

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IASE

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• BACKGROUND

After a debate within the executive committee, it was decided by an unanimous decision, to extend the length of the mandate of the president to four years.

For such a modification, the statutes of the association (art. 31) impose an Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) to be organized and specify that : “the decision of the EGA will be taken by a majority of 2/3 of the votes of the members present or represented”.

• DEBATE

Didier Primault presented the modification of the statute.

Wladimir Andreff commented the advantages of such a modification : four years is a common length for many sporting associations and it seems more efficient to lead a program.

Paul Staudohar considers that a length of 4 years is symbolically better.

Finally the modification is voted at the unanimity of the Assembly.

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• GENERAL POLICY REPORT

President Baade made a general policy report. He expressed his great satisfaction for the quality of the organization and the quality of the papers presented last year in Dayton and this year in Gijon. He thanked very much Plácido Rodríguez for the impressive organization of the conference in Gijon and considered that it may incite new colleagues to join the association.

On a strategical point of view, the president stressed two points :

– 1. one of the priority of the association is to extend the geographical base of the members. We should try to contact new colleagues in countries or continents where the association is not yet represented.

Placido Rodríguez considered on this point that we had no contact in Latin American and proposed to think of a future conference of IASE in Buenos Aires.

– 2. R. Baade then encouraged each colleague to pay his membership fee. 55 colleagues paid their fee for 2007 and 101 colleagues paid their fee at least on time in the IASE history. The president considered we should improve such figures.

• DEBATE

– *New Members*

One more time Wladimir Andreff stressed the special case of underdeveloped countries. They cannot pay the membership fee or the travel cost to attend the conferences. The issue is now to know which financial means could be found to incite these countries to join IASE (Wladimir gave the example of Dominican Republic). A conclusion is it will be very difficult to enlarge our association. So, are we condemned to be limited to United States and Europe ?

R. Baade suggested that we could try to finance the travel costs of some of our colleagues coming from these countries. We should not abandon such an idea even if IASE lacks financial means.

• CONFERENCES

Many proposals for hosting the following next conferences were discussed during this General Assembly.

- San Francisco was considered as very exciting but very expensive for European colleagues.

- Paul Staudohar proposed Prague. Robert Baade was in favour of this proposition and Wladimir Andreff considered it was a good opportunity to open IASE to Eastern European Countries

- A discussion was then opened about potential destinations such as South Africa (Wolfgang Maennig) , New Zealand (Markus Kurscheidt), Argentina (Placido Rodriguez).

Rodney Fort suggested it was important to have good local relations before going somewhere. Robert Baade answered that Markus Kurscheidt had good contacts in New Zealand and could mobilize them.

Two other points were then debated

Paul Downward considered we were breaking the logics of the alternation United States/Europe.

Robert Baade stressed the point we might exclude the colleagues who would attend the conference just because it may be too far.

- The choice of London 2012 to host the conference was accepted, taking into account the Olympics.

The choice of the other hosting places will be made later when we have more information from the organizers.

• ASSOCIATIONS

Wolfgang Maennig asked what could be the consequences of the creation of the American Association on the IASE. Robert Baade answered we need to work with all regional organizations without forgetting IASE has a global character. Perhaps we could envisage a partnership with all regional organizations with IASE serving as an umbrella organization. Some questions were debated around coordinating the activities of the various organizations:

- should we organize a common conference with the NAASE ? (B Humphrey)
- should we create a European Association ? (W. Andreff)
- should we create national associations ? (W. Maennig).

The conclusion of Robert Baade is that we have to avoid a fruitless competition and duplication of efforts.

• MEMBERSHIPS

- To avoid many difficulties to manage the membership fees, it was proposed to pay with paypal and to take the civil year as the annual periodicity.

W. Andreff proposed to introduce a special membership fee for developing countries and R. Fort proposed a free membership fee for new members.

- We need information coming from members to feed the website (working papers, CV, Conferences...). It was proposed to experiment the choice of one correspondent in each country to send us such an information.

President Baade thanked everybody for their participation and the very good atmosphere in the Association.