

## RECORD NOTES OF ISESP BOARD MEETING OF 22<sup>ND</sup> OCT, 2008 AT HANGZHOU, CHINA

### Members present

- Mr. Robert Crynack – USA
- Mr. Kjell Porle – Sweden
- Mr. Liqian Wang – China
- Mr. Hidekatsu Fujishima – Japan
- Mr. Tetsuji Oda – Japan
- Mr. Istvan Berta – Hungary
- Mr. Gernot Mayer Schwinning - Germany
- Mr. Carsten Lund - Denmark
- Mr. Mark Berry - USA
- Mr. Keping Yan – China
- Mr. Pradip V Gurnani – India
- Ms. Veronique Arrondel - France

- 1) The President welcomed the members and called the meeting to order as the minimum quorum was present.
- 2) The President placed the meeting Agenda (circulated earlier) to vote for acceptance. Adopted unanimously.
- 3) The President placed the minutes of the ICESP – X, Cairns, Australia (circulated earlier) to vote for acceptance. Adopted unanimously without any comments.
- 4) **ICESP –XI update;**
  - a) Mr. Keping Yan provided a short update of the ICESP XI - 105 International and 310 registrations in total, good support received from local Chinese companies via the Chinese ESP society, including funding of RMB 1.07 million from 19 Chinese companies. Detailed expense working is to be carried out. The Chinese companies including the University, who have actively supported the conference opine that the surplus be carried forward to further the ESP activities in China via a proposed ESP foundation. A foundation could be created with the corpus as the surplus amount and a matching contribution from the university. Details will be available around April'09 after evaluation by Zhejiang University.
  - b) Mr. Mark Berry suggested usage of the surplus could also be in the form of sponsoring young Chinese engineers to the next conference. This idea was welcomed by Mr. Kjell Porle.
- 5) **Report from the Award Committee**
  - a) Mr. Mayer- Schwinning informed that names for 4 Awards and 7 International fellowships have been finalized. The awardees list was circulated earlier to the board members, who had approved the same. He expressed their inability to accept all the suggested nominations. The Board unanimously accepted the report. (List as per Annexure II)
  - b) The President thanked Mr. Mayer Schwinning and Prof. Istvan Berta for their efforts in the Award committee.
- 6) **Report from the Nominating Committee for Officers & Board members**
  - a) The President informed that Mr. Michael Frank, Head of the nominating committee, could not be present in this board meeting, due to medical reasons. However, Mr. Frank had sent the President the Committee report which the President placed before the members.
  - b) Officers - The President placed the report before the board members. Acceptance of recommended List for Officers was proposed by Mr. Keping Yan and seconded by Mr. Mark Berry. Adopted unanimously.

- c) Board of Directors - The President placed the report before the board members.
- Mr. Liqian Wang had prior to the meeting requested to be relieved of the responsibilities from the Board of Directors. He expressed his desire of wanting to provide opportunities for younger members in the Board. The Board accepted his desire and nominated him to be an honorary board member.
  - The Board placed on record Mr. Wang's contribution in furthering the cause of ESP in China, over the last several decades. The Board also appreciated his active participation and contribution to the growth of the ISESP.
  - Mr. Carsten Lund opined to induct new young members, considering the future of the Society.
  - Mr. Kjell Porle proposed the name of Mr. Alope Mookherjea from India.
  - After active deliberations, it was decided, for additional inductions; recommendation / nomination should be made by members through e-mail and additions to the Board could be finalized through conference calls or e-mails, if need be, before the next board meeting. The By -laws would need to be checked for allowable maximum numbers of Board personnel.
  - Acceptance of recommended List for Board of Directors was proposed by Mr. Keping Yan and seconded by Mr. Carsten Lund. Adopted unanimously.
- d) The finalized list for officers and Board of Directors is as per Annexure I:

## 7) Report from the Treasurer

- a) Mr. Mark Berry circulated the financial statements for 2006, 2007 & 2008 (as of 12.10.08).
- Brief summary is as under:

