

Minutes of Meeting

iSMARTi Meeting at Pisa, April 23, 2014

Date/Time:	Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 18:00 (6:00pm)
Function Name:	iSMARTi meeting
Hotel/Room:	Room “Tony Bin”, Hotel Abitalia Tower Plaza, Pisa, Italy

Attendance:

1. Fwa, T. F. (President) -- ceefwatf@nus.edu.sg
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10. Steyn, W. J. -- wynand.steyn@up.ac.za
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1. Welcome by Chairman and Introduction

Chairman called the meeting to order at 6.10 pm. He welcomed all to the annual meeting. He explained that the main purpose of this meeting was to follow up the recommendation made at the iSMARTi General Meeting at TRB in January 2014 to finalize a proposed amendment of the iSMARTi Statue. The finalized proposed amendment would then be circulate to members for voting.

2. Confirmation of Last Minutes of Meeting

There were no amendments to the meeting. The outstanding issues arising from the last meeting would be discussed under the various items in the agenda of today’s meeting.

3. Matters Arising from Last Minutes of Meeting

Chairman approached Past President Paulo and sought his help to provide an account statement of the bank account of the society. With Paulo’s help, a Financial Report dated January 2014 was received (see Appendix A attached). The balance as of January 2014 is Euros **3694.45**. The meeting agreed to discuss at the next iSMARTI General Meeting at TRB in January 2015 as to how this amount will be utilized.

4. Proposed Amendments to Statue

Chairman reported that four members had provided feedback to the draft proposed amendments circulated by President Fwa. The feedback is summarized in Appendix B. The meeting

deliberated and agreed to finalize the proposed Amendments to iSMARTi Statute with the following changes:

- The category of Honorary member will be kept. Honorary members will not be subjected to any membership termination rules.
- The membership of a member shall be automatically terminated when the member does not attend any international conferences organized by the Society within a period of five years.

The amended Proposed Amendments to iSMARTi Statute (see Appendix C) will be circulated to all members for decision by email.

Other views were also expressed for possible further amendments of the Statute. The meeting decided that these additional amendments will be tabled at the 2015 January iSMARTi General Meeting for deliberation and decision. These additional views are:

- Clause 4B “Founder members are voting members who shall be limited to the initial 100 members” should be re-written.
- Clause 4B “Founder members shall have the privilege of receiving a reduction of 30% in any conferences ...” and Clause 4D “Regular members will have the privilege of receiving a reduction of 20% in any conferences” should be re-written.

5. Future iSMARTi Activities

The meeting discussed the following future events for iSMARTi:

- MAIREPAV-8 2016 - Singapore (Chair: T. F. Fwa). Fwa proposed to hold the conference in either the first week of August or the last week of July of 2016. Taking the suggestion of the meeting, Fwa agreed to have the conference scheduled for the last week of July 2016. He informed the meeting that the call for abstracts would be distributed at 2015 TRB Annual Meeting.
- ICTI-4 - 2018 – South Africa (Chair: Wynand Stein). Wynand re-confirmed of the commitment to host the conference.
- MAIREPAV-9 – 2020 – Portugal (Chair: Paulo Pereira). Chairman informed the meeting that Paulo had sent him an email to confirm Portugal’s commitment to hold the 2020 MAIREPAV-9 conference.
- Carlos Chang expressed the intention of Peru to host the 2022 ICTI-5. He will arrange for a formal presentation of interest by Peru at the 2015 TRB Annual Meeting.

Other Matters

Halil proposed web meetings to revive committees of iSMARTi, and further suggested that committee members could contribute in organizing technical sessions at iSMARTi conferences and received privileged registration. Filippo indicated that a re-look at the roles of committees should be made at the next meeting at TRB.

There being no other matters, the meeting was adjourned at 7.35 pm.

The next meeting will be held in Washington DC during the 2015 TRB Annual Meeting.