



## ICA General Assembly 2016

### Minutes

Wednesday 7 September 2016

16:30 to 18:30

Cardinal Peroni Room

UCA -Argentinian Catholic University- Puerto Madero

Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### 1. Opening of the Meeting

*President Marion Burgess opened the General Assembly of the ICA and welcomed the representatives of the ICA Member Societies and the International Affiliated Members. The representatives in attendance are listed in Appendix A of these minutes.*

#### 2. Approval of the Agenda

*An agenda item to discuss ICA banking and registration was added, to follow the Treasurer's Report. The Agenda was then approved.*

#### 3. Election of the Chairperson for the Meeting

*Unanimous consent that President Marion Burgess serve as Chairperson for the 2016 General Assembly of the ICA.*

#### 4. Ratification of Commission Membership

*The Acoustical Society of Singapore was welcomed as a new Member Society of the ICA. There are now 46 Member Societies, 4 Observer Societies, and 8 Internationally Affiliated Members.*

#### 5. Summary of Commission Activities

*President Burgess commented that the major activity for the ICA was the congress and ICA 2016 was currently underway and in which those present were participating. The Early Career Award had been presented to Frank Russo and 34 young scientists had received ICA grants to assist attendance. In addition the IUPAP funding had provided grants for 51 young scientists from Latin America to assist with their*

*participation. The Argentinian Acousticians Association and the Ibero-American Federation of Acoustics were thanked for their efforts in organising the congress.*

*She announced that the ICA 2022 congress will be hosted by the Acoustical Society of Korea. This congress will be held in the city of Gyeongju, Korea, 24-28 October 2022. Jeong-Guon Ih will be the General Chair and Chan Hoon Haan will be the Technical Chair.*

a. Support of Specialty Symposia

*Funds (\$2000) from the Acoustical Society of America were used to support the ISMRA symposium following the ICA congress. Funds (total 4000 Euro) from the ICA were used to support the following symposia:*

- *New Sound 2016 – The 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Second Language Speech (Aarhus, Denmark),*
- *33<sup>rd</sup> Symposium on Hydroacoustics (Jurata, Poland),*
- *Summer School 2016 (Porto, Portugal),*
- *Fourth International Workshop on Computational Experiment in AeroAcoustics (Svetlogorsk, Russia),*
- *7<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Alps Adria Acoustics Association.*

6. Election of the Board Officers and Board Members 2016 - 2019

*The procedure for the election was described using the graphic that had been attached to the agenda. Michael Vorländer was nominated to oversee the vote counting which was undertaken by two independent assistants.*

*Marion Burgess automatically becomes Past President. The nomination committee, chaired by Michael Vorländer, selected Antonio Perez Lopez for Treasurer and Michael Stinson for Secretary General.*

*Summary information each nominee had been attached as part of the agenda papers and prior to each stage of voting each nominee (or their representative) was asked to introduce themselves to the General Assembly.*

*In the first round of the election, there was a vote between two candidates proposed by the nomination committee to determine the new President, the other candidate automatically becoming Vice President. Michael Taroudakis was elected President, Jeong-Guon Ih will be Vice President.*

*For the remaining board seats the member societies in each region had been given the opportunity to propose nominations and 17 had been nominated*

*For the Americas region, there were only two nominees for the two available regional seats. Julio Cordioli and Mark Hamilton automatically join the Board.*

*In the second round of election with voting only by those representatives from the societies in the region, the remaining regional seat for Asia/Pacific was determined from a slate of four candidates. Kohei Yamamoto was elected to the Board.*

*In the third round of election, with voting only by those representatives from the societies in the region, the remaining regional seat for the Europe/Africa region was determined from a slate of nine candidates. Antonino Di Bella was elected to the Board.*

*In the final round of election, the six remaining Board seats were determined from the pool of eleven remaining candidates. All the representatives from the member societies and the international affiliates participated in this voting. Elected to the Board were: Bertrand Dubus, Grazyna Grelowska, Dorte Hammershøi, Martin Ochmann, Monika Rychtarikova, and Kerstin Persson Waye.*

*The new ICA Board is effective 1 October 2016.*

#### 7. Financial Report from Treasurer

*Treasurer Antonio Perez-Lopez reported on the ICA finances for the last three years 2013-2016. The report had been reviewed and accepted by Controller Jorge Patricio and approved by the Board. A motion to the General Assembly for approval of the financial report for 2013-2016 was made by Jorge Patricio and seconded by Frank Russo. The motion was approved.*

#### 8. Agreement on a Provisional Budget for Future Years

*Treasurer Antonio Perez-Lopez presented the budget for the next year and projections for the two following years. This budget has been approved by the Board.*

