

INTERNATIONAL INCE
MINUTES OF THE 33rd MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TUESDAY, 2007 AUGUST 28
ISTANBUL, TURKEY

1. **Opening:** President H. Tachibana opened the General Assembly meeting of the International Institute of Noise Control Engineering (I-INCE) at 13.05 on Tuesday, 2007 August 28.

2. **Roll Call:**

The roll call was conducted by sign up sheet.

Representatives of the following Member Societies were present:

Australia:	Australian Acoustical Society
Austria:	Österreichische Arbeitsring für Lärmbekämpfung
Belgium:	Belgische Akoestische Vereniging
Brazil:	Sociedade Brasileira de Acustica
Canada:	Canadian Acoustical Association.
Chile	Acoustical Society of Chile
China:	Acoustical Society of China
Czech Republic:	Czech Acoustical Society
Denmark:	Danish Acoustical Society
Europe	INCE/Europe
France:	Societe Francaise d' Acoustique
Germany:	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Akustik
Hungary:	OPAKFI
Italy	Associazione Italiana de Acustica
Japan:	INCE/Japan
Japan:	Acoustical Society of Japan
Korea:	Acoustical Society. of Korea
Korea:	Korean Society for Noise and Vibration Engineering
Netherlands:	Nederlands Akoestisch Genootschap
New Zealand:	New Zealand Acoustical Society
Norway:	Acoustical Society of Norway
Poland:	Committee on Acoustics - Polish Academy of Sciences
Portugal:	Sociedade Portuguesa de Acustica
Spain:	Sociedad Espanola de Acustica
Sweden:	Swedish Acoustical Society
Switzerland:	Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Akustik
Turkey:	Turkish Acoustical Society
United Kingdom:	Institute of Acoustics
United States:	Acoustical Society of America
United States:	Institute of Noise Control Engineering of the USA

Absent:

Finland:	Acoustical Society of Finland
Germany:	NALS im DIN und VDI
Greece:	Hellenic Acoustical Society
Hong Kong:	Hong Kong Institute of Acoustics
Hungary:	Acoustical Commission of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Lithuania:	Lithuanian Acoustical Society
Mexico:	Instituto Mexicana de Acustica
Romania:	Academia Romana Comisia d' Acustica

Russia	Eastern European Acoustical Association
Singapore:	The Environmental Engineering. Society of Singapore
Slovakia:	Slovak Acoustical Society
Slovenia:	Slovenian Acoustical Society

3. Agenda:

The draft agenda was reviewed and approved. The approved final agenda is appended as Attachment 1.

4. Minutes:

The draft Minutes of the 32nd meeting of the General Assembly (Honolulu, Hawaii 2006) had been distributed by e-mail and also posted on the I-INCE web site. The Minutes were approved without discussion.

5. Report of the President:

President Tachibana reported as follows:

- I-INCE currently has 42 Member Societies from 34 countries.
- INTER-NOISE 2007 is the 36th Congress of I-INCE.
- **INTER-NOISE 2008** will be held 2008 October 26-29 in Shanghai, China
- **INTER-NOISE 2009** will be held 2009 August 23-26 in Ottawa, Canada.
- **INTER-NOISE 2010** will be held in the Europe-Africa region. Three detailed proposals were presented at the Congress Selection Committee meeting. We are negotiating with the finalist and will announce the venue soon.
- **INTER-NOISE 2011** will be held in the Asia-Pacific region. Two informal proposals were presented at the Congress Selection Committee meeting.
- **INTER-NOISE 2012** will be held in the Pan American region. Informal proposals will be presented by Member Societies in the Pan American region at INTER-NOISE 2008.

6. Report of the Secretary-General:

Member Society Applications R. Bernhard reported that the Hellenic Acoustical Society (HAS) in Greece has been dropped from membership for non-payment of dues and for no response to repeated inquiries about status.

I-INCE Secretariat The I-INCE Secretariat has been moved to the University of Notre Dame. New contact information for the Secretariat is phone: USA+1 574-631-1862 and email: rbernhar@nd.edu.

I-INCE website The I-INCE website is at www.i-ince.org. Additions or corrections are welcome and should be sent to rbernhar@nd.edu.

7. Report of the Treasurer:

Financial Report. The financial report for the Institute for fiscal year 2006 was presented by the Treasurer and approved. The account balance at the end of fiscal year 2006 was 112,219.80 EUR.

Budget 2007. The draft I-INCE budget for the year 2007 January 01 to 2007 December 31 was presented. For the budget, income was estimated to be 30,230.09 EUR, expenses were estimated to be 34,115.55 EUR, and the net budget balance was estimated to be a deficit of 3881.46 EUR.

