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INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NOISE CONTROL ENGINEERING

MINUTES OF THE 45th MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY, 2019 June 16, 14.00 to 16.30

Madrid, Spain

## 1. Opening:

The 45th meeting of the General Assembly of the International Institute of Noise Control Engineering was convened at 14:10 on Sunday, 2019 June 16 by Marion Burgess at the IFEMA Palacio Municia, Madrid, Spain.

## 2. Roll Call of Delegates:

The roll call of the Member's Societies Delegates was conducted by the Secretary General, Paul Donovan. Attendance of representatives of Member Societies was recorded from verbal responses and sign-in sheets as follows:

Country	Member Society	Present Yes/No
Australia	Australian Acoustical Society	Yes
Austria	Österreichische Arbeitsring für Lärmbekämpfung	Yes
Belgium	Association Belge des Acousticiens / Belgische Akoestische Vereniging	Yes
Brazil	Sociedade Brasileira de Acustica	Yes
Brazil	Pro Acustica	Yes
Canada	Canadian Acoustical Association	Yes
China	Acoustical Society of China	No
Croatia	Hrvatsko akusticko društvo	No
Czech Republic	Czech Acoustical Society	Yes
Denmark	Danish Acoustical Society	Yes
Europe	INCE/Europe	Yes
Finland	Acoustical Society of Finland	No
France	Societe Francaise d' Acoustique	Yes
Germany	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Akustik	Yes
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Institute of Acoustics	Yes
Hungary	OPAKFI	Yes
Israel	Israeli Acoustical Association	Yes
Italy	Associazione Italiana de Acustica	Yes
Japan	Acoustical Society of Japan	Yes
Japan	INCE/Japan	Yes
Korea	Acoustical Society of Korea	Yes
Korea	Korean Society for Noise and Vibration Engineering	Yes
Lithuania	Lithuanian Acoustical Society	Yes
Netherlands	Nederlands Akoestisch Genootschap	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Acoustical Society	No
Norway	Acoustical Society of Norway	No
Poland	Committee on Acoustics - Polish Academy of Sciences	Yes
Portugal	Sociedade Portuguesa de Acustica	Yes
Singapore	The Environmental Engineering. Society of Singapore	No

Slovakia	Slovak Acoustical Society	No
Slovenia	Slovenian Acoustical Society	No
Spain	Sociedad Espanola de Acustica	Yes
Sweden	Swedish Acoustical Society	Yes
Switzerland	Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Akustick (SGA-SSA)	No
Turkey	Turkish Acoustical Society	No
United Kingdom	Institute of Acoustics	Yes
United States	Acoustical Society of America	Yes
United States	Institute of Noise Control Engineering of the USA	Yes

### 3. Adoption of the Agenda:

The Secretary General, Paul Donovan, presented the *agenda* of the meeting and asked if there were any additional items for the agenda. President Burgess noted that there will be an election of a Director-at-Large under the under item 7, Composition of 2020 Board of Directors. In order to avoid schedule conflicts for the Vice President of Technical Activities, item 13 will directly follow the Report of the President.

### 4. Approval of the minutes of the 44th Meeting held in Chicago, USA 2018 August 26

The Secretary General asked for any comments or suggestions for the *Minutes of the 2018 General Assembly meeting* which had been circulated. Hearing none, the Minutes were approved as written.

