

**IAMCR INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES, 18 AUGUST 1996
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

Opening

President Hamid Mowlana opened the meeting in the presence of the following members:

Executive Board: H. Mowlana (President), F.X. Hutin (Vice President), J. Marques de Melo (Vice President), A. Mear (Vice President), G. Robinson (Treasurer), S. Splichal (Deputy Secretary General).

International Council: A. Abd El-Rahman, N. de Camargo, A. Fadul, O. Gandy, C. Gomez-Mont, J. Halloran, Y. Ito, K. Lundby, P. Maarek, A. Malek, Y. Mignot-Lefebvre, K. Nordenstreng, M. Pendakur, O. Prehn, J. Sanchez-Garcia, R. Samarajiva, B. Tufte, S. Venturelli, J. Wasko, R. White.

Apologies were received from the following members:

U. Carlsson, F. Corcoran, W. Donsbach, M. Gallagher, P. Gray, O. Manaev, M. Mander, D. McQuail, T. Syversten.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the International Council meeting on June 27, 1996, in Portoroz, Slovenia, were approved with a number of corrections.

2. Report from the President

The President reported on the activities of the Association since the Portoroz conference and summarized his written report, copies of which were distributed to the International Council in advance. He reported that the process of decentralization has been very effective, and that the association is currently in a sound financial position.

President Mowlana thanked the Deputy Secretary General for organizing the Portoroz conference and editing the abstract book for the Sydney conference.

3. Report from the Treasurer

Treasurer Gertrude J. Robinson reported expenses and income of the Association since the Portoroz conference and noted the contributions made by various officers and their institutions in support of the Association's expenses. She reported that the Association is in sound financial

condition and that the Association has been able to operate its budget well under the amount of \$50,000 approved by the General Assembly in Seoul, Korea. She reported that credit cards (Visa and MasterCard only) will be accepted by the Association for membership payments beginning in 1997.

4. Report from the Deputy Secretary General

Deputy Secretary General Slavko Splichal presented a summary of the 1995 off-year conference in Portoroz, Slovenia, noting that not enough quality papers were available to publish a book as planned.

5. Reports form the Vice-Presidents

Francois Xavier Hutin reported that he accompanied President Mowlana to Sydney in January 1996 to prepare for the conference, as well as traveling to Washington, D.C. to meet with the President and a number of members of the Executive Board in October 1995.

Annie Mear reported that she raised travel grant funds from the IDRC for a conference participant. She made a recommendation to the President to create grant guidelines for the Association. She noted concern for the low number of women actively involved in the Women's caucus of the Association, noting the efforts of Ullamaja Kivikuru for maintaining the Womenet.

Jose Marques de Melo reported that he had attracted more members to the Association from Latin American countries and proposed that the Association be a sponsor to next year's Latin American Communication Research conference in São Paulo, Brazil. President Mowlana proposed to the International Council to be a sponsor and this was approved.

6. 1996 Conference and Future Conferences

President Mowlana reported that 364 individuals were registered for the Sydney conference at that time. Frank Morgan and Virginia Nightingale made brief statements about the conference. Nightingale reported financial difficulties of the committee and suggested creating a seeding fund from the Association to future conference committees that could be recoverable. President Mowlana thanked the Sydney Organizing Committee for all their efforts.

Tony Lavender reported on the status of the 1998 conference in Glasgow, Scotland. He discussed funding possibilities and stated the committee would try to keep the cost of the registration down.

K.M. Shirivastava presented a proposal to have the Association's 1997 off-year conference in New Dehli, India. Carmen Gomez Mont also presented a proposal to have the 1997 off-year conference in Oaxaca, Mexico and Francois Xavier Hutin and Yvonne Mignot Lefebvre also presented a proposal for the 1997 off-year conference in Marseille, France.

