

# International Federation of Societies for Electron Microscopy

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## Minutes of IFSEM General Assembly

held on August 14, 1990, at the Columbia Tower in Seattle  
in connection with the  
**XIIth International Congress on Electron Microscopy**

1. **Opening remarks.** Professor Gareth Thomas, President of IFSEM, welcomed the delegates to the 1990 General Assembly of IFSEM and outlined the items to be discussed and voted upon by the members.

The delegates list was verified by the General Secretary. Official delegates were present from all Member Societies except those of Ireland, Korea, New Zealand, and Thailand. In addition to the official delegates, IFSEM Committee members, Dr. E. Wisse, General Secretary of the Committee of European Societies for Electron Microscopy (CESEM), and IFSEM auditors, Drs. A.W. Robards and J.R. Günter there were invited guests: Drs. Robert M. Fisher, Dale E. Johnson, and Barbara A. Reine, representing the Organizing Committee of the congress; Dr. Pablo Schabes, Mexico; Dr. V. Radmilović, representing the Yugoslavian Society for Electron Microscopy; Dr. E. Tekin, representing the Turkish Society for Electron Microscopy.

The Agenda was mailed to the Member Societies in February. Copies of a revised Agenda were circulated to the participants in the General Assembly.

2. **Minutes of Kyoto Meetings.** The President called for the minutes of the previous Assembly. There were no comments to the minutes. A call for acceptance was issued and the minutes seconded and passed unanimously.
3. **Report on 1990 Congress.** Prof. Robert M. Fisher reported on the 1990 Congress. The total number of active participants exceeded 3,000 and the total number of participants, including exhibitors, was close to 4,800. The total budget of the meeting was approximately \$ 1,200,000. The program and the proceedings were divided into sections on imaging, analytical, biology, and materials with a total number of pages in the proceedings of 620, 550, 980, and 1130, respectively. About 500 requests for travel support had been reviewed by the organizers and a large proportion of the applicants had received partial support according to the needs. Dr. Fisher stated that \$ 10,000 had been budgeted for IFSEM.

During the ensuing discussion Dr. Thomas emphasized that international meetings without participation of manufacturers are not possible. This means location and frequency of meetings must be decided upon so as to be effective for manufacturers to exhibit equipment. They have to be consulted. He also acknowledged that for the first time money from an international congress will go back to IFSEM. The report by Dr. Fisher and Dr. Johnson was unanimously accepted by the General Assembly with applause.

4. **Appointment of Tellers for Voting Procedure.** Dr. D. Van Dyck and Dr. E.F.J. Van Bruggen were appointed tellers.

5. **Memberships.**

- a) CAPSEM as a regional organization. CAPSEM - Committee of Asia-Pacific Societies for Electron Microscopy - applied in 1988 to become a regional organization of IFSEM. Its Constitution dates from 1986 and is similar to that of CESEM - Committee of European Societies for Electron Microscopy. CAPSEM was unanimously accepted as a Regional Organization of IFSEM.
- b) Yugoslavia as a regular member. An application was received from the Yugoslav Society for Electron Microscopy to become a regular member in IFSEM. The application fulfilled the requirements as specified in the Constitution and had been circulated to the Member Societies in the spring. The Yugoslav Society of Electron Microscopy was unanimously accepted as a member of IFSEM with 1 vote in the Assembly.
- c) Greece as a regular member. The Hellenic Society for Electron Microscopy in a letter received shortly before the General Assembly applied for Membership of IFSEM. After some discussion the General Assembly waived the requirement that the application must be received 10 months in advance. The Hellenic Society for Electron Microscopy was thereafter accepted as a new member of IFSEM with 1 vote in the Assembly.
- d) Future German representation in IFSEM. In view of the ongoing political developments in Germany the situations for the respective EM societies after the merge of the countries were discussed. The General Assembly looked upon this situation in general terms and decided that a society formed through the fusion of two pre-existing societies will have a number of votes that is equal to the sum of the two original societies. In addition, the General Assembly decided that the new society decides internally the distribution of votes between the original societies.
- e) Latin American representation in IFSEM. The General Secretary outlined the present situation with respect to the Latin American Society for Electron Microscopy: The Society has not paid the annual dues since 1984 and communications from the Society to IFSEM have been very fragmentary. Furthermore, little or no information from IFSEM has apparently reached other South American Societies or groups by way of the Latin American Society for Electron Microscopy.