### 5. Report of the President

President Marion Burgess reviewed the I-INCE activities that preceded the General Assembly Meeting including the Pre-Future Technical Congress Meeting, which is held to assist the planners of near-term Congresses, the I-INCE Practice of Noise Control School, the Congress Selection Committee, and the first I-INCE Board Meeting. She also noted that there will be an I-INCE Technical Lecture at this Congress and that videos of previous I-INCE Lectures that are available on the I-INCE website. Marion also noted that access to the database of papers from past INTER-NOISE Congresses and NOISE-CON Conferences is provided to all Member Societies and is accessible to the individual members of these societies without charge. Regarding future INTER-NOISE Congresses, Marion noted that for 2020, it will be held in Seoul, South Korea and for 2021, it will be in Washington, D.C., USA. The I-INCE Board accepted this proposal which will be the 50<sup>th</sup> INTER-NOISE and will be held in Washington, D.C. where the first INTER-NOISE was held. For INTER-NOISE 2022, the Congress will be in the Europe-Africa Region at a location to be identified later after the Congress agreement has been signed. An informal Congress proposal for 2023 in the Asia-Pacific Region was evaluated by the Congress Selection Committee at their meeting. For 2024, the I-INCE Board approved a small change to the rotation cycle. Under this change proposals for 2024 will be solicited from the Europe-Africa geographical region for CSC meeting in 2020. Following this, it is intended that the 2025 would be in the Pan American region, 2026 in Asia-Pacific, and in 2027, back in the Europe-Africa Region. The primary reason for this change is breaking a cycle of conflict with the IAC conference held in Europe.

### 6. Report of the Secretary General

The Secretary General, Paul Donovan reported that two Member Societies withdrew from I-INCE, NALS from Germany and ASME NCAD from the United States. He also reported that there is an application in progress for the Asociación de Acústicos Argentinos (AdAA) for changing their status from Observer to Member Society. President Marion Burgess added a request for Member Societies to be certain that the contract information for their organization is current as maintaining contact to the societies is often problematic.

## 7. Composition of the I-INCE Board

President Marion Burgess introduced the three nominees had been identified by Member Societies of the region to fill the position of Director-at-Large, Asia-Pacific. These were: Kang-duck Ih of South Korea, John Davy of Australia, and Jun Yang of China. The *biographical information* for each of these candidates was provided. Candidates Kang-duck Ih and John Davy were both present and were given the opportunity to introduce themselves to the General Assembly and discuss their qualifications for the position. After this, the representatives of each Member Society present and the members of the Board of Directors voted by secret ballot on their choice to fill the position. John Davy was elected to serve as the Director-at-Large, Asia-Pacific.

President Burgess presented the report of the *nominating committee*. The Officers and Directors for 2020 are shown below with bold text identifying new officers and directors, those reappointed to the Board, or those taking on new roles:

President	<b>Robert Bernhard</b> (2020 - 2022)
President-elect	<b>Luigi Maffei</b> (2020 - 2022)
Immediate Past President	<b>Marion Burgess</b> (2020 - 2022)
Secretary General	<b>Paul Donovan</b> (2016 - 2021)
Treasurer	<b>Doug Manvell</b> (2016 - 2023)
Vice President, Europe-Africa	Catherine Lavandier (2019 - 2021)
Vice President, Asia Pacific	Yeon June Kang (2018 - 2020)
Vice President, Pan America	Davi Akkerman (2019 - 2021)
Vice President, Development & Outreach	<b>Gijsjan van Blokland</b> (2020 - 2022)
Vice President, Technical Activities	Patricia Davies (2018 - 2020)
Vice President, Rules & Governance	Steve Hambric (2019 - 2021)
VP for Communication and Webmaster	Joe Cuschieri (2016 - 2020)
Director, INTER-NOISE 2017	Li Cheng (2018 - 2020)
Director, INTER-NOISE 2018	Charlie Mortiz (2019 - 2021)
Director, INTER-NOISE 2019	<b>Antonio Pérez-López</b> (2020 - 2022)
Director-at-large, Asia Pacific	<b>John Davy</b> (2020 - 2022)
Director-at-large, Europe-Africa	André Fiebig (2018 - 2020)
Director-at-large, Pan America	Stuart Bolton (2019 - 2021)
Distinguished Board Member	<b>Joachim Scheuren</b> (2020)
Distinguished Board Member	<b>Otto von Estorff</b> (2020)

