

6th MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

May 25, 1967

Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the International Committee held on Thursday, 25 May, 1967 at 2:00 p.m. at the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, Canada

The following delegates were present:

Mr. W.E. Havercroft	Canada	(Chairman)
Mr. R.D. Barer	Canada	(Vice-Chairman)
Mr. E.T. Watterud	Canada	(Secretary)
Prof. Dr. G. Homes	Belgium	
Dr. M. Baimler	Czechoslovakia	
Ing. L. Cizek	Czechoslovakia	
Prof. P.Y. Azou	France	
Dr. R.H. Seifert	Germany	
Mr. C.C. Bates	Great Britain	
Mr. W.C. Heselwood	Great Britain	
Dr. F. Baldi	Italy	
Prof. Dr. H. Kihara	Japan	
Mr. A. de Sterke	Netherlands	
Prof. Dr. I. Malecki	Poland	
Dr. Z. Pawlowski	Poland	
Mr. P. Scribante	South Africa	
Mr. H. Swedenborg	Sweden	
Dr. Y. Badlevski	U.S.S.R.	
Prof. Dr. P.K. Oshchepkov	U.S.S.R.	
Mr. R.B. Socky	U.S.A	
Dr. G.H. Tenney	U.S.A	

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was agreed that the Committee name shown as the heading for the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May should be changed to reflect the form accepted in the Terms of Reference.

Mr. Bates asked that the second paragraph of Item 7 be altered to read as follows:

“Mr. Bates reported on the formation of the Research Centre, set up in the United Kingdom, which would include an information and documentation service on nondestructive testing, and proposed that this might be used by members of the International Committee as a facility for exchange of information.”

The meeting agreed on a motion by Mr. Barer, seconded by Mr. Bates, that the minutes, amended as indicated above, be adopted. The corrected version would be distributed to the members by mail.

2. Business Arising out of the Minutes

Prof. Azou reported, in connection with Item 5 of the minutes, that he had discussed the question of venue for the Seventh Conference with Prof. Malecki, and expressed his support of the proposal that Poland host the conference.

3. Committee Membership

The Chairman tabled a letter from Czechoslovakia requesting membership on the International Committee. Statements of support for this request were made by Prof. Oshchepkov, Dr. Tenney, Prof. Malecki and Dr. Seifert, and these were enthusiastically endorsed by the other members. The result of this was a motion by Prof. Oshchepkov, seconded by Dr. Tenney and carried unanimously to welcome Czechoslovakia as a full member of the Committee. At this point the Two Czechoslovakian delegates, Ing. L. Cizek and Dr. M. Baimler joined the meeting, with Dr. Cizek expressing appreciation on behalf of Czechoslovakia for acceptance of their membership application.

The Chairman reported that a considerable interest has been expressed on the part of Australia in obtaining membership on the Committee although no official request has yet been made. Dr. Tenney suggested that the Australian membership interest be followed up by a letter from the Chairman with the suggestion that their official request for membership be submitted to Dr. Seifert who will be the next Chairman and who would handle the membership application by a postal ballot.

(Note: Subsequent to the meeting it was learned that an official Australian request for membership had arrived. It has been decided therefore that Mr. Havercroft would submit the application to postal ballot, with complete ballots to be returned to Dr. Seifert.)

4. Comments on Fifth International Conference

In inviting frank comments and opinions of the members on any and all aspects of the Fifth International Conference, the Chairman reported that the post conference tour, originally cancelled on account of the marginal interest displayed prior to the conference, had now been rescheduled in view of somewhat increased interest discovered since the conference had opened. He made the observation that the unexpectedly large number of delegates had resulted in the shortage of some conference items such as portfolios and certain items of literature, and had posed as well certain registration problems and inconvenience for some delegates.

Prof. Homes noted that at least one of the sessions had encountered some difficulty in that questions to the session panelists, written in French, had gone unanswered, presumably because of translation difficulties. He suggested that at least one bilingual or multilingual person should be included among the administrators of each session to avoid this kind of difficulty in future

conferences. He stressed also the importance of maintaining a close liaison arrangement between session chairmen, slide projector operators and the audience.

Dr. Tenney emphasized the desirability of having preprints of all papers made available to delegates prior to the conference. He suggested also, for future conferences, that the Terms of Reference of the International Committee should be provided to all delegates upon their registration.