Estimated Budget 2008. A draft estimated I-INCE budget for the year 2008 January 01 to 2008 December 31 was presented. The dues for 2008 will be 250 EUR for small Member Societies, 500 EUR for medium Member Societies, and 750 EUR for large Member Societies. The budget assumes 10 Sustaining Members and 8 Institutional Members. For the budget, estimated income was approximately 38,013 EUR, estimated expenses were approximately 37,613 EUR, and there would be a net budget surplus of approximately 400 EUR.

Payment of Dues. A report of the current status of dues payments was presented by the Treasurer. As of 2007 August 20, dues payments were typical of normal years.

The Treasurer's report was accepted without discussion.

Supporting data for the report of the Treasurer is posted on the I-INCE website at www.i-ince.org under "Finances".

8. Membership of the Congress Selection Committee

The 2007 Congress Selection Committee membership is

President-elect: G. Daigle	2004-2008
VP Europe/Africa: B. Berry	2006-2008
VP Pan America: P. Donovan	2007-2009
VP Asia/Pacific: M. Burgess	2007-2009

Europe/Africa	
B. Schulte-Fortkamp	2005-2007
A. Guney	2006-2008
T. Gjestland	2007-2009

Pan America	
S. Gerges	2005-2007
P. Schomer	2006-2008
R. Hellweg	2007-2009

Asia-Pacific	
J. Lai	2005-2007
S. Kuwano	2006-2008
Y.-H. Kim	2007-2009

Nominations for an additional 3-year term were accepted from the floor for each of the three positions with terms ending on 2007 December 31. B. Schulte-Fortkamp, S. Gerges and J. Lai were nominated from the floor. All were elected unanimously.

9. INTER-NOISE 2007

INTER-NOISE 2007 was held in Istanbul, Turkey 2007 August 28-31 hosted by the Acoustical Society of Turkey. T. Belek gave a summary of Congress statistics as of the General Assembly meeting. The Technical program includes 535 papers and 64 posters. The number of registrants was approaching 1100 including 160 students from Turkish universities and 140 from Turkish industry. The social program included a Chairman's dinner on Tuesday night, a boat trip on the Bosphorus on Wednesday night and a banquet in the garden of the Istanbul Archeological Museum on Thursday evening.

10. INTER-NOISE 2008

INTER-NOISE 2008 will be held in Shanghai, China 2008 October 26-29 at the Shanghai International Convention Center and hosted by the Institute of Acoustics of the Academy of Sciences. Abstracts will be due on 2008 March 31 and manuscripts will be due 2008 August 1. The conference program will include 16 special sessions and 2 short courses. J. Tian also described the social program and the plans for pre-conference and post-conference activities. The conference website is active at www.internoise2008.org.

11. Technical Activities

A. Marsh reported on the progress of the Technical Study Groups. A written version of the report is appended as Attachment 3.

The I-INCE Board of Directors received a proposal to establish TSG 9 Soundscapes from B. Brooks and B. Schulte-Fortkamp. The Board of Directors has requested revisions to the proposal and expects to have a revised proposal in a couple of weeks. If the Board of Directors approves the proposal for consideration by the General Assembly, the proposal will be brought to the General Assembly meeting in 2008.

12. Communications

VP for Communications, G. Maling, reported on the status of *Noise News International* (NNI) and new communications initiatives.

NNI publication and finances: In 2006 NNI published 172 pages in 4 issues. In 2007 the March issue was 36 pages and the June issue was 48 pages. In 2006 income was 70,660 USD and expenses were 82,279 USD. The deficit of 11,619 USD was made up by INCE/USA.

New initiatives: G. Maling has prepared a “sponsored link on the internet which has links to I-INCE and all of the Member Societies. A question was raised about foreign languages. G. Maling responded that Google would allow multiple entries to accommodate multiple languages.

13. Other Business

Noise Control Engineering Journal (NCEJ): C. Burroughs, Editor-in-Chief of the **Noise Control Engineering Journal** (NCEJ), reported that the number of papers per issue in NCEJ is increasing. Special issues are in development for Tire/Pavement Noise, Fan Noise, Occupational Noise, and Soundscapes. NCEJ is now being distributed on CD ROM rather than by printed paper copies.

C. Burroughs also reported that all NCEJ papers from 1972 to 2000 are available on CD ROM which can be obtained in return for a 100 USD donation to the INCE Foundation. All issues after Volume 49 (from 2001 to the present) appear on each NCEJ disk.