President Burgess acknowledged Joachim Scheuren's contributions to I-INCE over the past 9 years and thanked him for his support and guidance over her term as President. She specifically remarked on his contribution in resolving I-INCE's legal status during his terms. Joachim has agreed to serve an additional year as a Distinguished Board Member to deal with any final issues that may arise regarding I-INCE status in the following year and to assist in the planning of the celebration of 50<sup>th</sup> year of INTER-NOISE Congresses to take place in 2021 in Washington D.C. Marion then thanked those who leaving the Board services to I-INCE: Dave Holger, Distinguished Board Member, and Kohei Yamamoto, Director-at-Large Asia-Pacific. Current Board Members taking on new or continuing roles in 2020 included Robert Bernhard as President, Luigi Maffei as President-Elect, Marion Burgess as Immediate Past President, Paul Donovan as Secretary General, and Doug Manvell as Treasurer. New to the Board are Gijsjan van Blokland as VP Development and Outreach and Antonio Pérez-López representing INTER-NOISE 2019. Otto van Estorff has agreed to serve an additional year as a Distinguished Board Member to assist in updating and maintaining the Member Society database for the Office of the Secretary General.

## **8. Report of the Treasurer:**

The I-INCE Treasurer, Doug Manvell, presented the *Treasurer's Report* for 2019. Doug first reported on the audited financial outcome of the 2018. Relative to the 2018 budget, income was less than expected by almost 6,000€, primarily due to less income resulting from INTER-NOISE 2018. Expenses were almost 20,000€ lower than expected resulting in a difference between income minus expenses of almost 3,000€. The lower expenses were due primarily to NNI support under Scientific Support and lower Functional Costs in the areas of administration and lawyer support. In regard to I-INCE financial status for 2018, total assets were 206,388€ and liabilities were 3,178€ leaving a total equity of 202,610€. In comparison to 2017, Doug reported that the equity has increased by 2,857€ in 2018.

Doug reviewed the status of the 2019 budget. As of 14 June, membership dues had been received from all but two Member Societies which he noted as exceptional compared to previous years. Although most of the planned 2019 expenses have not occurred as of INTER-NOISE 2019, Doug is optimistic that the actual performance will show less loss than indicated in the budget and possibly a slight surplus.

Doug presented the initial draft budget for 2020 which was still under development by the Board. This budget currently indicated a loss of 14,705€. It was noted by President Burgess that the Board intends use some of the I-INCE equity to fund new scientific projects each year and encouraged those present to suggest such projects for Board review. At the Board meeting on 19 August, the budget as presented was approved.

For the audit of 2019 and 2020 finances, Marion noted that Gijsan van Blokland could not continue in this role due to his election to the I-INCE Board beginning in 2020. She thanked Gijsan for his service as auditor over the past few years reported. At the 19 August Board meeting, Norm Broner was approved as the auditor for the I-INCE 2019/20 finances.

## **9. Membership of the Congress Selection Committee (CSC)**

The Chairman of the Congress Selection Committee, Bob Bernhard reported on the proposed composition of the CSC for 2020. Every year one regional member from each of the three regions needs to be elected to serve on the committee. The terms are for three years and there are 3 members from each region. Membership is restricted to two terms. Candidates are identified and nominated by the three I-INCE regional Vice Presidents and the committee Chair. For 2019, the following candidates were nominated for the three-year terms:

- Europe/Africa Region – Antonino Di Bella is completing his first term on the CSC and is nominated to continue for a second term was nominated.
- Pan America – Davii Akkerman completed his first term on the CSC, however, due to his election as VP Pan America, he is also a current member of the CSC. To fill vacancy for Pan America, Joe Cuschieri was nominated by INCE-USA to serve on the CSC for 2020-2022. Joe was Co-President of INTER-NOISE 1999, 2009, and 2018 as well as a current officer on the I-INCE Board.
- Pacific Region – John Davy was nominated. John has been involved with I-INCE activities for many years and was the Technical Program Co-Chair for INTER-NOISE 2014 as noted in Asia-Pacific Director-at-Large nomination.

These nominations were accepted without comment or further discussion.

#### **10. Report on INTER-NOISE 2019, Madrid**

Antonio Pérez-López, Congress President, provided information and statistics on the *INTER-NOISE 2019* being held June 16-19 in Madrid. 1153 full delegates. 53 accompanying persons were registered.

#### **11. Report on planning for INTER-NOISE 2020 (Seoul) and INTER-NOISE 2021 (Washington D.C.)**

Semyung Wang, the General Chair of *INTER-NOISE 2020* reported on the plans for the Congress to be held in Seoul 2020 August 23-26. More information can be found on the Congress website, [www.internoise2020.org](http://www.internoise2020.org).

