

## **Minutes**

### **Subject to approval by the Executive Committee and the General Assembly**

1. The President declared the meeting open and summarized recent IFSM activity for the General Assembly
2. Apologies were received from the Turkish and Cuban Societies. The General Assembly approved the admission of representatives from the Microscope Society of America in their role presenting a Bid for IMC20 in Portland.
3. The President presented the Minutes of the General Assembly at IMC18 2014, Prague.

**These were approved by the General Assembly.**

4. The President proposed the appointment of Tellers (Nominees: Drs. E Liberti and C. Huang).

**These were approved by the General Assembly.**

5. The President introduced the bids for hosting IMC20 (Busan, Portland, Madrid, Cape Town and Maastricht)
  - a) The General Assembly received 5-minute presentations by representatives of the candidate cities followed by questions from the floor.
  - b) In accordance with the Federation By-Laws a ballot was held to determine the site for IMC120.

The results of this were as follows:

	1st Round	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round
Busan	33	42
Cape town	6	2
Maastricht	5	
Madrid	16	17
Portland	16	15

**Busan was accordingly approved by the General Assembly as the host city for IMC20**

6. The President summarized the vacant positions on the Executive Committee as below.

i) President (2 candidates, 4-year term)

Professor A I Kirkland	RMS	UK
Professor K Chattopadhyay	EMSI	India

ii) General Secretary (3 Candidates, 8-year term)

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>Country</b>
Professor E Olsson	IFSM EC	Sweden
Professor P Hozak	IFSM EC	Czechoslovakia
Professor J Mansfield	IFSM EC	USA

iii) Executive Committee (4 vacancies, 8 Candidates, 8-year terms).

Nominee	Nominator	Country
Professor R Reinhard	DGE	Germany
Professor K Chattopadhyay	EMSI	India
Professor J Arbiol	SME	Spain
Professor M Faryna	PTMi	Poland
Dr A Kittel	Hungarian Society for Microscopy	Hungary
Professor V Serin	Sfmu	France
Professor A I Kirkland	RMS	UK
Professor R C N Melo	SBMM	Brasil

Candidates for the post of President and General Secretary were invited to give short presentations to the Executive Committee.

In accordance with the Federation By-Laws ballots were first held to elect candidates to the positions of President and General Secretary.

The results of this were as follows:

i) President

Professor A I Kirkland	61
Professor K Chattopadhyay	17

ii) General Secretary

Professor E Olsson	47
Professor P Hozak	16
Professor J Mansfield	16

**Kirkland and Olsson were accordingly elected by the General Assembly as President and General Secretary respectively to take office from 01.01.2019.**

In accordance with the Federation By-Laws a ballot was subsequently held to elect candidates to the Executive Committee

**The following candidates were elected by General Assembly to take office from 01.01.2019 with votes cast as indicated.**

Professor R Reinhard	42
Professor K Chattopadhyay	45
Professor J Arbiol	33
Professor V Serin	44

ICMA proposed Inderpreet Gill as its representative on the Executive Committee.

**This was affirmed by the General Assembly.**

Keesam Shin was proposed as a member of the Executive Committee representing IMC20.

**This was affirmed by the General Assembly.**

The President congratulated the incoming members of the Executive Committee and thanked those members standing down in 2019.

7. The General Secretary proposed the following changes to membership (all backdated to January 2014)
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| a) Admission of Associate Members. | None   |
| b) Admission of Full Members       | None   |
| c) Changes to level of membership  | India from group I to IV<br>Korea from group III to IV |
| d) Cessation of Membership.        | None   |

**These changes to membership were approved by the General Assembly.**

8. The General Secretary proposed the following changes to the By-Laws as recommended by the Executive Committee and tabled for the General Assembly.

a) That Executive Committee meetings would now be held on an annual basis rather than on the current biennial basis.

b) That the Executive Committee has the authority to provisionally admit new members and to change membership groups at meetings of the Executive Committee that take place between IMCs. New members would be admitted provisionally as Group 1 and new members and members in new groups would pay appropriate dues from January 1 after their admission / change.

New and changed memberships will be put to the General Assembly at their next meeting for confirmation as the first item of business. New and changed memberships would be allowed to attend the General Assembly with the number of delegates appropriate to their new / changed membership and to vote on subsequent business. In the event that the General Assembly does not approve new or changed memberships additional dues paid are non-refundable.

c) That the business address of the Federation shall be the business address of the ~~General Secretary~~ Treasurer, or if he / she is not resident in the US a member of the Executive Committee who is resident in the US.

**These changes were approved by the General Assembly.**

9. Finances

a) A Financial Report (2014-2018) and Projections (2018-2022) were presented to the General Assembly.

b) No changes to dues were proposed at the General Assembly. In due course a written proposal to increase dues will be sent to the member societies for consideration and approval.

**The General Assembly noted the financial report and projections.**

10. a) Reports from regional meetings held by EMS, CAPSM and CIASEM, as circulated in advance to the members were received.

**The General Assembly noted these reports.**

b) The president reported on recent IFSM activities within the International Council for Science, in particular the election of IFSM as a full member.

**The General Assembly noted this report.**

11. The President summarized extensive discussions held in the Executive Committee relating to the declaration of 2031 as an official UNESCO year of Microscopy and in particular describing three models that had been considered. The General Assembly noted that IMC22 would normally be held in 2030 in accordance with the established four yearly cycle. The year 2031 could then host a number of special events celebrating the centenary of the first TEM.

The Executive Committee proposed that IFSM works to declare an International Year of Microscopy in 2031 subject to support from the International Council for Science and approval from UNESCO.

**The General Assembly endorsed this proposal.**

The meeting closed at 18:00

**Supplementary Notes:**

- a) Items 7 and 8 were taken immediately following the apologies on the agenda. This order ensured that members with an approved change in membership level were able to vote at the new level.
- b) Item 9(b). The IFSM dues payable by the member societies have been frozen for 12 years. The executive committee discussed this at length and will be recommending an increase in dues with effect from 2019. A postal vote will be taken on this matter later in the year as the executive committee recognise that some member societies may need to consult internally before agreeing to any financial change.