

5th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NON DESTRUCTIVE TESTING

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5th MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the International Committee held on Sunday, 21st 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. 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	
Mr. R.B. Socky	U. S. A.	
Dr. G.H. Tenney	U. S. A.	

1. Apologies for Absence

The Chairman reported that apologies for absence from the meeting had been received from Dr. E. Krainer (Austria) who had nominated Dr. Seifert to represent him; H. Vinter (Denmark), J. Salokongas (Finland), Dr. M. de Miro (Spain) and R. Hornung (Switzerland). Prof. Moravia had been prevented by illness from attending and had asked that Dr. Baldi act in his place. The Committee endorsed a suggestion by Dr. Tenney that a note of regret at Prof. Moravia's absence and wishes for his recovery be signed by all members in attendance, and forwarded to him.

The meeting expressed sincere regret at the announcement by the Chairman of the recent death of Mr. Pemberton of Great Britain. Mr. Pemberton was President of the Fourth Conference in London.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the two meetings of the Committee held on 10 September and 13 September in London, were adopted.

3. Terms of Reference

The Chairman reported that a Working Group composed of himself, Dr. Tenney, Dr. Seifert, Prof. Malecki and Dr. Mullins had developed draft No. 4 of the Terms of Reference for the Committee, based on Draft No.3 that was adopted at the London Conference. Copies of Draft No.4 had been submitted to the Committee for comment in July 1966, with the result that official approval had been expressed by seven member countries and no indication of disapproval had been received.

At the suggestion of Dr. Tenney the draft was given a general review. This resulted in agreement on a change in the title of Clause 3 from "Object" to "Objectives" and a corresponding change in Clause 3.1. Dr. Tenney suggested standardization of the spelling of term "nondestructive". After some discussion the Committee agreed, on a motion by Dr. Tenney, seconded by Prof. Malecki, to accept the one-word spelling of the term. This decision would be reflected in appropriate changes throughout the draft.

Mr. Bates recommended that, since the draft had been provided to all members some months earlier, giving them ample time for consideration, its adoption should be resolved at this meeting. This was agreed and, on a motion by Mr. Bates, seconded by Mr. De Sterke, Draft No. 4 was adopted, subject to the editorial changes recorded above.

Dr. Tenney expressed the congratulations of the Committee to the Chairman for his leadership in pushing development of the Terms of Reference through to successful completion.

4. Venue for Sixth Conference

The Chairman read a letter from Dr. Seifert confirming the offer made at the London Conference that Germany would be pleased to host the Sixth Conference in 1970. Dr. Seifert supported his written invitation with a verbal statement pointing out that 1970 is an appropriate year in that it will be the 75th Anniversary of Roentgen's discovery of X-Rays. He indicated that the Conference would be planned for May, probably in Berlin.

Dr. Seifert's invitation was greeted with favour and enthusiasm. Prof. Malecki noted the possibility of difficulties, from a political point of view, in arranging for delegates from some countries into West Berlin.

Dr. Seifert stated that this possibility had been recognized, but expressed the hope that the choice of Berlin would pose no problem politically, since the city had much to commend it as the site for a nondestructive testing conference. It was agreed that the final choice of the site in Germany must be left to the discretion of Dr. Seifert and his colleagues according to the circumstances encountered at the time. The Committee agreed unanimously on a motion by Mr. Barer, seconded by Dr. Tenney, that the next conference be held in Germany in 1970.

5. Invitation for Seventh Conference

The Chairman recalled that tentative invitations had been advanced by both Poland and France for future conferences. Prof. Malecki confirmed Poland's willingness to host a conference in 1973, but suggested that the matter be discussed at the meeting on Thursday when, it was hoped, Prof. Azou of France would be present.

6. Membership Changes

The Chairman noted two changes in membership of the Committee since the London meetings. Mr. P. Scribante had replaced Mr. A. Middlecote as the representative of South Africa, and Mr. J.C. Walter was the new member from Norway, replacing Mr. A. Markestad.

The Chairman reported also that interest has been expressed in committee membership by Argentina, Australia, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary. A tentative request in writing from Australia would be raised for consideration on Thursday.

Dr. Tenney reported that Yugoslavia also has indicated an interest in joining the Committee. He thought that a formal request could be expected from that country shortly.

The meeting agreed with Dr. Seifert and Dr. Tenney that additions to the Committee membership should be encouraged, and promised a favourable reception to all membership requests that fulfil the conditions outlined in the Terms of Reference.

7. Information Dissemination

The Chairman invited general discussion on proposals advanced at various times in the past for particular activities that might be pursued by the Committee. Included amongst these were such items as the establishment of specific work projects, development of multilingual glossary of NDT terms, and exchange of information amongst member countries, as recommended at the London meetings, had not been effectively carried forward.

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.

Dr. Seifert thought that member countries should participate more actively in the exchange and circulation of reports on nondestructive testing. He promised to call for such reports from members on a regular basis during the period leading to the next conference.

Dr. Tenney agreed that dissemination of the rapidly growing body of knowledge in nondestructive testing is most desirable. He recommended the distribution to all member countries of the journals of national societies as one means of furthering circulation of information.

Prof. Malecki referred to the program being pursued by UNESCO on the problem of information dissemination. He recommended that the International Committee keep in touch with this activity.

Prof. Homes pointed out the problem created by the tremendous amount of data and information that is being developed. He stressed the importance of being selective in the quality and kind of information distributed.

Mr. De Sterke stated that the International Institute of Welding has undertaken to establish liaison with the organizers of future conferences on nondestructive testing, and noted that this would have the effect of bringing all pertinent IIW documentation to the attention of Committee members.

In closing the discussion on the topic of information distribution, the Chairman expressed the hope that the opinions and ideas advanced would prove useful to Dr. Seifert and his colleagues in their plans and preparations for the Sixth Conference.

8. New Business

The Chairman invited discussion on a proposal that had been submitted to each of the members by Mr. L.E. Baxter concerning his establishment of an information distribution and international secretariat service. The Chairman noted that this proposal was an independent and personal effort on the part of Mr. Baxter, who felt that this service would prove beneficial to member countries in providing for the dissemination of information from a central agency.

Prof. Homes, Mr. Bates, Mr. De Sterke and Prof. Malecki, in turn, stated general opposition to the principle and philosophy of Mr. Baxter's proposal. The Committee concurred with these views and, though expressing appreciation of Mr. Baxter's proposal, agreed that formation of an international secretariat was not desirable at this time. The Chairman undertook to notify Mr. Baxter of the Committee's reaction.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to reconvene on Thursday, 25 May.