Jim Thompson, the acting President of *INTER-NOISE 2021* reported on the plans for the Congress to be held in Washington D.C. 2021 August 1-4. More information can be found on the Congress website, <http://internoise2021.org/>.

#### **12. International Year of Sound**

President Marion Burgess provided an overview of the *International Year of Sound 2020* to be run through the International Commission for Acoustics in conjunction with La Semaine du Son. I-INCE is identified as a founding member of IYS. The intent is that this will be public outreach program consisting of multiple events throughout 2020 as sponsored by individual ICA Member Societies as well as ICA. The I-INCE Board is considering sponsoring an event for IYS and currently has a line item in the 2020 budget for this contribution. This may be the sponsorship of a short film (5 to 6 minutes) that highlights the important aspects of sound in the world.

#### **13. Report of the Vice President for Technical Activities**

Vice President for Technical Activities, Patricia Davies, reported on the *technical activities* of the I-INCE. She announced the Future Congress Technical Planners meeting to be held later in the week and encouraged participation in suggesting sessions for INTER-NOISE 2020 and 2021. She reported that 20 I-INCE travel awards were given to young professionals for 2019 and requested that the General Assembly representatives relay this to their Member Society to encourage their young professions to apply for these awards as posted on the I-INCE website. She reported that the Practice of Noise Control school was held in Madrid and is planned for Seoul in 2020 and potentially again in Washington D.C. in 2021. Patricia also announced that the Young Professional Workshop will be held on Monday afternoon. She also reviewed the rules for sponsorship of I-INCE Symposia and the application process. She noted that the report from the I-INCE Technical Study TSG-10 on Buy Quiet is completed and available on the I-INCE website along with other past TSG reports.

#### **14. Report of the I-INCE Vice President for Communications and Webpage**

Joe Cuschieri, Vice President for Communication and Webmaster, reported on the activities relating to *communications* and the web page including Noise News International (NNI), Noise Control Engineering Journal (NCEJ), the On-line Digital Library, and the I-INCE web site. For NNI, Joe noted that NNI is trying to push the use of social media. He requested assistance of the Member Societies in identifying their individual members, particularly younger people, that could help expand the social media presence and accessibility. He also requested assistance from the Member Societies and those present in identifying potential advertisers which would help lower the costs to I-INCE and INCE-USA. For NCEJ, he noted that the number papers is increasing, however, to maintain or increase the number of papers, he requested assistance from the Member Societies in soliciting more submissions. In regard to the Digital Library, Joe reminded the Member Societies that the database is available to their individual members without charge. However, it is not open access and to gain access for their individual members, I-INCE Member Societies need to request it through Joe to get it started. He also noted that there are only a few societies that have done this, and he strongly encouraged other societies to do this as it is a significant benefit for their members. Joe also requested assistance in distribution of I-INCE information through emails. He

said that each Member Society should be receiving 4 to 10 emails per year. If not, please contact Joe to be certain that he has your current contact information.

#### **15. Other Business**

It was noted by one delegate that there was an absence of the typical social functions at INTER-NOISE 2019 including the Chairmen's dinner and a banquet and questioned if this was an I-INCE policy change. President Burgess replied that this was a trial for INTER-NOISE 2019 in an attempt to have more inclusive events with an open social event replacing the more traditional banquet. Future inclusion or exclusion of a banquet will be dependent on the Congress organizers. In regard to the Chairmen's dinner, she noted that this has become expensive and scheduling conflicts can occur depending on the arrangements for the Opening Reception. She restated that this was a trial for this Congress and will depend on future organizers. She said that feedback on this trial approach would be appreciated.

#### **16. Next Meeting**

The 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of the General Assembly of I-INCE is tentatively planned for 2020 August 23 at 13:00, prior to the opening of INTER-NOISE 2020 in Seoul. The location will be determined and announced when available.

#### **17. Close**

The meeting was adjourned at 16:20 by President Burgess.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Donovan  
Secretary General  
Approved: 2020 June XX