

Minutes of the founding assembly of the

International Association for Media in Science

held on 24th April 1992 in Zaragoza from 16.00 to 18.25 hours

A total of 32 persons were present at the beginning of the assembly.

The assembly was chaired by an initiative group of 5 persons: Hans-Karl Galle (Göttingen, Germany), Jan T. Goldschmeding (Amsterdam, The Netherlands), Werner Große (Göttingen, Germany), Virgilio Tosi (Roma, Italy) and Murray J. Weston (London, United Kingdom).

The following agenda was accepted unanimously:

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- 1. Presentation of "interested members"**
- 2. Amendments to the constitution and bylaws.**
- 3. Establishment of "founding members"**
- 4. Adoption of the constitution and bylaws**
- 5. Decision on permanent offices**
- 6. Subscription fees**
- 7. Election of the board**
- 8. Special interest groups**
- 9. Future activities, any other business**

Ad 1. Presentation of "interested members"

Jan T. Goldschmeding gave a short summary of the antecedent developments that led to the present assembly and invited everybody in the audience to take part in the founding procedure.

Werner Große explained the proposed constitution and pointed out its main topics, i.e. aims, membership, structure, activities and funding.

Ad 2. Amendments to the constitution and bylaws.

Proposals for amendments had been handed in in written form before the beginning of the assembly by Michael J. Clark (London, United Kingdom), Alexis Martinet (Paris, France) and Gerlof van der Veen (Utrecht, The Netherlands).

On the suggestion of J. T. Goldschmeding the assembly decided with regard to the limited time available not to discuss all these proposals in detail but to concentrate on the discussion of the main topics of the constitution and to leave particular points related with the bylaws to the first year of the association's work.

Thus the following topics were discussed and voted on (following to the draft constitution):

1. Name:

- Murray Weston suggested "International Association for Media in Science", acronym IAMS.
- Joseph Clark suggested "International Scientific Media Association", acronym ISMA
- The draft constitution suggested "International Scientific Film Association", acronym ISFA
- Gerlof van der Veen suggested "Educational Media Association", acronym EMA.

The question was discussed: Does the word "science" cover also Humanities, Social Sciences (Gerlof van der Veen), Medicine and other scientific fields? The assembly expressed its intention not to exclude any scientific field from the association but to stay with the word "science" for the sake of shortness regardless of the different interpretations in the various cultural contexts.

Michael Clark asked for amendments of paragraph 2 for clarification of this question.

Votes after discussion for

"International Association for Media in Science"	15 accepted
"International Scientific Media Association"	11
"International Scientific Film Association"	2
"Educational Media Association"	withdrawn

2. Aims

- 1. proposal (Michael Clark): substitute the last 2 lines with:
"distribution and use of audio-visual media and material for the growth and communication of knowledge in the natural and human sciences, technology and medicine".
- 2. proposal (Gerlof van der Veen): substitute the 3 last lines with:
"dissemination and use of audio-visual media in education and the transfer of knowledge".
- 3. proposal (Werner Große): leave it as it is.

Votes after discussion for

1. proposal	20 accepted
2. proposal	withdrawn
3. proposal	7

5. Seat

- 1. proposal (Richard Millet): The legal seat shall be in Paris, France with address of the "Institut de Cinematographie Scientifique".
- 2. proposal (Gerlof van der Veen): The legal seat and the permanent office shall be in Utrecht, The Netherlands with address of the "Onderwijs Media Instituut" at the Rijksuniversiteit.

Pro Paris arguments were "tradition" (Ysmael Alvarez Rodriguez) and "continuation of the formal relationship of ISFA with UNESCO by IAMS" (Virgilio Tosi). Pro Utrecht arguments were "very generous offer for facilities to operate an office". Gerlof van der Veen was asked if the Utrecht offer could be restricted to a permanent office without being the legal seat.

Votes for

1. proposal: Legal seat Paris, permanent office Utrecht 17 accepted
2. proposal: Legal seat and permanent office Utrecht 10

Gerlof van der Veen accepted this on the condition that intensive talks with the representatives of France would be held before the implementation of an office in Utrecht.

Ad 3. Establishment of "founding members"

Jan T. Goldschmeding asked everybody who did not want to become a founding member to move to the visitors places.

Everybody remaining was asked to put his name in the list of the founding members. The number of the founding members was 38.

Ad 4. Adaptation of constitution and bylaws

Jan T. Goldschmeding called for a vote on the constitution and the bylaws as they were provided, regarding the decisions taken on name (constitution, article 1), and aim (constitution, article 2). Both constitution and bylaws were approved unanimously under the following conditions:

1. The amendments, that were handed in by Michael J. Clark, Alexis Martinet and Gerlof van der Veen will be discussed in the next general assembly.
2. The special quorum and procedure, as stated in the article 10.2 of the constitution will not apply to the decision on these amendments.

Ad 5. Decision on permanent offices

The Onderwijs Media Institut (OMI) of the Rijksuniversiteit Utrecht was accepted unanimously as permanent office.

Ad 6. Subscription fees

On the basis of a written proposal of Jan. T. Goldschmeding the founding members discussed in detail the structure of membership fee and its annual amount. The following was accepted unanimously:

Category A: Corporate Bodies	375 ECU
Category B: Non-profit Organisations	250 ECU
Category C: Individuals	100 ECU
Category D: Individuals	50 ECU

(being members or employees of
IAMS members of category A or B)

With respect to the category A it was decided that the amount of 375 ECU will be a minimum subscription fee and that the treasurer may decide on higher fee, depending on the corporate member.

Ad 7. Election of the board

Following paragraph 5. of the bylaws J. T. Goldschmeding called for lists of candidates for the board. There was only one list of candidates comprising in alphabetical order:

Francisco G. Abati (Salamanca, Spain)
Jan. T. Goldschmeding (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
Werner Große (Göttingen, Germany)
Johan van Heddegem (Heverlee, Belgium)
Edoardo Ventimiglia (Roma, Italy)
Murray J. Weston (London, United Kingdom).

The list was supported by: R. Millet, T. Fokker, Y. Alvarez-Rodriguez, H.-K. Galle, G. van der Veen, F. Armati.

Voting was in writing.

Numbers of votes polled: 33

Votes for the list

Yes	29
No	1
Abst.	3

J. T. Goldschmeding thanked H.-K. Galle and V. Tosi for their help to bring up the new association. From that on the assembly was chaired by the new elected board.

Ad 8. Special interest groups

The following special interest groups (SIGs) were suggested:

- SIG for multi-media alternatives to the dissection of animals in education (contact: Jeremy Miles, Portsmouth, United Kingdom)
- SIG for the co-ordination of scientific film festivals (contact: Jose Moreno Portales, Malaga, Spain and Fernando Armati, Roma, Italy).
- SIG for medical films (contact: Andres Bas, Badajoz, Spain and Michael Chassang, Mauriac, France)
- SIG for foreign languages and translation (contact: Rudi Knoops, Leuven, Belgium, Jeremy Miles, Portsmouth, UK and Michael Clark, London, UK).
- SIG for international distribution of audio-visual media (contact: Gerlof van der Veen, Utrecht, The Netherlands)
- SIG for history of science and technology (contact: Michael Clark, London, United Kingdom).

Ad 9. Future activities and any other business:

- The board was asked to take over the Nat Taylor and Schevchenko awards.
- The China Science Film and Video Association (over 200 films per year) likes to invite all representatives of IAMS to China.

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Werner Große
general secretary