

# Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 2015 - Geneva



5 pm to 10,  
Thursday, April 16, 2015  
Palexpo, Hall 7,  
Geneva, Switzerland

## 1- Calling of the Delegates by the President:

The following delegates of IFIA full members (with voting right) were present from:

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| 1. Bosnia - Mr. Mladen Karic                  | 10. Niger - Mr. Hassane Idrissa Souley     |
| 2. Brazil - Mr. Marcelo Vivacqua              | 11. Nigeria - Mr. Joel Shaka Momodu        |
| 3. China - Mrs. Chao Xiaobin                  | 12. Philippines - Mr. Billy Malang (proxy) |
| 4. Croatia - Mr. Zoran Barisic                | 13. Poland - Mr. Michal Szota              |
| 5. Denmark - Mrs. Vivi Aakjaer                | 14. Portugal - Mr. Fernando Lopes          |
| 6. Germany - Mr. Winfried Sturm               | 15. Russia - Mr. Vladimir Petriasov        |
| 7. Iceland - Mrs. Elinora Inga Sigurdardottir | 16. Slovenia - Ms. Ana Hafner              |
| 8. Iran - Mr. Hossein Vaezi                   | 17. Sweden - Mr. Cenneth Lindkvist         |
| 9. Korea Rep. - Mr. Shin Kyoung-ho            |  |

## IFIA Authorities:

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| 1. Mr. Alireza Rastegar  | President                          |
| 2. Mr. Faragh Moussa     | Honorary President                 |
| 3. Mr. Lennart Nilsson   | Director                           |
| 4. Mr. Sajad Ebadi       | Director                           |
| 5. Mrs. Anne Loertscher  | Geneva Officer                     |
| 6. Mr. Bijan Nasiri Azam | President Executive Office Manager |
| 7. Mr. Masoud Shafaghi   | Coordination Manager               |

## The rest of participants:

1. China - Mrs. Homa Naderi - Head of Invention Department of Beijing Normal University
2. France - Mr. Bernard Gutfrind - National Federation of Inventors Associations
3. France - Ms. Catherine Pouget - France Federation of Inventors
4. Germany - Mr. Hans-Georg Torkel - KIT-Initiative Deutschland
5. Germany - Mr. Joachim Bader - European Inventors Association

6. Libya - Mr. Jalal Saied M. Alnakasah - Libyan National Foundation for Inventor
7. Morocco - Mr. Majid el Bouazzaoui - Morocco Union of Inventors
8. Poland - Mr. Agnieszka Mikolajska - Association of Polish Inventors and Rationalizers
9. Qatar - Mr. Adnan Al Ramzani - Qatar Scientific Club
10. Swiss - Mr. David Taji - Geneva Exhibition Jury President
11. Taiwan - Mr. Tsung-Tai Chen - Taiwan Invention Association
12. Turkey - Mr. Koray Sahin - Afanya Event Management

The IFIA president announced the official opening of the Executive Committee meeting.

Prior to discussing the agenda, Dr. Farag Moussa was awarded a diploma by European Inventors Association (AEI) due to his exceptional work for society in the field of invention.

Mr. President provided Executive Committee members with a 4-month report of his activities as follows:

1. Strengthening infrastructures and official structure
2. Activate the membership of effective but inactive countries and absorb new members
3. Provide and distribute IFIA documents (IFIA history, what is IFIA, IFIA activity, ...)
4. Design and produce IFIA new medal
5. Attend and award medals in different festivals
6. Open IFIA Transfer Technology Center in Sweden
7. Publish the first edition of IFIA magazine
8. Organize and formulate short and medium-term plans
9. Equip and decorate the booths according to IFIA position to be used in events
10. Prepare digital identity cards for Executive Committee members and IFIA staff
11. Execute IFIA social networking (Facebook, Instagram)
12. Provide advertising tools (T-shirt, bag, badge) for IFIA

## **2- New IFIA Members Proposal Approval:**

Upon the honorary President's suggestion as well as Executive Committee approval, the new candidate members are considered as temporary IFIA members. In case of their continuous activities, their membership will change into the full member. Therefore, having this issue in mind, The following proposals have been approved by the Executive Committee:

