

The President of the Permanent Council for the Organization of ICP.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Permanent Council at the 15th ICPHS 2003 in Barcelona on 7 August, 12.30-13.45, continued on 8 August, 15.30-16.45, chaired by the President

The Secretary, Björn Granström, had sent the invitation to the Meeting with the following agenda by email (on 18 July) to the 24 members:

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Report by the President of the Permanent Council on activities since the 14th Congress in San Francisco
3. Discussion and decision on proposals for the 16th Congress
4. Future function of, and elections to, the Permanent Council
5. Election of the next Congress organiser to the Permanent Council
6. Elections of President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Permanent Council
7. Miscellanea

1. Of the 24 Permanent Council members (see 2.), 20 attended; John Laver and Bruce Millar had sent their apologies, no communications were received from Edda Farnetani and Tatiana Nicolaeva. The Council approved the proposed agenda.

2. The Chairman gave a brief overview of the sequence of steps leading to the union of the Permanent Council and the International Phonetic Association. The union was concluded by the approval of By-laws for the Permanent Council within the By-laws of the International Phonetic Association, in separate votes among the Permanent Council and the IPA Council. The By-laws were published in the Journal of the International Phonetic Association, vol. 30 (2000), pp. 103-105. The Chairman distributed copies to the members present and drew attention to the fact that the Permanent Council keeps a separate status within the IPA: it elects 11 of its total membership of 25 and also its own President, Vice-President and Secretary independently of IPA voting. The other 14 members include the IPA President and Vice-President *ex officio* and 12 members elected by the IPA membership.

Six IPA-elected and two *ex officio* members joined the Permanent Council in 2003. Of the existing 18 Permanent Council members Adrian Fourcin, UK, and Hajime Hirose, Japan, had handed in their resignations prior to the Meeting. At the Meeting, Gunnar Fant, Jørgen Rischel and Ken Stevens indicated their willingness to step down, but this will only take effect in 2007, when all 16 old members will have to resign. The list of current Permanent Council members was distributed (names in bold face are IPA-elected/*ex officio* members):

Arthur Abramson, USA

Pier Marco Bertinetto, Italy

Gerard J. Docherty, UK

John H. Esling, Canada

Gunnar Fant, Sweden

Edda Farnetani, Italy

Hiroya Fujisaki, Japan

Björn Granström, Sweden
Vincent van Heuven, Netherlands
Klaus Kohler, Germany
Jens-Peter Köster, Germany
John Laver, UK
Björn Lindblom, Sweden
Ian Maddieson, USA, IPA Vice-President
Shinji Maeda, France
Bruce Millar, Australia
Tatiana Nicolaeva, Russia
John Ohala, USA
Louis Pols, Netherlands
Jørgen Rischel, Denmark
Maria-Josep Solé, Spain
Kenneth Stevens, USA
Jaqueline Vaissière, France
John C. Wells, UK, IPA President
+ the organiser of the 2007 Congress (see 5.)

3. In the months preceding the Barcelona Congress, the President and the Secretary of the Permanent Council received communications from Professor Denis Burnham, Sydney, Australia and from Professor William Barry, Saarbrücken, Germany, signalling the intention to submit proposals to hold the 16th ICPHS in 2007. Arrangements were made for the distribution of the written applications and supporting material among the Permanent Council members prior to the Meeting. Separate time slots were reserved at the Meeting for the applicants to give short oral summaries of their proposals and to answer questions. Following alphabetical order, Australia was first, Germany second.

After the presentations, the Permanent Council discussed the respective merits of the two proposals, specifically taking into account cost (congress fee, travel, accommodation, student hostels), congress facilities (university campus/congress centre, proximity to lodging, transport), and breadth of phonetic research, where the idea of an organizational consortium of nine phonetics centres under the leadership of Saarbrücken, in the German bid, received particular attention. This had to be weighed against the fact that the ICPHS has only been held outside Europe twice, viz. in North America.

In the ensuing secret ballot there were 6 votes for Australia and 14 votes for Germany. So Saarbrücken, in cooperation with a consortium of German phonetics departments, will be organizing the 16th ICPHS, to be held in Saarbrücken in August 2007.

4. In the discussion of the future function of the Permanent Council, three points were raised:

- Since ICPHS are run under the roof of a scientific association, the Permanent Council as the body responsible for Congresses within the IPA, has to keep an eye on the organization of an upcoming Congress in the course of the four years in between its statutory meetings, in accordance with Section 1(a) of the By-laws: "it [the PC] arranges for International Congresses of Phonetic Science by deciding the place, and appointing for each Congress an organization capable of assuming complete responsibility for that Congress in cooperation with the Permanent Council".

- In view of this supervisory function, the Permanent Council expressed an opinion about future reviewing of paper/poster contributions to the Congress. The German application had already put forward that reviews would be based on submissions of full versions at the 16th ICPHS. The Permanent Council endorsed this decision for future Congresses. However, the Council also agreed that the organisers should be given a free hand as regards invited papers and symposia.
- Louis Pols pointed out that in order to fulfil its supervisory role and to give future guidance, the Permanent Council needs to receive a report on the ongoing Congress from the organisers. It should preferably be presented at the PC Meeting or as soon as possible after the conference. The Barcelona organisers promised a written report..

The Chairman outlined the procedures at future elections of members to the Permanent Council. In 2007, the 16 old members will elect 9 successors, and resign at the 2007 Meeting. In their statutory election, the IPA will elect 6 members in addition to the 6 who will already have served for one term of four years. The two *ex officio* members will be replaced by the next IPA Officers. The 2007 and 2011 Congress organisers will then bring up the total membership to 25.

The Chairman also pointed out that it has always been the policy of the Permanent Council to represent a broad spectrum of countries, languages and phonetic research areas in its ranks, and that this will have to be safeguarded in future elections, particularly through the PC-internal elections of members.

5. William Barry was elected on the Permanent Council as the representative of the 2007 Congress organisers.

6. John Wells proposed Klaus Kohler for the office of President, John Ohala proposed Vincent van Heuven for Vice-President and Ian Maddieson for Secretary. No other names were put forward. The results of the secret ballots (20 voting members) were:

Klaus Kohler 17 votes

Vincent van Heuven 18 votes

Ian Maddieson 14 votes (3 votes for Björn Granström).

7. No further points were raised.

End of the meeting: 16.45, 8 August, 2003

Signed: Klaus J. Kohler

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