Dr. Orlando Castejon, President of the Latin American Society for EM, explained that the Society was functional but had severe economic problems since no membership fees were collected from the members. He assured that the existing problems will be corrected. Dr. Susan Tai, President of the Venezuelan Society for EM, stated that the Venezuelan Society is willing to cooperate with IFSEM and IFSEM Member Societies. Dr. Pablo Shabes, Mexico, expressed the opinion that the Latin American Society for EM did not function at all and asked for a new system whereby the different societies in Latin America obtain better information and improved contacts to IFSEM.

Since the Constitution of IFSEM states that a member organization that is delinquent in dues for 3 years is automatically excluded, the General Assembly unanimously decided that the Latin American Society for Electron Microscopy must pay delinquent dues before the end of 1990. Failure to do so automatically means that the Society is no longer a member of IFSEM.

With respect to the future the General Secretary suggested that the different electron microscopy societies in Latin America should be able to apply individually for membership in IFSEM and that these applications should be voted upon by mail before the next General Assembly in order not to delay the reorganization of international cooperation with EM societies in Latin America. If the Latin American Society for Electron Microscopy remains a member of IFSEM it would then represent only those societies which have not become individual members.

Prof. Elmar Zeitler suggested that the Latin American Society for EM may be transformed into a Committee of Latin American Societies of Electron Microscopy ("LACEM"), i.e. a regional committee similar to the Committee of European Societies for Electron Microscopy (CESEM) and the Committee of Asia-Pacific Societies for Electron Microscopy (CAPSEM). Dr. R. Gronsky, EMSA, suggested that the General Secretary should outline the practical possibilities for these changes.

The General Assembly unanimously voted 1) that Latin American Societies can apply individually for membership, 2) that the applications should be voted upon by mail, and that 3) the General Secretary be delegated to work out this procedure in accordance with the Constitution. The possible formation of a regional Committee including all Latin American societies will await the developments regarding the Latin American Society for Electron Microscopy.

6. **Election of Officers.** Election was held by secret ballot and voting was carried out according to by-law III. The number of voting delegates was 52. Copies of the curriculum vitae for each candidate were circulated to the members in May, except that of Prof. J. van Landuyt, which had not been received by the General Secretary. Despite this, the General Assembly accepted Prof. van Landuyt's candidacy for Committee Membership.

President. The candidates for President were Prof. E. Zeitler and Prof. B. Jouffrey. Prof. Zeitler was elected to the presidency of IFSEM by majority for the period Jan. 1, 1991 - Dec. 31, 1994.

New Committee Members. The candidates were Drs. J. Cartaud, A. Czanády, R.M. Fisher, H.J. Geuze, H. Lichte, P.G. Merli, and J. van Landuyt. The new Committee Members elected for 8 years were Dr. Agnes Czanády, the Hungarian Group for Electron Microscopy; Prof. Robert M. Fisher, EMSA; and Prof. H.J. Geuze, Dutch Society for Electron Microscopy. The President thanked the outgoing Committee Members, Prof. A. Delong and Prof. E.F.J. Van Bruggen, for their efforts and support.

7. **Future Meetings.**

- a) The International Congress 1994. Congress invitations were obtained from France and UK and had been circulated in May to all Member Societies. An invitation from Venezuela had been received a few days before the General Assembly but according to the Constitution it was clearly too late to be considered. Prof. B. Jouffrey presented the invitation for Paris and Prof. Peter Goodhew for Glasgow. A vote was taken and it was decided by a majority of 33-19 that the XIIIth International Congress on Electron Microscopy in 1994 will be held in Paris. The Congress will be held in July and the exact dates will be decided by the Organizing Committee in the fall of 1990.

- b) The European Congress in 1992. An invitation to hold the next European Congress on Electron Microscopy in Granada, Spain, had been voted upon by the European Committee of Societies for Electron Microscopy (CESEM) at the CESEM Meeting in 1988 in York. The General Assembly of IFSEM unanimously approved that the 10th European Congress on Electron Microscopy will be held in Granada, Spain, September 7-12, 1992.