1. Afghanistan Inventors Association (member)
2. Australia – Inventors Association of Australia (member)
3. Canada – BCIS (member)
4. France - Paris Inventors Association (corresponding member)
5. Libyan National Foundation for Inventor ( member)
6. Morocco Union of Inventors (member)
7. Malaysian Invention & Design Society (MINDS) (full member)
8. Pakistan Science Club (member)
9. Palestine - Higher Council for Innovation & Excellence (member)
10. Romanian Inventors Forum (corresponding member)
11. Chad Inventors Association (member)
12. Tunisia Inventors Association (corresponding member)
13. Association of British Inventors And Innovators (corresponding member)
14. Chinese innovation and invention society (corresponding member)
15. Indonesian Invention and Innovation Promotion Association (corresponding member)
16. Macao invention association (corresponding member)
17. Taiwan Creativity Development Association (corresponding member)
18. Taiwan Invention Association (corresponding member)
19. Romania – Independent Inventors Association (corresponding member)
20. Turkey - Afanya Event Management (collaborating member)
21. Poland - Inventor Promotion Agency (corresponding member)
22. France Federation of Inventors (member)
23. Togo Inventors Association (member)
24. Qatar Scientific Club (corresponding member)
25. Qatar - Agri Green (collaborating member)

### **3- TTC Activity Report Presentation:**

Mr. Lennart Nilsson presented a report of Technology Transfer Center activities to the Executive Committee members and explained the future plans of this center. Moreover, International Inventors Congress will be held in Sweden on August 2015.

### **4- Inactive Members of Executive Committee:**

Since Romanian member of Executive Committee has not done any activity before or after the new presidency, not responded the contacts from IFIA office and since his membership record is not found in the previous IFIA meetings, his membership will be suspended in Executive Committee and the final decision will be made in the next General Assembly meeting.

### **5- African Network Authorities:**

There was a disagreement about African Network Authorities. Therefore, Mr. president is supposed to scan Executive Committee approvals in 2010 and then announce the final result to all of the members. Further decisions in this regard will be made in the next Executive Committee meeting.

### **6- Inviting IFIA Authorities to Events:**

In order for the members to invite IFIA authorities or Executive Committee members to events, a special form is designed which should be filled and sent to IFIA office by the members from now on.

### **7- Review China, Taiwan and Hong Kong Membership:**

Mr. President presented some explanations about the letters sent and received by IFIA office and Chinese and Taiwan members. Moreover, Taiwan full membership certificate issued by Mr. Vedres in 2012 was represented. Under IFIA statute, Executive Committee members do not have the right to expel a full member or change into another form of membership. Therefore, it will be handled in the next General Assembly meeting. It has also been approved that all of the future membership requests such as the aforementioned case, will be considered as corresponding or collaborating members.

## **8- Review IFIA Awards:**

Mr. President proposed that IFIA is better to award the same rather than different types of medals and cups from now on. A sample of medal was passed on to all of the members. His proposition regarding the sample of medal and its design was approved by the members.

Therefore, this medal will be awarded to three groups of people:

1. Best Invention Medal: is awarded to greatest invention of an inventor in the exhibition.
2. Memorial Medal: is awarded to the highest ranking political character who supports the inventors.
3. Ambassador Medal: is awarded to the most popular figure in a country like a scientist, football coach or the wealthiest one who can help the supporters with his/her popularity.

## **9- IFIA Directors:**

According to IFIA chart, Mr. President introduced three IFIA directors to Executive Committee members:

1. Mr. Lennart Nilsson from Sweden
2. Mr. Husein Hujic from Bosnia
3. Dr. Sajad Ebadi from Iran

## **10- IFIA Bank Account:**

In order to do IFIA financial affairs, Mr. President announced that a bank account has been opened in Switzerland which received approval from the Executive Committee meeting.

## **11- IFIA Registration in Switzerland:**

Since IFIA was founded in London, in 1968, it requires to be legally registered as the other international organizations. Therefore, Mr. President offered its official registration in Switzerland, Geneva which was approved by the members.

## **12- Geneva Office:**

To facilitate international relations of IFIA with international organizations located in Switzerland and other members, Mr. president expressed his gratitude to Mr. Vincent due to his sincere collaboration to open IFIA office in Geneva and appointed Ms. Anne Lorchet as its officer.

## **13- Membership Fee:**

Executive Committee members classified membership fee payment into three groups of Developed, Developing and Least Developed countries in 2015. It was also certified that if they do not pay the fees in due time, their membership will be suspended and the final decisions in this regard will be made in the next General Assembly meeting.

## **14- Virtual Executive Committee Voting:**

Mr. President's proposal about putting some Executive Committee issues into virtual voting was approved by members.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held in Germany, Nuremberg alongside the iENA invention exhibition.

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