All figures in USD

| YEAR                        | OPENING BALANCE |                  | INCOME                 | EXPENSE                 | CLOSING BALANCE |                  | ASSET VALUE |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
|                             | ACCOUNT         | CD               |                        |                         | ACCOUNT         | CD               |             |
| 2006                        | 83,153.00       | -                | 21,907.51<br>+ 658.94  | 5,045.92 +<br>75,000.00 | 25,014.59       | 75,658.94        | 100,673.53  |
| 2007                        | 25,014.59       | 75,658.94        | 8,987.27<br>+ 3,418.06 | 60.00                   | 33,941.86       | <b>79,077.00</b> | 113,018.86  |
| 2008<br>(AS OF<br>12.10.08) | 33,941.86       | <b>79,077.00</b> | 29.01<br>+ 2,081.93    | 2,021.00                | 31,949.87       | <b>81,158.93</b> | 113,780.02  |

Based on input received from Mr. Mark Berry, after the meeting, the above figures have been slightly altered to compare to those circulated at the Board meeting.

- There are 74 active members having paid the membership fees, 39 inactive members and 34 members whose membership has lapsed.
  - No major expenses in the last 3 years.
- b) It was decided to continue yearly membership fees as USD 15. Members opined about the costly methodology of the wire transfers and need to have alternate economical arrangements.
  - c) Various ideas were discussed on fund utilization such as Sponsoring students to the ICESP conferences, use towards forming National ESP societies in India / Russia.
  - d) The presented financial statements was proposed for acceptance by Mr. Carsten Lund and seconded by Ms. Veronique Arrondel. Adopted unanimously.

#### 8) Next conference location

- a) The President informed of not having received any formal proposal for hosting the next conference, before commencement of this Conference. He added, during his interactions of the last few days, of having received a verbal offer from Prof. Norbert Grass to host the next conference in Nurnberg, Germany. Accordingly, he had invited him to make a presentation. The President then requested Prof. Grass to join the meeting.
- b) Prof Norbert Grass made a verbal presentation;
  - Location – Nurnberg, Germany
  - Infrastructure available in Nurnberg for hosting the conference and hotel, including ease of travel connectivity.
  - Research work being carried out at the Nurnberg university in the fields of energy technology
  - University experience in organizing conferences
- c) Prof. Norbert Grass answered queries from the members.
- d) It was decided that Mr. Grass would work out the proposed budgets, within a month, and circulate a detailed presentation to Mr. Keping Yan. He was informed to assume 150-200 participants. It was also suggested to tentatively hold the next conference in a suitable period of May to September '2010. The President thanked Mr. Grass, who then left the meeting. Some concerns were expressed among the Board members that the location in Germany may be a very focused on power supplies based on Mr. Grass's and the University's background.
- e) Mr. Kjell Porle spoke about the need to hold conferences in Russia and India. He informed of having received an e-mail saying that Russia is prepared to host the next conference. No written confirmation available yet. Mr. Pradip V Gurnani expressed, it is early to hold the next conference in India and he would work on India hosting the next to next conference. Mr. Carsten Lund agreed with his views. It was decided; Mr. Porle shall work with Russia on the proposed budgets and circulate a detailed presentation to Mr. Keping Yan within a month.
- f) The Board shall consider both the optional venues, Russia and Germany for finalization.