*It was noted that it was necessary to plan for increased expenses over the next several years; this is because of costs associated with proposing the International Year of Sound and the lower revenue from ICA 2016. Therefore, increases in the fee structure were proposed for the years 2017, 2018, and 2019: it will be 60 Euro, 65 Euro, and 70 Euro, respectively per share, for Member Societies. The reduced fee for those paying for 3 years at one time would be 180 Euro per share. The fee for the International Affiliates was proposed as 650 Euro per year for category A, 375 Euro per year for category B, and 60/65/70 Euro for 2017/18/19 for Category C.*

*A motion to the General Assembly for approval of the 2016-2017 budget for ICA was made by Jorge Patricio and seconded by Andres Mayo. The motion was approved.*

#### 8.1 Banking and registration for ICA

*Marion Burgess noted that the ICA has a potential problem into the future with our bank accounts due to a lack of formal registration and official address of the ICA. This arose during 2015-16 but our Treasurer was able to resolve the concern with the assistance of his primary point of contact at the bank. The ICA is not alone as other organisations have found themselves in similar situations and taken steps to properly formalize their existence. The Board has authorized Antonio Perez-Lopez and Jorge*

*Patricio to investigate procedures in Spain (where the EAA is registered) and Portugal, respectively, for future registration of the ICA. In answer to a question from Samir Gerges, about registration in Switzerland being pursued by I-INCE. , Marion Burgess reported that the I-INCE is different to ICA as it is established under Swiss Law and hence the current actions to formally register in Switzerland are appropriate. Michael Taroudakis suggests that being properly registered may be necessary for UNESCO and our initiative to have an International Year of Sound.*

#### 9. Revisions to the ICA Statutes

*Mike Stinson reviewed the proposed changes to the ICA Statutes and By-laws. These had been attached the agenda for the meeting and had been approved by the Board for consideration by the General Assembly. The revisions are shown in Appendix B of these minutes.*

##### a. terminology (Appendix B1)

*The table that describe the relationship between shares and votes for Member Societies contains terms that are unnecessary and not used elsewhere in the Statutes or By-laws. The revision to the terminology was approved.*

##### b. relation to IUPAP (Appendix B2)

*Revisions to update various clauses regarding the relationship between IUPAP and ICA were discussed. In particular, it will be no longer be stated that IUPAP must approve any changes to our Statutes; rather, it will be stated that IUPAP will be advised of changes. These proposed revisions have been discussed with IUPAP Executive and they expressed no negative reaction.*

*The General Assembly unanimously approved these revisions. They will now be presented to the IUPAP for final approval.*

#### 10. Discussion of Questions submitted by the Members

##### a. Questions submitted ahead (2 months prior) in writing to ICASecGen@icacommission.org

*No questions were submitted.*

##### b. Other questions submitted later than 2 months prior to General Assembly

*No questions were submitted.*

#### 11. International Year of Sound 2019

*Marion Burgess reported on the significant progress made toward have 2019 proclaimed the International Year of Sound.*

*A critical meeting with Jean-Paul Ngome Abiaga was held in Paris on 25 August 2016; Marion Burgess, Michael Vorländer, and Jean-Dominique Polack attended.*

*Jean-Paul continues to be a strong and active advocate. Meetings with national delegations from Brazil and Zambia were also held on that day and positive indications of support require following up by the steering committee. The proclamation to be presented to UNESCO Executive Board must come from one or more lead delegations, ideally one from Africa, one from South America, and one from Asia. Appropriate delegations have been identified and discussions with these are underway. The SOBRAC was assisting with actions in relation to Brazil and Prof. Singh, the representative for Acoustical Society of India, has agreed to encourage the Indian delegation to UNESCO to support the proclamation.*

*The draft website that has been prepared by Mike Stinson for the International Year of Sound (at [www.sound2019.org/home/](http://www.sound2019.org/home/)) was demonstrated. Mike Stinson requested assistance with developing the content for the various main pages.*

## 12. Close of Meeting

*Marion Burgess thanked those present for their participation, noting that it was pleasing that the attendance was so good. The meeting closed at 18:30.*

## Appendix A: List of representatives to the ICA General Assembly

Country	Representative		Country	Representative
Argentina	yes		New Zealand	yes
Australia	yes		Nigeria	no
Austria	no		Norway	no
Belgium	yes		Peru	yes
Brazil	yes		Poland	yes
Canada	yes		Portugal	yes
Chile	yes		Russia (RAS)	no
China	yes		Serbia	no
Croatia	no		Singapore	yes
Czech Republic	no		Slovakia	yes
Denmark	yes		Slovenia	no
Egypt	yes		Spain	yes
Finland	yes		Sweden	yes
France	yes		Switzerland	no
Germany	yes		Turkey	no
Greece	yes		U.S.A. (ASA)	yes
Hong Kong	yes		U.S.A. (INCE)	no
Hungary	yes		United Kingdom	yes
Iceland	no			
India	yes		<b>Intl. Affiliate</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Iran	no		AES	yes
Israel	yes		EAA	yes
Italy	yes		FIA	yes
Japan	yes		I-INCE	yes
Korea	yes		ICBEN	no
Lithuania	no		ICU	yes
Mexico	no		IHAV	no
Netherlands	yes		WESPAC	yes

