

## Minutes of the General Assembly of IASMiRT

**Date:** November 17, 2016, from 16:20 - 17:40 h

**Venue:** Haeundae Grand Hotel, Busan, South Korea

The invitation with the agenda was published in due time by email and on the IASMiRT web site, [Attachment A24-1](#). No written or oral changes to the agenda were received.

### 1. Call to Order

President David Shepherd called the General Assembly to order at 16:20 h. A total number of 41 members attended the meeting, [Attachment A24-2a to c](#). The assembly had a quorum for decisions.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously without changes.

### 3. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly in Manchester, UK, on August 12, 2015

The minutes of the General Assembly held on August 12, 2015 in Manchester, UK, were published on the IASMiRT web site, [Attachment A24-3a to d](#). The minutes were approved unanimously without changes.

### 4. Report of the President on Board Meetings

David Shepherd informed the members that the following topics were discussed at the meetings of the Board and Advisory Board held on the previous days:

- prospect of IASMiRT finances, see item 8
- State-of-the-Art (SoA) papers
- IASMiRT membership, see item 6
- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference in 2021, see item 13a
- tax request for 2015 from the revenue office in Berlin, see item 5
- future cooperation with the atw-Journal.

### 5. Legal Matters of IASMiRT

Rainer Gillot informed the audience about a tax request of 8.300,- Euros from the revenue office in Berlin for commercial income during SMiRT 23 in Manchester. According to German tax legislation income from sponsors exceeding 35,000,- Euros per year is considered as commercial and therefore taxable, even if IASMiRT is registered as a non-profit association and never had any financial responsibility for the solvency of a conference.

The reason for the tax request is the following statement in § 2 of our statutes: *The Association ... shall pursue objectives of public benefit ... by the organization of ... conferences and seminars*. This means that IASMiRT is responsible for income and expenses of a conference, no matter where it is held.

One option to avoid taxes in future is a change of the wording in § 2, e.g. by saying: *The Association shall pursue objectives of public benefit by giving advice to the conference chairmen. It has no responsibility for the conference budget, the only income is a preset amount to be paid after the conference by the organizers.* This change would describe more accurately how things were handled in the past, and would transfer the tax responsibility to the country where a conference is held.

Another option would be the registration of IASMiRT in a country outside Germany. The General Assembly approved unanimously the proposal of the Board to solve this issue by an online vote of the members, if the Board considers a decision before the conference in Busan in August 2017.

## 6. IASMiRT Membership

Vernon Matzen explained the revision of the qualification for membership to make this issue easier to handle. The procedure is explained in Chapter 1 of the Bylaws, Attachment A24-4. This revision was accepted unanimously.

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## 8. Report of the Treasurer

Farhang Ostadan presented his report for the period from July 2015 to October 2016, Attachment A24-5a and b.

Present balance is 42,053.65 USD in the US account, and 66,318.05 EUR in the two German accounts. The present total net worth is about 111,700.- USD. The forecast for the year 2017 is 53,453.65 USD and 46,681.69 EUR. The report was accepted unanimously.

In addition to his report, Farhang Ostadan informed the audience that there is general downward trend regarding the surplus, which is not critical at the moment. IASMiRT gets a preset amount as income from each conference to conduct its business. At present, this conference fee is 20,000.- USD for IASMiRT expenses, and 15,000.- USD for travel support of past presidents on special request. One option to stop the downward trend would be an increase of this conference fee. Another option is to charge a user fee for the conference web tool.

## 9. Report on NED

David Shepherd informed the audience that a topical issue of Nuclear Engineering and Design (NED) with papers from SMiRT 23 will be available soon: 16 papers are in the review process, 6 papers are complete.

## 10. Final Report on SMiRT 23

David Shepherd gave a short summary of SMiRT 23 in Manchester:

- 600 delegates from 30 countries came to the conference
- 83 of them paid the full registration fee, 380 paid a reduced fee
- 515 papers from 10 divisions were presented
- division 5 was the biggest one, division 9 and 10 had the lowest number of papers
- the technical visits and the social program were well attended
- two seminars were organized after the conference (Fire Safety and one in Turkey)
- observations:
  - high number of early bird registrations
  - student participation is needed
  - early career award brought positive feedback.

## 11. Report on SMiRT 24

Goon-Cherl Park summarized the latest information on SMiRT 24 as follows:

- 630 abstracts from 10 divisions were submitted
- Jaeger lecture and special sessions on seismic isolation, SoA-papers, and long term operation are planned
- plenary lectures from IAEA, KEPCO, and KINS will be organized
- post conference seminars will be held in Tokyo and Istanbul
- the early career award will follow the format of SMiRT 23
- conference fee: full prize is 1,200.- USD, early bird fee is 850.- USD, students pay 350.- USD
- the total budget is expected to be 637,500.- USD
- biggest expenses are 100,000.- USD for the conference site, and 150,000.- for catering
- time scale: paper acceptance end of January 2017, full papers due end of April 2017.

## 12. Report on SMiRT 25

Abhinav Gupta gave an update on SMiRT 25:

- conference date is August 4 to 9, 2019
- conference site is the Westin Hotel in Charlotte, NC, the hotel contract is completed
- Charlotte is the new energy capital of the American Southeast with lots of nuclear related offices
- sponsorship will come from the North Carolina State University (NCSU), the Center for Nuclear Energy Facilities and Structures, and numerous other companies and institutions
- NCSU and the Center for Continuing Education will ensure financial solvency of the conference
- the conference web tool will be updated and used for the conference
- dates: January 2018 Board meeting in Charlotte, NC, October 2018 planning meeting in Raleigh, NC.

## 13. Miscellaneous

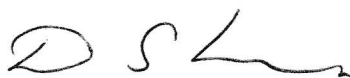
a) David Shepherd explained the present status of SMiRT 26 in 2021 (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary):

- IASMiRT started in Berlin in 1971, therefore it is intended to celebrate the anniversary in Berlin
- Dr. Astrid Petersen from TUEV Nord in Hamburg presented a very comprehensive proposal to the Board, which fulfils all requirements
- the second proposal from France is also very sound and meets all requirements
- the French proposal is considered as a back-up, in case the German proposal fails
- at the next General Assembly in August 2017 in Busan, the Board will propose Berlin as venue for SMiRT 26
- the Board does not seek any further proposals for 2021
- even if SMiRT 26 will be held in Berlin, there will be a strong involvement from France.

The next General Assembly will be held in Busan, Korea, in August 2017 during the conference.

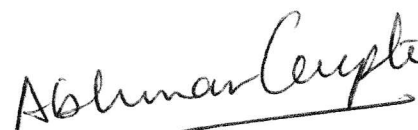
## 14. Adjourn

David Shepherd closed the meeting at 17:40 h.



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David Shepherd  
President



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Abhinav Gupta  
Secretary