## 9) Website.

- a) Mr. Robert Crynack was requested to continue to coordinate with Tom Keeler on the website.
- b) Mr. Robert Crynack suggested to appoint a person (under payment) to handle the Society issues as well as the website. Mr. Carsten Lund suggested leaving this to the new President. Mr. Mark Berry suggested providing some amount for discretionary usage by the President to handle such issues.
- c) The board members expressed the need to work on various ideas to attract young members to the society.
- d) Ms. Veronique Arrondel pointed out certain discrepancies in the website, including incorrect book links. She suggested common website for the society and the conference.
- e) Various recommendation to further improve the website;
  - Membership list
  - Pictures from Hangzhou Conference
  - Papers from earlier conferences
  - Q & A forum
  - Letter from the new President
- f) Mr. Mayer Schwinning shall provide a write up on the background of the various 'Awards' which shall be hosted on the site.
- g) Prof. Istvan Berta spoke about the need for an Interactive data base for ease of the usage of the website. This shall go a long way in enhancing the user utility. This could be in terms of search engines for conferences, paper titles, authors, key words etc He informed that the Hungary University students were working on making such an interactive data base.
- h) It was discussed that copy rights need to be obtained from authors before hosting on the website. As the hosting is in USA, Mr. Mark Berry shall find out from US lawyers.
- i) Mr. Mark Berry expressed the need for basic ESP information availability on the website.

## 10) ISESP Future / Other items

- a) Mr. Carsten Lund raised the issue of increasing numbers of Paper presentations to be commercial oriented rather than research oriented. This needs to be corrected. Mr. Keping Yan expressed that abstract does not reflect the nature of the paper. The Power point presentation by the speakers is provided only a day earlier. This makes the task of segregation difficult. He also briefed that certain papers were rejected, as they were totally commercial in nature. It was decided to make a more focused effort for the future conferences.
- b) Mr. Carsten Lund spoke of spreading awareness of the Vision & Mission of the Society. Additionally, we must decide whether we need to revisit 'Whether the Society should be run on commercial basis through sponsorship / advertisements or continue through academic institutions?' These issues shall need to be addressed in the future.

- c) Mr. Mark Berry suggested encouraging holding of National ESP conferences in Russia and India in between the global conference in order to get the society known and to grow the Society. It was decided that Mr. Pradip V Gurnani would closely work with Mr. Carsten Lund and Mr. Keping Yan to grow the society in India. Mr. Kjell Porle shall be able to arrange contacts in Russia for similar actions.
- d) Mr.Keping Yan is to make available 120 CD's of this conference proceeding.

## **Annexure – I**

### **LIST OF OFFICERS**

|                |                  |         |
|----------------|------------------|---------|
| President      | Mr.Keping Yan    | China   |
| Vice president | Mr.Carsten Lund  | Denmark |
| Secretary      | Mr.Michael Frank | Germany |
| Treasurer      | Mr.Mark Berry    | USA     |

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

|                             |         |                    |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| Mr.Ralph Altman             | USA     |                    |
| Ms.Veronique Arrondel       | France  |                    |
| Mr.Istvan Berta             | Hungary |                    |
| Mr.Robert Crynack           | USA     | Specified By- Laws |
| Mr.Hidekatsu Fujishima      | Japan   |                    |
| Mr.Pradip V Gurnani         | India   |                    |
| Mr.Wallis Harrison          | USA     |                    |
| Mr.Gernot Mayer- Schwinning | Germany |                    |
| Mr.Jae-Duk Moon             | Korea   |                    |
| Mr.Tetsuji Oda              | Japan   |                    |
| Mr.Kjell Porle              | Sweden  |                    |

### **ADDITIONAL HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS**

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Mr. Roderick Hansen | South Africa |
| Mr.Liqian Wang      | China        |

## LIST OF AWARDEES

| <b>PROPOSED</b>       | <b>FORMER AWARDS</b> | <b>PROPOSED AWARD</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Zhao Junke            | -                    | Masuda Award          |
| Prof.J.S.Chang        |                      | Harry White Award     |
| Prof. Wang Liqian     | Int. Fellow 2004     | Hohlfeld Award        |
| Dr.M.Fujishima        | Int. Fellow.2001     | Cottrell Award        |
| Mike Nelson           | -                    | Int. Fellow           |
| Prof.Toshikazu Ohkubo | -                    | Int.Fellow            |
| Garry Grieco          | -                    | Int.Fellow            |
| Tom Keeler            | -                    | Int.Fellow            |
| Lin Youwen            | -                    | Int.Fellow            |
| Shi Peigen            | -                    | Int.Fellow            |
| Heinz Engelbrecht     | -                    | Int.Fellow            |