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**Minutes of the Meeting of the International Corrosion Council (ICC)  
Beijing, 22 September 2005**

1. Opening of the meeting

*List of attendance and proxies.*

Far more than 25% of the member countries are present or represented.

The meeting is officially opened by H. de Wit

All delegates, local organizers and representatives are welcomed.

2. New members are welcomed.

3. The agenda is approved.

4. Organization of the voting procedure for election of Vice Chairman

H. de Wit announces voting procedure for the two vice-chairmen and calls for last ballots.

P. Schmuki hands over all ballots received.

Three tellers are appointed and instructed about the correct procedure.

5. Organizers of the Beijing Meeting give an overview of the activities of the local organizing committee of the meeting.

The high number of delegates, efforts to keep a high scientific level, the wide range and distribution of scientific topics, as well as the high international nature of the meeting are emphasized.

6. Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the 15th ICC in Granada are approved.

7. Activity report

H. de Wit gives an overview on key activities:

- Newsletters have been mailed, e-mailed and are available on the web-page ([www.icc-net.org](http://www.icc-net.org)).

- The web-page is running and the members are encouraged to check details on the web-page.

8. Financial report

P. Schmuki gives an overview about finances.

The financial situation of ICC is continuously stable.

9. Venue discussion for 17th ICC meeting

Two proposals for the organization of the 17<sup>th</sup> ICC meeting had been received: Poland and USA. The proposal for Poland, however, was withdrawn. The following points in the US proposal, from NACE-International, were discussed:

- Financial responsibility accepted.
- Assurance of access for all bona-fide delegates. The situation with immigration/visa regulation for USA was discussed in length and NACE offered to be of as much help as possible.
- Expectation >500 delegates.
- Registration fees: in addition to regular conference fees, NACE will possibly offer a non-food/non-banquet registration option.

Two possible venues were proposed by the US organisers: Orlando (Florida) and Las Vegas. Las Vegas was voted for by a clear majority.

10. Membership report (A. Pourbaix)

A. Pourbaix discusses the progress achieved regarding maintenance of the membership lists. The web-page represents the most recent and correct status of the list.

11. Awards

H. de Wit draws attention to awards and encourages nominations particularly for young researcher travel awards. The recipients of the awards are announced.

As there was no nomination for the Marcel Pourbaix award for promotion of international cooperation, this award will not be presented at this 16<sup>th</sup> ICC congress in Beijing, 2005. Nominations for this award at the 17<sup>th</sup> ICC congress in 2008 are encouraged.

12. Election of Vice Chairmen:

Tellers return with the result of the vice chairman vote; announced by H. de Wit.

1. T. Tsuru elected as 1st Vice Chairman
2. M. Morcillo elected as 2nd Vice Chairman

13. Secretary/treasurer for the period of 2005-2008.

The EC proposes P. Schmuki to continue serving in this position for the next 3 years. P. Schmuki agrees. The council unanimously approves the EC proposal. P. Schmuki is confirmed until 2008.

14.&15. see point 9. (voting was not required since only one remaining proposal)

16. A brief statement of acceptance is given by the hosts selected (NACE).

17. Future activities

A. Pourbaix gives overview of key issues he would like to address during his upcoming chairmanship:

- involve evolving countries,
- acquire new members,
- involve younger people,
- increase the awareness on corrosion problems by writing in the name of ICC to deputy ministers of specific countries, with due reference to the importance of the local priority corrosion problems. ICC Members from countries willing to ask the assistance of ICC on this issue are requested to contact the chairman, with detailed description of the priority problems.
- encourage the international corrosion community to ask and provide help, when necessary or possible, on exchange of young corrosion researchers, on exchange of all types of information (literature, experience, successes and failures...), on provision of second-hand or less recent instrumentation etc. He underlines that the list of ICC members on the website is made to increase such contacts and exchanges between countries.

18. Other business

Support for evolving countries (such as Nigeria) is being discussed. *Conclusions ?*