



## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSTITUTES OF NAVIGATION

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY – 27 NOVEMBER 2018

A General Assembly of the IAIN took place at 1445I on 27 November 2018 in Room 103 of the Makuhari Messe Conference Centre, Chiba, Japan.

#### IN ATTENDANCE

##### Officers:

|                             |                               |
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| Yasuo Arai (JIN)            | President (Chairman)          |
| Dick Smith (RIN)            | Immediate Past President      |
| John Pottle (RIN)           | Senior Vice-President         |
| Hesham Helal (AIN)          | Vice-President                |
| Rein van Gooswilligen (NIN) | Treasurer                     |
| Simon Gaskin (RIN)          | Secretary General (Secretary) |

##### Delegates/Observers:

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|-----------------------|------|
| Bart Banning          | NIN  |
| Hector Rotstein       | IAAC |
| Krzysztof Czaplewski  | PNF  |
| Masao Furusho         | JIN  |
| Hiroaki Oda           | JIN  |
| Lisa Beatty           | ION  |
| John Raquet           | ION  |
| Shinya Shimokowa      | JIN  |
| Shin Henmi            | JIN  |
| Yoshiaki Kunieda      | JIN  |
| Adam Wientrit         | PNF  |
| Slawowin Swievcryuski | PNF  |
| Mariusz Waz           | PNF  |
| Piotr Zwolau          | PNF  |
| Jiri Svaton           | CZIN |
| Waldemar Mironiuk     | PNF  |

## MINUTES

1. WELCOME. The President began proceedings at 1445 by welcoming all those present to the meeting. He remarked that the first GA had been held in October 1975 and that the Japanese Institute of Navigation had also hosted the GA in 1985 (33 years ago!). Prof Arai continued by thanking, on behalf of the Officers: the Chair of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) - Prof Masaru Furusho (Immediate Past President of JIN), all the members of the LOC, the President of JIN – Prof Hiroyuki Oda - and all the staff at the JIN for making the arrangements for the pre-Congress meetings to take place. He went on to express the wish that the 2018 Congress would be a successful and fruitful event, which would contribute to the development of Resilient and seamless global navigation. To conclude, the President reminded the Assembly of the Constitutional Rules concerning the conduct of the Assembly, its purposes regarding the management of the Association and, specifically, the voting arrangements. Finally Prof Arai expressed the hope that the Assembly would reach an efficient and timely conclusion.

2. APOLOGIES. Apologies had been received from: Elisabeth Fischer and Boris Rivkin.

3. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS? There were no indications that any Officer or Member's representative had any items for inclusion as Any Other Business at Item 15.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (20 October 2015 in Prague). These had been circulated after the last meeting and again prior to this one. They were agreed unanimously and a copy will be signed by the President.

5. MATTERS ARISING. The Sec Gen explained that all would be covered in the following items.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT. The President presented his report as follows:

“One of the Association's most important activities is the representation at the international bodies. Our Representatives at the international bodies are, effectively, our ambassadors to these important organisations which, above all, were deeply involved in navigation. IAIN will be strengthening the number of these important observers, starting with the IMO, ICG and ICAO. It was, is and will be hoped that members of Institutes who attend such meetings will also augment the effort of their representatives.

Apart from the triennial Congress, our presence at the international bodies is our main way of presenting our knowledge and views.

I appreciate all of the Officers, representatives and Institutes for their hard work and support to the Association's activities over the immediate past three years.

Thankyou.”

7. SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT. The Secretary General presented his report, which is attached at Annex A.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT.

8.1 The Treasurer's Update was submitted and circulated with the agenda for this meeting. The Treasurer remarked that he would not reiterate the whole written report but focused on the key fact that on IAIN's present trajectory the Association would reach the end of the current term with a balance debtor of some 6000 Euros, he was quick to add that he expects that sum to be recovered over the 2018-2021 period without taking specific measures. He went on to point out that, at the time of the meeting, the Association is owed approximately half of that sum in outstanding subscription payments. The Treasurer assured the Officers that he would continue to monitor outgoings and income and advise the Officers appropriately. The President expressed his gratitude to the Treasurer for his continued efforts in overseeing the Association's financial affairs and for his dedication to the task over his two terms as the Treasurer.

8.2 Subscription Rates. The Treasurer then explained that the Officers had discussed the appropriateness of making a small increase in the subscription rates over the next term as a means of both helping to offset the outturn of the budget for the last year and to help fund the activities of our representatives in their important activity. To that end it is proposed that the subscription rates be increased by approximately 2% each year (2019, 2020 and 2021). The increased amounts will be kept to whole Euros for ease of accounting, hence the term 'approximately 2%'. Since the setting of subscription rates is General Assembly business those present were then asked to vote for or against the proposal – the proposal was carried unanimously. **[ACTION: Treasurer]**

9. MEMBERSHIP. As reported by the Secretary General at Item 7, the Association has seen a nett gain in member organisations. Nonetheless, it is disappointing to report the demise of the Spanish Institute and that the Institute of the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea appears to have ceased to participate in Association business.