A motion was presented by Abbas Malek and seconded by Oscar Gandy to have the 1997 off-year conference in Oaxaca, Mexico. The motion was approved by 17 members, with 7 abstentions. Kaarle Nordenstreng motioned that France organize a regional activity for 1997, seconded by Annie Mear. It was agreed the French organizers would consider this recommendation.

Awatef Abd El Rahman presented proposal for the Association's conference in 2000 to be held in Cairo, Egypt. Jim Halloran motioned to recommend this in principle to the General Assembly, seconded by Ole Prehn. Motion approved with all in favor.

7. Report of the Publications Committee

Robert White reported the publication of two books, one book currently at press, three under contract, and two more hoping for contracts. President Mowlana recommended Naren Chitty as new editor of the Association's newsletter, and the International Council approved this pending further negotiation with Chitty. President Mowlana noted that all International Council committees are advisory.

8. Report from the Legal Committee

Philippe Maarek reported that the Legal Committee had met two times in the past year. He noted the change of statutes based on principles approved in Seoul including the change of the Association's name to the *International Association for Media and Communication Research* and editions made based on improper translating 40 years ago. These included a change in Article 12 and the deletion of Article 6.

9. Report of the Human Rights Committee

Shalini Venturelli stated the task of the committee was to set its agenda at the Sydney conference and open debate to discuss human rights issues related to the Association.

10. Election of the International Council

President Mowlana announced that the General Assembly would vote at the conference for new International Council members and that the International Council could make recommendations to the General Assembly. Rohan Samarajiva motioned that the International Council appoint a nomination committee with one Executive Board member and two others to make recommendations and 19 voted in favor, none against, and three abstained. Kaarle Nordenstreng and Youichi Ito were nominated to serve on a de facto election committee and the International Council agreed.

11. Admission of New Members

The list of new members prepared by the Treasurer's office was approved. There were 72 new

individual members and three institutional members.

12. A.O.B.

Rohan Samarajiva proposed that the Association provide financing to Sections and that a new Section Review Committee be created. It was agreed to be discussed at the next International Council meeting on August 22, 1996.

Jim Halloran motioned that Cees Hamelink receive the status of honorary president, seconded by Oscar Gandy and this was approved.

President Mowlana expressed Aggrey Brown's regrets for not being able to attend the conference and reported on the provisional report of the 21st Century Study Commission, which was distributed to all members of the International Council.

The meeting was closed by President Mowlana.

Signed:

President, IAMCR

Secretary-General, IAMCR

**IAMCR/AIERI/AIICS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF THE XXth MEETING, 21 AUGUST 1996
WESLEY CENTRE, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

1. Opening

President Hamid Mowlana opened the meeting.

2. Agenda

The agenda for the General Assembly was adopted.

3. Minutes of the meeting of the XIXth General Assembly on 7 July 1994 at Seoul, Korea.

The minutes of the meeting of the XIXth General Assembly were approved and signed as a correct record of that meeting.

4. The 1996 XXth Scientific Conference

The President thanked the Australian organizing committee and the local staff for its successful work that had brought 430 participants from 60 countries to the conference (as of this date). Special thanks were extended to Professor Virginia Nightingale, as the chairman of the committee.

5. Report of the President

President Mowlana presented his report and provided a number of additional comments in regards to the Women's caucus, individual section newsletters, the establishment of the Human Rights Committee. He acknowledged Naren Chitty for associating the Association with the Journal of International Communication, as well as those representing the Association at various other meetings and conferences. He noted that IAMCR was able to raise funds in support of some 40 delegates from the low income countries, including Eastern Europe and the former republics of the Soviet Union, and that this was one of the largest amounts of financial assistance the Association had mustered for a long time. He extended the Association's thanks to a number of national and international organizations including UNESCO, the Australian Agency for International Development, the Australian National Commission for UNESCO, the Swedish International Development Agency, and the Canadian International Development Agency. He thanked Mr. Henrikas Yushkiavitshus, the Assistant Director General of UNESCO for giving up his travel funds to provide assistance for other participants.

