.

Questions or comments were invited; there were no questions or comments.

20 Report of the Secretary General [GM-18-03-06]

Ron Reid, the Retiring Secretary General, said his report on the previous triennium was given in the Book of Reports [paper GM-18-03-06]. He took the opportunity to thank all those who had helped him with his work over the preceding nine years.

21 Committee Reports

The President, Mariano Anderle, invited the Retiring President, Prof Jean-Jacques Pireaux, to present a summary of the reports on work carried out by the committees during the previous triennium. [These can be seen in full in the Book of Reports].

He reported that:

the Long Range Planning Committee determined the future strategies for the Union by identifying emerging areas of science and communities:

the Congress Planning Committee coordinates the conferences within the Unions remit and considers bids to host the IVC meetings; the next IVC in 2016 will be held in Busan, South Korea and that in 2019 in Malmo, Sweden:

the Awards and Scholarships Committee is responsible for the IUVSTA Science Prize and the IUVSTA Technology Prize, administers the Elsevier Student Travel Awards and co-ordinates the Welch Scholarship which has been suspended for 2013 and to which changes are anticipated in the near future:

the Publications Committee had re-launched the IUVSTA Bulletin in 2011, had compiled the Directory (a searchable database of members expertise) and was working on the web site to improve the visibility of the Union:

the Emerging Societies Committee also was working to improve the visibility of the Union in potential new member countries, a new Global Development series of conferences had been proposed:

the Education Committee had responsibility for the Visual Aids material which was now freely available on the Union's web site, two Technical Training Courses had been held although grants for eight had been available in the triennium and, as a consequence, it had been agreed to relax the rules for TTC funding, two Schools and two short courses had been funded, a review paper based on the Highlights Seminars had been published:

the work of the Statues Committee had been covered in the Secretary General's Report. Prof Pireaux thanked all the committee chairs for their work throughout the triennium.

22 Scientific and Technical Director's Report

The Scientific and Technical Director, Prof David Ruzic, reminded delegates of the Directory remarking that only about half of the members had completed their entries. He reported that a total of ten Workshops and two Schools had been supported in the triennium and all had had successful outcomes. He observed that the Union's Divisional structure only worked if the Divisions were represented at the Executive Council Meetings. He informed the meeting of the incoming Division Chairs: Bonnie Tyler (ASSD), Ivana Capan (EMPD), Christian Teichert (NSD), Timo Gans (PSTD), Ivan Petrov (SED), Peter Varga (SSD), Alberto Tagliaferro (TFD), Jay Hendricks (VSTD). He thanked the outgoing Division Chairs for their work and reminded the meeting that their reports on the work of the past triennium could be found in the Book of Reports.

23 Treasurer and Finance Committee Report**[GM-18-04-01]**

The Treasurer, Prof François Reniers, began his report by reminding delegates that he had taken over as Treasurer at the start of the triennium; he soon learned that officers of societies keep changing but always got kind replies to his messages to treasurers of national societies. Sometimes his job was complicated by changes in legislation, for example it was not possible to transfer funds from Iran to Belgium. The need for an accountant to check the figures was good for transparency but was time consuming.

He reported that the Budget for 2013 was on track and the Union had ridden out the financial crisis in the Euro zone despite significant losses from investment in Greek government bonds. The new policy of investment in bonds with a wide geographical spread was working well, at the start of the triennium the General Fund stood at 453kEuro and now was 500kEuro; he thanked Daniel Verniere and the Investment Sub Committee for their help

24 Inaugural Address**[GM-18-02-02]**

The President read his inaugural statement from the book of reports. He reminded delegates that the first ECM of the new triennium, ECM117, would take place on the following Friday in the same room.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was proposed and seconded; the President closed the meeting at 15.50.

D E Sykes
Recording Secretary