Electronic Access to Conference Papers: C. Burroughs reported on progress to make conference papers available on-line. Currently the papers from NOISE-CON and all USA-based INTER-NOISE Congresses are available on-line for 20 USD at <http://scitation.aip.org/INCE/>. More than 2300 papers are available in pdf format. In addition, the papers from INTER-NOISE 2005 and 2006 are currently being processed to add to the web site. Permission has been received to add the papers from INTER-NOISE 2000, 2001, and 2003 to the web site. Thus, all INTER-NOISE papers from 1999 to 2006 will soon be available on-line.

There was no other business.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the I-INCE General Assembly will be 2008 October 26 starting at 13.00 in Shanghai, China at a location to be announced.

15. Close of the Meeting

President Tachibana closed the 32nd meeting of the I-INCE General Assembly at 14.53.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Bernhard
Secretary-General

Approved: I-INCE General Assembly, 2008 October 26

Attachment 1



Agenda 2007 General Assembly Meeting

Place: **ICEC (Dolmabahce A)**
Istanbul, Turkey

2007 August 28
Time: 13.00-15.45

1. Opening of the meeting by the President.
2. Roll call of delegates.
3. Adoption of the Agenda.
4. Approval of the minutes of the Thirty-first Meeting held in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 2006 December 03 (The draft minutes are posted on the I-INCE web site at <http://www.i-ince.org/2006-minutes.pdf>)
5. Report of the President.
 - current state of the International Institute of Noise Control Engineering
 - new initiatives of the Institute
 - report of the Nominating Committee
 - planning for INTER-NOISE 2008, INTER-NOISE 2009, INTER-NOISE 2010, INTER-NOISE 2011, and INTER-NOISE 2012.
6. Report of the Secretary-General on the affairs of I-INCE.
 - Report of the Secretariat
 - Matters relating to I-INCE membership
7. Report of the Treasurer of I-INCE
 - Review of payments by Member Societies.
 - Review of the audited account for fiscal year 2006.
 - Review of the budget for 2007.
 - Consideration of preliminary budget for 2008.
8. Membership of the Congress Selection Committee (CSC).

According to the procedures of the CSC (I-INCE Rules, Part 3) as posted on the I-INCE web site on 2006.01.23, the General Assembly shall appoint members who shall serve for a three-year term. The current CSC is

President-elect: G. Daigle	2004-2008
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R. Hellweg	2007-2009
Asia-Pacific	
J. Lai	2005-2007
S. Kuwano	2006-2008
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Nominations shall be called for under this item of the agenda for the members with terms expiring in 2007. Each of the nominated candidates will be asked to summarize their experience in international congress selection and organization.

9. Report on INTER-NOISE 2007 (Istanbul, Turkey) by a member of the Congress Organizing Committee.
10. Report on planning for INTER-NOISE 2008 (Shanghai, China) by a member of the Congress Organizing Committee.
11. Report on status of current I-INCE technical initiatives by the Vice President for Technical Activities.
 - Proposal for a new Technical Study Group (TSG 9: Soundscape Techniques).
 - Report on the status of the work of the other Technical Study Groups
12. Report of the I-INCE Vice President for Communications on the current status of *Noise News International*, the *Noise Control Engineering Journal*, and other I-INCE publications.
13. Other business.
14. Time and place of the next meeting.
15. Closing of the meeting.

Robert J. Bernhard
Secretary General

Attachment 2
I-INCE Officers and Directors (2008.01.01)

Office:	Office holder:	Term (yrs.):	Ending:
President	Hideki Tachibana	5	2008.12.31
President-Elect	Gilles Daigle	5	2008.12.31
Immediate Past President	Tor Kihlman	4	2007.12.31
Secretary General	Robert Bernhard	4	2008.12.31
Treasurer	Jean Pierre Clairbois	4	2009.12.31
VP Asia-Pacific	Marion Burgess	3	2008.12.31
VP Europe Africa	Bernard Berry	3	2008.12.31
VP Pan-America	Paul Donovan	3	2009.12.31
VP Publications & E-in-C	George Maling	1	2008.12.31
VP Development	Gilles Daigle	4	2008.12.31
VP Technical Activities	Alan Marsh	1	2008.12.31
VP Global Noise Policy	Bill Lang	3	2009.12.31
Director rep. I-N 02	Raj Singh	6	2008.12.31
Director rep. I-N 03	Hee Joon Eun	6	2009.12.31
Director rep. I-N 04	Josef Novak	6	2010.12.31
Director rep. I-N 05	Samir Gerges	6	2011.12.31
Director rep. I-N 06	David Holger	6	2012.12.31
Director rep. I-N 07	Temel Belek	6	2013.12.31

Attachment 3

Activities of I-INCE Technical Study Groups since 2006 December: Report to the I-INCE General Assembly, 2007 August 28

TSG 1: Noise of Recreational Activities in Outdoor Areas, Philip Dickinson, Convener

The Convener of TSG 1 produced a draft of a report and transmitted it to the I-INCE VP– Technical Activities for review.