## Appendix B: Revisions to Statutes and By-laws

### B.1. Revision of ICA Statutes and By-Laws terminology related to units, shares and votes

In both the ICA Statutes and the ICA By-laws, there is a Table that relates the number of shares to the number of votes for a Member Society. Two terms are used in this Table that are confusing and unnecessary. In particular, the term “unit” is introduced to mean “share” but is never used subsequently in the Statutes or By-laws. The term “Category” corresponds to the number of votes assigned to a Member Society but the term is never used after being introduced.

It is proposed to make the following change in Article 4. Organisation of the ICA Statutes and Article 4 of the ICA By-Laws:

From:

The number of official delegates in the General Assembly and votes assigned to the Member is determined according to the following IUPAP scale:

Category	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Number of units	1	2 or 3	4 to 6	7 to 9	10 to 15	>15
Number of official delegates and votes	1	2	3	4	5	6

To:

The number of official delegates in the General Assembly and votes assigned to the Member is determined according to the following scale (which is based on the IUPAP voting scale):

Number of shares	1	2 or 3	4 to 6	7 to 9	10 to 15	>15
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For this change to take effect, we will need approval by a two-thirds majority of the ICA General Assembly and to advise IUPAP accordingly.

## B.2. Revision of ICA Statutes regarding our relationship with IUPAP

Our status within IUPAP (International Union of Pure and Applied Physics) changed in 1996 from a Commission to an Affiliated Commission, giving us more autonomy. In 1998, we became an Affiliated Organisation of IUTAM (International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics) and in 2006, we became a Scientific Associate of ICSU (International Council for Science).

Our Statutes have not kept pace with the changes in the Unions and especially the IUPAP. Of particular note is Article 11 of the Statutes that states that we require IUPAP approval for any changes to our statutes.

It is proposed to amend our Statutes as described in the table below. The corresponding sections of the By-laws would be amended similarly.

current Statute	proposed Statute
<p><b>Article 2. Affiliation</b></p> <p>ICA is a Scientific Associate of the International Council for Science (ICSU) and an Affiliated Commission of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) and of the International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (IUTAM).</p> <p><b>Article 6. Finance</b></p> <p>In addition to money directly allotted by IUPAP, the International Commission on Acoustics may have funds of its own consisting of subscriptions by the Members and special donations or grants. The payment of annual dues is the responsibility of the Members. Dues are payable on the first day of each year. Certain specific projects may be financed independently of the general resources of the Commission. The unitary subscription for the ICA shall be decided by the General Assembly. The method of calculating the payment for each Member shall be that provided in Article 14 of IUPAP.</p> <p><b>Article 8. General Assembly</b></p>	<p><b>Article 2. Affiliations</b></p> <p>ICA is a Scientific Associate of the International Council for Science (ICSU), an Affiliated Commission of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP), and an Affiliated Organization of the International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (IUTAM).</p> <p><b>Article 6. Finance</b></p> <p><del>In addition to money directly allotted by IUPAP,</del> The International Commission for Acoustics maintains its funds primarily through subscriptions by the Members and special donations or grants. The payment of annual dues is the responsibility of the Members. Dues are payable on the first day of each year. Certain specific projects may be financed independently of the general resources of the Commission. The unitary subscription for the ICA shall be decided by the General Assembly. <del>The method of calculating the payment for each Member shall be that provided in Article 14 of IUPAP.</del></p> <p><b>Article 8. General Assembly</b></p>



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The voting powers of the delegations shall be in accord with those fixed by the Statutes of IUPAP (Articles 14 and 16. See also Article 4 above).

#### **Article 9. Relation with IUPAP (See also Articles 2 and 3)**

The Commission will report concerning its work and its financial position to each General Assembly of IUPAP and will receive mandates from that Assembly. The Commission will report to IUTAM annually. Affiliation of the Commission with the Union can be terminated either by the Commission at its General Assembly or by the Union at its General Assembly. In the former case, the necessary resolution must obtain a two-thirds majority among all members. In the event of disaffiliation, the special funds of the Commission are to remain its property, but any unexpected balance of money received from IUPAP shall be returned to that body.

#### **Article 11. Alterations of the statutes**

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