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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Vienna International Centre Room G EO 82
Monday 17 September 2007 at 1430

Present
Bertrand Barre,   Chairman
Jorge Spitalnik
Gerald Clark, Secretary

Observers:

Dr Adi Paterson, representing Mr Jako Kriek
Dr Tom Shea WNU
Dr Conrado Seminario Arce Peruvian Institute of Nuclear Energy

Item 1: Apologies for absence

14 members apologised for their absence.

Item 2: Minutes of the last meeting (18 September 2006)

The minutes were agreed without change.

Item 3: Matters arising from the last AGM and the Boston meeting

(The discussion also referred to comments already made at the AGM with all present) Scepticism was expressed about the utility of establishing a blog mechanism on the Website. It might also turn out to be rather expensive to administer**.** Dr Spitalnik said that he would enquire of the web administrator. In the meantime it was suggested that straightforward emailing provided an adequate means for members to have exchanges about subjects of mutual interest.
Action: Dr Spitalnik

Item 4:   Chairman's Report

The Chairman ran through his report. He stressed that with the nuclear renaissance still round the corner rather than on top of us it was important that the Academy should issue statements on the key subjects at issue. We had statements on the Web site either on behalf of the Academy or reflecting members' views on terrorism and Waste. He repeated what he had said in the Executive Committee that the Academy should now draft a statement on the availability of resources. There was a man in AREVA who was an expert in this area whom he would attempt to persuade to provide a first draft, but others should be in the drafting group such as the expert in the PBMR company suggested by Dr

Paterson. He suggested that the aim should be to get the first draft of a paper to the Executive Committee before its teleconference in March 2008, with the aim of putting the final version to the full Membership by September of 2008. After a short discussion in which it was pointed out that a putative shortage of uranium was by no means the greatest obstacle to the nuclear revival everyone was talking about. It was suggested that to show the sustainability of nuclear power technology, two papers were required: one covering the long term nuclear fuel availability (for more than 60 years of life of new nuclear reactors), and the other dealing with bottlenecks in the supply of components (heavy forgings and such like) and shortage of qualified personnel (mainly in regulatory functions).

It was so agreed: Dr Paterson would arrange for PBMR Pty to lead on the second and seek support from the Japanese and Andy Kadak; the Chairman would explore the possibility of AREVA taking on the first.
Action: Chairman and Dr Paterson

There was a short discussion on relations with the World Nuclear University. Dr Shea spoke of recent developments. John Ritch, prompted by Dale Klein, was looking to organise a week-long executive programme for CEOs. An Academic Council had been set up to consider knowledge management. Peter Gowan of the IAEA was organising a scientific meeting in the week of 10 December. He thought the time had come to explore again the possibility of a contribution from Members of the INEA.

On the preservation of nuclear knowledge it was agreed that the Secretary should speak again to Yanko Yanev and HH Rogner to see whether the conditions were now more propitious to take the project forward. **Action: Secretary**

Item 5: Treasurer's Report

The secretary briefly introduced the accounts for 2006 and his interim financial report for the first eight months of 2007. Only a small minority of the members paid their subscriptions, so the assets of the Academy were gradually diminishing. The Accounts were then agreed.

Item 6: Possible new papers

The substance of this was dealt with under Item 4. Dr Paterson said in his experience organisations like the INEA got more public recognition if they produced regular papers. It was agreed to put more consistent effort into this objective.

Item 7: Nomination of new members

In addition to the comments in the Executive Committee part of the meeting it was agreed to pursue the possibility of electing the individuals mentioned at the Boston meeting as worthy candidate material. They should each be asked if they were willing to stand, and if so to provide a CV. Possible sponsors from the list of members should then be found so as to launch the election process. It was agreed that the quota system of distributing membership across the regions of the world should be suspended for the time being: it was more important to recruit keen and active members, who would be prepared to contribute to the work of the Academy.

Item 8: Any other business

The Secretary said that only a small proportion of the membership paid their dues and took an active part in the Academy's affairs. He proposed that a radical revision of the list should be carried out. It would make room for many new members if that were desired. After a short discussion the Secretary said that he would revise the members' list, placing many members from whom nothing had been heard in the past two years into the Emeritus list. It would be understood that this would include past members who had left the industry. He would of course attempt to inform everyone to whom this change of status would apply before it took effect. **Action: Secretary**

Item 9: Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that it should again be on the first day (Monday) of the IAEA's General Conference in 2008. (29 September 2008).