



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SUGAR CANE TECHNOLOGISTS

SECRETARIAT

**XXVIII CONGRESS, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL
22 – 27 JUNE 2013**

**MEETINGS OF COUNCIL
Meeting No. 1 – Sunday 23 June, 15:30 – 17:00
Venue: Transamérica Hotel, São Paulo**

Present:

Councillors:

Eng. Juan Carlos Mirande (Argentina), Mr. Matthew James Kealley (Australia), Dr. Paulo Uchôa (Brazil), Mrs. Litao Yang (China), Mr. Guillermo Rebolledo Mejía (Colombia), Mr. Carlos E. Saenz Acosta (Costa Rica), Mr. Eduardo Lamadrid Martinez (Cuba), Dr. Raúl O. Castillo (Ecuador), Mr. Benoit Coquelet (France), Dr. Jürgen Bruhns (Germany), Mr. Victor Hugo Motta Ponciano (Guatemala), Mr. Abdolreza Sayad Mansour (Iran), Mr. Thierry Merven (Mauritius), Mr. Manuel Enriquez Poy (Mexico), Mr. Muhammad Pervez Akhtar (Pakistan), Mr. Gavin Smith (South Africa), Mr. Kitti Choonhawong (Thailand), Mr. Mike Getaz (UK) and Dr. Jeffrey W. Hoy (USA)

In attendance: Bernard Siegmund (France – Réunion)

Absent: Dr. P. Seshagiri Rao (Barbados), Dr. G. S.C. Rao (India), Dr. Nur Iswanto (Indonesia), Mr. Ramon Alvarez Picornell (Philippines) and Mr. Miguel Ramon (Venezuela)

Executive Committee:

Mr. Timothy John Murray (Chair), Dr. William Lee Burnquist (Vice Chair), Mr. Vinay Kumar Gupta, Dr. Freddie Martin, Dr. Mario Melgar, Dr. Raul Reissner, Dr. Philippe Rott and Dr. Jean-Claude Autrey

Absent: Dr. J. Scandaliaris and Dr. Alvaro Amaya Estevez

In attendance:

TPC: Dr. Peter Allsopp, Dr. Robert Gilbert, Dr. William (Bill) White, Mr. Roderick John (Rod) Steindl, Eng. Pedro Avram Waganoff, Dr. Frikkie C. Botha and Dr. Douglas Macdonald Hogarth

COC: Dr. Paulo Uchôa (Brazil) and Mr. Flavio Eduardo Vieira de Barros Castellari

The General Secretary noted the attendance of the Affiliated members and their representatives who were invited to sign the attendance sheet.

The Chair of the Council, Mr. Timothy Murray, welcomed members at the first meeting of the Council which included the Councillors, the Executive Committee and COC while TPC members were in attendance. The Chair stated that contrarily to previous years and owing to arrangements made by the Secretariat, most Councillors were present at the first meeting.

The General Secretary announced that presentation of bids would constitute the Council Meeting No. 2 on Monday 24 June 2013 at 18:00 while the original Council Meeting No. 2 would in fact be shifted to the Council Meeting No.3 scheduled on Wednesday 25 June 2013 at 17:30.

He also announced that several members of the Compliance Committee were not at the conference and that two additional members would have to be appointed to form a quorum. The Committee was required to evaluate bids for the next conference, election of Executive Committee members.

XXVIII Congress, Pre- and Post- Congress Tours

On behalf of COC, Dr. Paulo Uchôa welcomed members, elaborated on the arrangements made for the Congress with Reed Multiplus and presented the apologies of Prof. José Stupiello who could not attend on account a family problem. Besides, other members of COC were taken up with the Pre-Congress Tour and would be arriving later in the afternoon. Mr. Flavio Vieira de Barros Castellari gave details on the Post-Congress Tour. Some points about the organization were raised by Chair TPC e.g. media to be absent from Congress technical sessions, press releases to be made daily, arrangements for posters, room for viewing of slides and procedures for handing over of slides for presentations, internet facilities including WIFI. Other points raised were the welcoming of delegates at airport and hotels, the dress code for the evening functions and the payment of registration fee. Dr. Uchôa and Mr. Vieira de Barros Castellari gave the assurance that all matters were under control. They also informed Council that the number of delegates attending Post-Congress Tour was 1752.

Some Councillors provided feedback on the Pre-Congress Tour and conveyed their disappointment, especially, with the Agriculture Tours which did not have enough substance. Other delegates on Factory and Co-Products expressed satisfaction at their participation.

The General Secretary brought up the question of payment of dues by Individual and Corporate members, the latter taking part in the Trade Exhibition as well as the Congress fee of USD 15 000. Dr. Uchôa reiterated his assurances that all dues will be collected by COC and congress fee owed by COC would be remitted to ISSCT.

Minutes of Council Meetings at ISSCT XXVII Congress, Veracruz, Mexico

These were taken as read and it was agreed that they were a true reflection of the meetings.

Reports

The reports of the Chair, Executive and Chair of TPC were taken as read. The General Secretary spoke briefly to his report and mentioned that there are currently 1448 members which were very good for ISSCT. There are currently 851 delegates to the conference. He also mentioned that one honorary life member, Chuck Vlitos, passed away during the year. Condolences had been presented to Mrs. Vlitos and her children.

The Editor's report was taken as read. Regarding the Editor's report, the Chair pointed out that this is the biggest ISSCT conference ever with many more papers and twice as many posters. He also said that the current editor has retired from the position and that the Executive has appointed Dr. Peter Allsopp to be the next editor.

Finance Committee

Philippe Rott advised that the final accounts after the Mexico conference were approved at the MTM. For the accounts to June 2013, the situation is satisfactory. The Auditor's report found that the accounts are in good order.

There are some outstanding membership dues from people who have registered for the conference. These will be collected by COC and sent on to ISSCT.

Format of Conference

This will be similar to previous conferences. However, there is a change with the plenary sessions. There will be three plenary sessions – one general, one devoted to Factory issues, and one focused on Agriculture. When the Factory plenary is in progress, there will be agricultural papers in the other rooms and vice versa when the Agriculture plenary is in progress. This has enabled some 32 extra papers to be presented.

Constitutional matters

This was postponed as several other issues have come up and need to be considered.

Elections for Executive and Honorary Life Members

The terms of two members of the Executive have expired – Dr. Mario Melgar and Dr. Alvaro Amaya. In addition, the first terms of three other members have ended but they are eligible for re-election. One of these, Peter Allsopp, will not be standing as he has accepted the position of Editor. Therefore, at least three new members are required if those whose term had ended but were re-eligible decided to stand for re-election.

There is one vacancy for an honorary life member.

Compliance Committee

Two new members were appointed – Messrs. Manuel Enriquez Poy and Benoit Coquelet.

The Chair brought the meeting at a close at 5 p.m. and invited all attendees to attend the Welcoming Cocktail and Inauguration of the Trade Exhibition scheduled for the early evening.