10. REPRESENTATIVES DISCUSSION AND REPORTS. The Sec Gen's report includes an update on Representative activity.

11. IAIN AWARDS.

11.1 Recommended Awards 2018. The Chair of AC 18 has made his recommendations to the Officers who had accepted the nominations and propose that the Assembly agree the granting of the following awards:

John Harrison Award: Prof. Dorota Grejner-Brzezinska (ION)

Necho Award: Professor Bernhard Hofmann-Wellenhof (OVN)

Honorary Membership: Dr John Betz FION (ION)  
Prof David Last FRIN FION (RIN)  
Prof Refaat Rashad (AIN)  
Prof Dorota Grejner-Brzezinska (ION)  
Prof Bernhard Hofmann-Wellenhof (OVN)  
Capt Rein van Gooswilligen FRIN (NIN)  
Mr Kim Fisher (RIN)

There were no objections.

11.2 The Sadek Award. This award will be made at the end of the Congress. The recipient will be presented with a Certificate and a refund of 50% of their delegate fee.

## 12. IAIN CONGRESS PLANNING:

12.1 2021 (RIN). Progress Report. The Senior Vice-President reported that it was still very early days in the initial planning of the event. However, he went on to say that, subject to final confirmation, it has been decided that the Congress will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland over the period 15-19 Nov 2021.

12.2 2024 (CIN). The President of CIN was unable to attend the GA as he was participating in the last day of the Asian Navigation Conference taking place elsewhere at Makuhari Messe. However, it was expected that he would introduce his thoughts on the 2024 Congress during a Plenary session of the Congress. (PMN - Prof Huang introduced a video trailer for his 2024 Congress during the closing Plenary of the Congress and further progress reports will be presented in due course.)

13. PRESERVATION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS TO IAIN PROCEEDINGS. - Retention by IAIN of the Intellectual Property Rights to the Proceedings of the Association's Congresses - *Dir ION*. The Director robustly asserted her concern that the trend over recent years for other bodies (especially the IEEE) to be used by conference organisers as the keeper of the Proceedings of conferences and congresses amounted to handing over the Association's rights to its own intellectual property. After a short but animated exchange of views among attendees it was agreed that the Officers would address this subject as a matter of urgency at their next meeting, with a view to seeking alternative keepers so as to retain the rights to the proceedings. At least two member Institutes offered the possibility of the Proceedings being retained in their own systems as one solution. The Director of ION accepted the proposed way forward. **[ACTION: Sec Gen/Officers]**

## 14. ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2018-21.

14.1 The Officers had considered the matter of the membership of the Officers' Council for the term 2018-2021. The nominations included that of Prof Krzysztof Czaplewski to be a Vice President. Although there were already candidates for Senior VP and the two other VP places, the Officers considered that since there would not be an Associate or Corporate Representative one

additional Officer would be advantageous and Prof Czaplewski's CV suggested that he would be a valuable addition to the Council. Therefore the Assembly is invited to approve the following Officers for the term 2018-2021:

|                          |                                       |
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| President                | Mr John Pottle (RIN)                  |
| Immediate Past President | Prof Yasuo Arai (JIN)                 |
| Senior Vice President    | Prof Youfang Huang (CIN)              |
| Vice President           | Capt Hesham Helal (AIN)               |
| Vice President           | Prof JoongWoo Lee (KINPR)             |
| Vice President           | Prof Krzysztof Czaplewski (PNF)       |
| Treasurer                | Mr Tom Willems (NIN)                  |
| Secretary General        | Lt Cdr Simon Gaskin FRIN FNI RN (RIN) |

The nominations were approved *nem con*.

14.2 Election of Officers, and particularly the Senior Vice President, in the future - *Dir ION*. The Director expressed concern that what has become the informal, 'traditional' process for appointing the Senior Vice President on the basis of their Institute being the organising body for a future Congress was difficult to justify and possibly unconstitutional. The Sec Gen remarked that the Constitution makes no provision for any other 'process' for selecting the senior Officers and asked the Director whether she would accept assurance that the issue would be included in the agenda for future Officers' meetings with a view to determining an 'auditable' procedure for selecting Officers in future. He observed that this would not be quick to resolve, nor would it alter the nomination of Officers for the next term, or the allocation of the next two Congresses to their respective host Institutes. The Director of ION accepted the proposal. **[ACTION: Sec Gen/Officers]**

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. There was no other competent business to be discussed.

16. DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING. The next meeting is scheduled to take place at 1445 (subject to final adjustments to the Congress programme) on 15 Nov 2021, prior to the 19<sup>th</sup> IAIN Congress, in Edinburgh, Scotland (see <https://iain2021.org/>). **[ACTION: Sec Gen/All]**

The meeting was closed at 1543.



Simon Gaskin  
Secretary General, IAIN

14 December 2018

Annex:

A. GA-18-Minutes-7