

MINUTES OF THE ICF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA

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 S Hirano (Japan)
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3. The Research Data Base was not progressing too swiftly. A problem was noted that the data was now a bit dated. The software developed looked satisfactory but the question of effective distribution remained unresolved. Hans Hausner had been in contact with Paul Holbrook on this issue but no further information was available at the meeting.

The meeting decided that Hausner be asked his opinion of the best way forward.

Action: Bowman

4. The committee should ensure they all are working from the most up to date version of the constitution. To this end Dale Niesz should send his most recent copy of the constitution to Bowman and Hart.

Action: Niesz

5. Education

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6. Standards in Ceramics

Schneider reported that the work of this ISO group was still in its early phase but was suffering from a lack of active members. It was noted that Europe had not yet bought in.

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7. A further enquiry from Palmonari requesting that Cerlabs be admitted to the ICF had been received. The feeling of the meeting was that organisations such as Cerlabs did not fit the entrance requirements of the ICF Constitution.

It was decided that the ball be thrown back into Cerlabs court by asking them to justify the grounds on which they seek membership. The issue is whether their constitution fits with that of the ICF. The members present reserved their judgement.

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8. WWW Pages

This was strongly felt to be the way to go for information dissemination. Each member society/organisation should be encouraged to have their "pages" linked to the ICF home page. This entails that each member should have an interested and committed gatekeeper to keep relevant data up to date.

Action: ICF homepage - Bowman

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9. It was decided that Korea, who had been an observer for some time, should be asked to join the ICF. Their society should be sent a copy of the constitution and a formal invitation to join the ICF. It was noted that no further society members had joined the Federation following the original signatures at Maastricht.

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10. PacRim Meetings

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opinion as to the most suitable location for PacRim 4 in 2000 (Korea having taken PacRim 3 in 1998). It was reported via Mustafa Mansur that there was government support for Malaysia to host the PacRim 3 meeting. This issue should be taken up at the next committee meeting with respect to which countries/societies should be considered.

Action: Consideration at next ICF meeting

11. It was noted that the American Ceramic Society will have their centenary in 1988. Is there a way for the ICF to contribute to the celebration? Members are asked to consider this issue and bring forward ideas to the next meeting.

Action: All members

12. There was a feeling that little progress was happening in the ICF and that a review be made of the members as to what they wanted the ICF to be doing.

Action: Feedback from members to Secretary

13. A thorough review of the membership of the Executive and the Council should be made and new members should be sought. Metselaar will investigate relevant society status in the former USSR countries.

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Notice of next ICF Meeting

The next ICF Meeting will be held during the 99th Annual Meeting of The American Ceramic Society in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA. The meeting will be held from ~~3.00~~ p.m. to ~~5.00~~ p.m. on Sunday, 4 May, in the ~~Harding Room at the Westin Hotel.~~

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Agenda

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| 1. Opening and Apologies | |
| 2. Acceptance of previous minutes | |
| 3. Correspondence. | |
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| 5. Research Committee | Hausner |
| 6. Education and Workshops | Desmaison |
| 7. World Wide Web, Information Dissemination | Metselaar |
| 8. Meetings calendar | Holbrook |
| 9. Listings of Professional Societies/Officers | Bowman |
| 10. Standardisation and ISO TC 206 - ICF Liasion | Schneider / Hirano |
| 11. History of Ceramics | Kingery |
| 12. Global Environment | Yanagida / Suzuki |
| 13. Other Business including World Ceramics Congress and PacRim | All |
| 14. Future Meetings | |

*Korea observer?
Blasich*

The names of some of the anticipated attendees have been highlighted. Could non-attending members who would like to submit a report please do so through one of your colleagues or the undersigned. In the event of further communication, please contact:

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or after 18 April (when Bowman will be in the USA) files@mel.dbce.csiro.au; or

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