TSG 2: Noise Labels for Consumer and Industrial Products, Bernard Berry, Convener

Following the decision taken by the Board of Directors and the General Assembly in 2006 December, the work of TSG 2 was terminated and the TSG disbanded with thanks. The Convener of TSG 2 transmitted the material that had been gathered on noise labels to the Co-Conveners of TSG 7.

TSG 3: Assessment of the Effectiveness of Noise Policies and Regulations, Hideki Tachibana and William Lang, Co-Conveners

A preliminary draft of a report from TSG 3 was circulated on 2007 July 09 to the Secretariats of the Member Societies for review and comment. The preliminary draft contained an EXCEL spreadsheet for Appendices C and D with information on regulations and legislation for community noise. The Member Societies were asked to update the information in this spreadsheet as well as to review the draft of the main text of the report. The date for receipt of comments was 2008 August 15.

TSG 3 met during INTER-NOISE 07 in Istanbul on 2007 August 28 to discuss the comments of the Member Societies on the preliminary draft report.

TSG 4: Noise and Reverberation Control for Schoolrooms, Carsten Svensson, Convener

At the meetings of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly in 2006 December in Honolulu, it was proposed that the work of TSG 4 be terminated and the TSG disbanded. Instead of termination, Gerrit Vermeir offered to coordinate with the Convener to produce an abbreviated report of the information that had been obtained by TSG 4. Unfortunately, it was not possible to produce this report within the time available to work on a draft in the first half of 2007. Therefore, the work of TSG 4 is now terminated and the TSG disbanded with thanks.

However, the Convener, Carsten Svensson, believes that an effort is warranted to develop an I-INCE Technical Report on the effects on the learning experience of high levels of sound as well as poor acoustical conditions in classrooms and other school rooms. The Convener proposes to continue the work of TSG 4, but with a different Scope and with new experts to be appointed by the Member Societies. Carsten is willing to serve as the Convener of the new TSG. If agreed by the Board and the General Assembly, a formal proposal to form the new TSG will be prepared and circulated to the Member Societies for approval.

TSG 6: Environmental Noise Impact Assessment and Mitigation, Lawrence Finegold, Convener

A draft of a report from TSG 6 was prepared. TSG 6 met during INTER-NOISE 07 on 2007 August 28 to discuss the draft report.

TSG 7: Harmonization and Implementation of Global Noise Policies,
William Lang and Tjeert ten Wolde, Co-Conveners

The first meeting of TSG 7 was held in Honolulu on Sunday morning, 2006 December 03 with 18 persons present including the Co-Conveners and recording secretary. The proposed scope and operating procedures for TSG 7 were discussed and approved. The first assignments to the three teams were discussed.

An e-mail to all members was sent on 2007 February 06, attaching the comments on the draft TSG 5 report that were not incorporated into the final report. Of the 27 members of TSG 7, 10 persons responded.

On 2007 April 16, an e-mail was sent to TSG 7 members by category (i.e., occupational, community, and product noise) with attachments and requesting that they begin the update process on the attachments provided. The members were asked to respond by 2007 July 15 with revisions. Of the 27 members, eight acknowledged receipt of the e-mail but only one person responded with a revision by July 15.

At the second meeting of TSG 7 on Tuesday morning, August 28, in Istanbul, the lack of response from the members was discussed. Efforts will be made to stimulate improved responses.

TSG 8: Noise Control Engineering Education Worldwide,
Keith Attenborough and William Lang, Co-Conveners

Following the decision of the General Assembly in 2006 December, invitations to appoint experts to be members of TSG 8 were sent to the I-INCE Member Societies.

The I-INCE Secretary-General mailed out a nomination form to the Member Societies requesting nominations by 2007 January 31. Only five Societies responded with nominations of experts to be members of TSG 8. In view of this inadequate response, a first meeting of TSG 8 in Istanbul would be premature and was not scheduled.

A noise policy workshop entitled "Education in Noise Control Engineering" will be held at ICA2007 in Madrid following the Istanbul INTER-NOISE Congress. Panelists from a dozen European countries will participate. There appears to be considerable interest in this subject in Europe. Workshop panelists will be invited to stimulate interest in the work of TSG 8 within their Member Societies. Additional nominations for TSG 8 members will be solicited. This situation was brought to the attention of the I-INCE General Assembly at its meeting in Istanbul.

Submitted by:
Alan Marsh
I-INCE Vice President–Technical Activities
2007 August 28