Mr. Bates strongly supported Dr. Tenney's suggestion for paper preprints. He noted that some delegates had failed to obtain a copy of the conference program in advance of the conference, prior to their departure from home. He observed also that the holding of simultaneous sessions proved inconvenient in some instances, when delegates found themselves faced with the problems of having separate papers of equal interest to them being presented at the same time.

Prof. Oshchepkov expressed the wish that technical sessions could be translated into more than one language.

Mr. De Sterke, in commenting on the suggestion concerning preprints, stated that success was achieved at a technical conference held in Warsaw in the technique of providing rather full summaries of technical papers in place of complete preprints. He expressed appreciation of the arrangements for the Fifth Conference that permitted a majority of delegates to be housed in the same hotel as the venue of the conference itself. He recommended this arrangement for future conferences wherever possible.

Prof. Malecki expressed his recognition of difficulties faced by a conference committee in selecting technical papers from the variety offered from the different countries concerned. He recommended the technique of having the National Committees in each of the countries provide assistance and recommendations on the choice of papers from their countries. He urged also that care be taken in the arrangement of session timetables to avoid the simultaneous presentation of sessions on similar topics, thereby echoing the earlier comment of Mr. Bates. Prof. Malecki thought also that a better balance should be sought in the selection of papers of a scientific or research nature versus those of applied technology. He supported the point made earlier by Mr. De Sterke that summaries of technical papers in advance of a conference could serve almost as well as full preprints with less practical difficulty in execution.

Mr. Heselwood asked whether delegates will have access to early press coverage of the conference or to copies of the technical papers, for purposed of reporting to their individual firms.

(Note: Immediately following the meeting it was suggested that this requirement be met by providing to each member of the International Committee as soon as possible after the conference a copy of each technical paper presented. The Chairman undertook to investigate this possibility.)_

Mr. Scribante stressed the desirability of having the technical paper presentations remain closely on schedule. Dr. Seifert commented also on the problem of keeping technical sessions to their time schedules. He thought that

the use of such techniques as warning lights to speakers might be helpful in maintaining time schedules.

Dr. Seifert expressed his appreciation of the criticisms and suggestions offered by the members, since he realized that these were intended largely for the benefit of the next conference. He made particular comment on the problem of selecting the most qualified technical papers from those offered for a conference, stating that it would be the plan of the German Committee to accept only those papers that have been recommended by the national Committees of the countries concerned. The Chairman warned, through the experience of the Canadian group, that a problem of time could be encountered in arranging for acceptance of papers by National Committees prior to their final acceptance by the conference committee.

In reply to a question by Dr. Tenney, the Chairman stated that 20 copies of preprints of their papers are being provided to all authors on a complimentary basis. Additional copies will be provided as required, at a nominal charge.

5. New Business

Mr. Bates tabled a two-part proposal by the British delegation, as follows:

1. That the committee agrees that the appropriate time has arrived for establishment of an International Committee to co-ordinate that preparation of International Recommendations on Nondestructive testing.
2. That it be further agreed by all delegates that they will request their official National standards organizations to recommend to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) that ISO does establish and support a Technical Committee to deal with Nondestructive Testing.

The Committee joined Dr. Pawlowski in strong support for an approach to ISO concerning establishment of a Technical Committee on Nondestructive Testing.

Dr. Pawlowski expressed the hope that a significant percentage of research and scientific type papers can be attracted to future conferences. He thought also that it would be desirable to arrange between conference meetings of groups of nondestructive testing people who have a common interest in various aspects of the subject. This technique would prove valuable in the exchange of information between conferences.

Prof. Homes supported Dr. Pawlowski's suggestion concerning between conference meetings of representatives having common nondestructive testing interests.

Mr. Barer recommended that the term "Testing" in "Nondestructive Testing" be considered for replacement by a more appropriate term. He expressed the feeling that the term "testing" has a somewhat inferior connotation to some people. He thought that the term "technology" might be a better choice, and would have the added advantage of maintaining the well known and well established initials NDT. It was agreed that no particular actions could be taken

at this time on Mr. Barer's proposal but Mr. Barer asked that the subject be introduced for formal discussion at the next International Committee meeting.
The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.