President Mowlana extended his congratulations to the new Executive Board and thanked all the members who participated in the postal election.

6. Report of the Treasurer

The report of the Treasurer, including the report of the external accountant, were presented to the General Assembly and were approved. Treasurer Gertrude Robinson noted that operating funds had increased substantially in the last two years with current assets at \$88,252. She noted that expenses had risen in the past year due to increased costs. An announcement was made that beginning in 1997, credit cards would be accepted for membership payment in Canadian dollars.

7. Report of the Secretary General

None.

8. Comments of the President-Elect

President Mowlana congratulated President-Elect Manuel Pares I Maicas and invited him to the podium. President-Elect Pares I Maicas congratulated the new Executive Board and thanked all members of the Association for their participation, stating that he looks forward to working with the new Executive Board in developing and extending the Association's activities.

9. Reports by Vice-Presidents

None.

10. Election of the International Council Members

Kaarle Nordenstreng distributed a list of 30 names prepared by the ad hoc nomination committee as an advisement to the General Assembly based on criteria including gender equality, geographic distribution, professional and academic experience, and a limit of one term already served. President Mowlana described the voting procedures. Frank Morgan motioned that the President call for additional nominations to be added to the slate of 30 names produced by the nomination committee, to close at the resumption of the session. The motion was seconded. George Gerbner opened the floor for further nominations in agreement with Morgan's motion. Written nominations were given to the Deputy Secretary General. President Mowlana announced that the International Council will take place on Thursday, August 22 in the morning.

11. Report of the Legal Committee and Change of Statutes

Philippe Maarek reported that the Legal Committee had met two times in the past year. He noted

the change of statutes based on principles approved in Seoul including the change of the Association's name to the *International Association for Media and Communication Research* and editions were made based to clarify the translations. President Mowlana called for a vote. The changes were approved unanimously.

**12. Report of the Technical Election Committee
Election of Executive Board Members**

Janet Wasko reported the results of the postal ballots and tally from the Teller's Committee which were acknowledged by the General Assembly. Pares I Maicas (President-Elect) - 270 votes, Naren Chitty (Secretary General - 141 votes), Ole Prehn (Deputy Secretary General) - 220 votes, Gertrude Robinson (Treasurer) - 255 votes, Elizabeth Fox (Vice President) - 199 votes, Carmen Gomez Mont (Vice President) - 197 votes, Olga Linne (Vice President) - 177 votes, Michael Palmer (Vice President) - 178 votes, John Sinclair (Vice President) - 192 votes. A total of 626 ballots were mailed to members and 292 ballots were counted. Suggestion was made that nominations be accepted through other means besides registered mail, such as e-mail. Questions were clarified regarding the procedure and eligibility for postal voting. President Mowlana thanked the Technical Election Committee.

13. Provisional Report of the 21st Century Study Commission

On behalf of Aggrey Brown, Chair of the special committee "IAMCR in the 21st Century," Naren Chitty summarized the provisional report of the commission, calling for further suggestions.

14. Report of the Human Rights Committee

Shalini Venturelli reported on the activities of the committee and stated that the Journal of International Communication, with the cooperation of the committee will publish a special issue on human rights.

15. Future Conferences and Meetings

Tony Lavender made a presentation on the 1998 Glasgow, Scotland conference. President Mowlana asked for approval of the Glasgow conference proposal; the General Assembly accepted it unanimously. Carmen Gomez Mont made a presentation on the 1997 off-year conference in Oaxaca, Mexico. President Mowlana asked for approval of the Mexico conference proposal; the General Assembly accepted it unanimously.

Wolfgang Kleinwächter announced a proposal to host the 1999 off-year conference in Leipzig, Germany. Awatef Abd El Rahman made a presentation on the conference in the year 2000 to be in Cairo, Egypt. President Mowlana asked for approval of the Cairo conference proposal *in principle*; the General Assembly accepted the proposal unanimously.