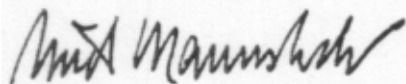


- c) The Asia-Pacific Congress in 1992. An invitation to hold the 5th Asia-Pacific Congress on Electron Microscopy in Beijing, China, was voted upon by the Committee of Asia-Pacific Societies for Electron Microscopy (CAPSEM) at the regional congress in Bangkok in 1988. The General Assembly unanimously approved the choice of Beijing as the site of the next Asia-Pacific Congress on Electron Microscopy in 1992.
8. **Report on IFSEM activities.** The General Secretary has continuously informed the membership about IFSEM activities in mailings to the societies, and a repetition of this information was not considered necessary. IFSEM is actively supporting national scientific meetings and many of its officers have lectured in several parts of the world to help to increase international cooperation and membership in IFSEM.
9. **IFSEM Finances.**  
General Secretary's Financial Report. The General Secretary distributed copies of his financial report dated Aug. 2, 1990. The assets of IFSEM in Danish bank accounts were D.kr. 207,623 (US \$ 33,596). This represents an increase in total IFSEM assets of approximately \$ 16,674 over the three-and-a-half-year period. A major part of this increase originates from donations from major electron microscope manufacturers in response to an initiative and request of Prof. Gareth Thomas.
- Prof. Thomas reported his approval of the General Secretary's Aug. 2 financial report. The financial report had also been examined and accepted by the elected auditors, Prof. A.W. Robards and Prof. J.R. Günter. The General Assembly had no further comments and approved the report.
- Projections 1991-1994 and Dues. Prof. Maunsbach then distributed written budget proposals for 1991-1994, including a proposal to increase dues by approximately 23%. The projected annual income from dues was \$ 5,370 and the proposed dues were: 1 vote US \$ 75; 2 votes \$ 180; 3 votes \$ 325; and 4 votes \$ 500. Additional income from expected donations resulting from Prof. Thomas' contacts with major companies would primarily be used for continued support of students and scientists from developing countries. This also applies to the US \$ 10,000 that IFSEM expects to receive from the XII ICEM (see item 3 above). The General Assembly unanimously approved the General Secretary's budget proposals.
10. **Election of Two Auditors.** The General Assembly reelected Prof. A.W. Robards and Prof. J.R. Günter for the period 1991-1994.
11. **Reports from Member Societies.** Several delegates pointed out that IFSEM in the future should consider voting on the venue for coming international congresses at least 4 years ahead in order to book congress facilities, hotel, etc. In order to initiate this practice already for 1998 the General Secretary proposed that the venue for 1998 should be voted on by mail in 1992 and that the congresses thereafter should be decided 8 years in advance. The General Assembly accepted this proposal.
12. **The IFSEM Book "Growth of Electron Microscopy".** The General Secretary briefly outlined the background and present status of this project. Prof. Tom Mulvey is the general editor on behalf of the IFSEM Committee. Practically all Member Societies have promised contributions to the book and 5 societies have already submitted manuscripts. An outline of the contents of the book was distributed in the spring to all member societies, as well as instructions for the preparation of manuscripts. The book will contain 3 sections: The first section will deal with IFSEM and the impact of the international congresses. The second part will contain the development and activities of the individual member societies, each society contributing one article. The third part of the book will be devoted to the development of

specific areas of electron microscopy and associated techniques. The book is expected to be published by Academic Press, and manuscripts should be submitted to Prof. Mulvey as soon as possible, and before the end of 1990. Address: Prof. Tom Mulvey, Electrical & Electronic Engineering and Applied Physics, Aston University, Birmingham B4 7ET, UK. Phone: +44-21-3593611, ext. 5269.

13. There were no other matters to be discussed.
14. **Closing Remarks.** Prof. Thomas thanked the participants for constructive discussions and declared the meeting closed.

Aarhus, November 26, 1990.



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Appended: List of attendees.

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## General Assembly of IFSEM

Tuesday, August 14, 1990, at 4:00 p.m.  
at the Columbia Tower (Top Floor) in Seattle

### AGENDA:

1. Opening remarks - IFSEM President Gareth Thomas
2. Minutes of Kyoto Meeting
3. Report on 1990 Congress - Dr. R.M. Fisher and Dr. Dale Johnson
4. Appointment of tellers for voting procedure
5. Memberships:
  - CAPSEM as regional organization
  - Yugoslavia as regular member
  - Future German representation in IFSEM
  - Latin American representation
6. Elections:
  - President
  - 3 Committee Members
7. Future Meetings:
  - The International Congress 1994
  - The European Congress in 1992
  - The Pacific-Asia Congress in 1992
8. Report of IFSEM activities
9. IFSEM Finances:
  - General Secretary's financial report
  - Projections 1991-1994
  - Dues
10. Election of two auditors
11. Reports from Member Societies
12. The IFSEM book "*Growth of Electron Microscopy*"
13. Any other business
14. Closing remarks

A dinner will be held for the delegates of the General Assembly from 6:30 p.m.

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