

Minutes from the 5th ARCoPEACE Executive Committee Meeting in Rio Hondo, Argentina, August 23-27th 1991

EC members present:

Tician Papachristou, USA

Sven Thiberg, Sweden

Oscar Margenet, Argentina

Rueben M. Mutiso, Kenya

Igor Voskresensky, USSR

Akio Hayashi, Japan

Tony Watkins, New Zealand

Jim Morgan, USA

Because of the unpredictable character of the ICED 91 it was decided to hold a number of informal meetings when circumstances permitted. These meetings covered all main issues of the agenda. Fruitful discussions were conducted and different point of views were expressed in these meetings. The minutes below are restricted to the formal decisions taken by the EC. All decisions were taken by consensus.

1. Opening of the meeting

Tician Papachristou opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and gave a short presentation of the urgent tasks facing the EC. Sven Thiberg presented the proposed agenda.

2. Election of functionaries of the meeting

Sven Thiberg was elected both chairman and secretary of the meeting.

3. Adjustment of the agenda

The proposed agenda was approved with the following changes:

- a) point 6 will be given in written form as an appendix to the minutes;
- b) a new point, "Follow-up of ICED 91" was added.

4. EC meeting in Montreal

The minutes from the 1990 EC meeting in Montreal were approved.

5. Reports from the Chairmen and EC members

It was reported that Yuri Platonov could not be present because of his work situation. Tician Papachristou announced his decision to resign from the EC, giving the following explanation:

- *We need strong centralized leadership by one or more persons who can give at least half of their working time to the organization.*
- *We need a strong fund raising system focussed on the three promising areas: United States, Europe and Japan. Money must be available to pay at least two half salaries and travel costs for the working staff and possibly the EC. Personal sacrifice cannot take us too far.*
- *We need to expand the number of nations and individuals participating. Too much of a burden is on too few shoulders right now, and we need to bring in more people from the "mainstream".*

He added that unless these needs are fully satisfied, ARC•PEACE will be forced to close shop, and that his resignation is intended to open the way to fundamental reform.

The EC accepted the resignation of Tician Papachristou with great regrets, thanking him for his important contributions to the foundation and development of the organization.

6. Report from the Secretariat

See attached document.

7. General debate on the future of ARC•PEACE

A broad and lively discussion was held concerning different aspects of the future of ARC•PEACE. The following decisions were taken:

- Tician Papachristou and Yuri Platonov were elected Honorary Chairmen of ARC•PEACE.
- Sven Thiberg was elected new chairman.
- Igor Voskresensky and Jim Morgan were elected into the EC.
- Jim Morgan and Akio Hayashi were elected Vice-Chairmen.

- It was decided to elect a subcommittee consisting of Sven Thiberg, Akio Hayashi, Jim Morgan and Oscar Margenet in order to vitalize the organization by a) fundarising, specifically in Japan, Europe and the USA; b) recruiting new members; c) strengthening management of the organization. The committee was requested to work with the highest possible intensity, and to report to the EC continuously.

8. UNCED activities

Jim Morgan presented the main content of the five papers assembled by the working group in charge of the ARC•PEACE preparations for the UNCED conference in Brazil 1992. After an intensive discussion, the following decisions were taken about the structure of the documentation:

- The five papers, the outcome of ICED 91 and other contributions to the ARC•PEACE UNCED project should be published separately. The editorial work is to be carried out by Jim Morgan. The number of copies was estimated to 1 000.
- A booklet presenting the ARC•PEACE policy concerning the UNCED 92 areas is to be produced. The Swedish contribution to ICED 91 - "Keynotes for Concerned Architects" - was adopted as a model for the booklet. A draft version is to be presented to the EC members during October 1991. After two rounds of comments the booklet is to be published and presented to the UNCED Preparatory Committee in March 1992. The publication of it is to be handled by Jim Morgan.
- ARC•PEACE is to be represented at UNCED 92 by Jim Morgan and, if possible, by Sven Thiberg. Also other members of the EC are welcome to be present.

9. Next EC Meeting

The issue was discussed but no final decision was taken about time and place of next meeting because of the uncertain economic situation. Igor Voskresensky invited the EC to meet in Moscow. The Secretariat was asked to investigate the possibilities to meet during 1992.

10. ARC•PEACE and the next UIA Congress (Chicago)

An EC meeting has to be convened during the UIA Congress in Chicago 1993. It was proposed that ARC•PEACE should present its UNCED report as its contribution to the Congress. Jim Morgan was asked to contact UIA about this.

11. Follow-up of ICED 91

The EC expressed its deep appreciation for Oscar Margenet's work, carried out in the true spirit of ARC•PEACE, and to Jim Morgan for his initiative to join the organizers in Rio Hondo, helping them to arrange the congress. The EC also expressed its gratitude to Jim Morgan and Akio Hayashi for their economic support.

The General Manager Raul Marteleur presented the economic situation and expressed his concern about the deficit. It was stated that ARC•PEACE as an organization has no economic responsibility for ICED 91, however. It was decided that all EC members will try to find ways to cover the deficit of ICED 91. Jim Morgan said he would do his best to assist Oscar Margenet in preparing the proceedings of ICED 91.

12. Any other business

The new ARC•PEACE brochure, printed in Argentina, was presented by Jim Morgan. All EC members were asked to take an active interest in spreading the brochure. A special expression of thanks was given to Tician Papachristou for covering the expenses for the design and printing of the brochure.

13. Closing the meeting

Sven Thiberg closed the meeting and wished all members a pleasant time the remaining days in Argentina.

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chairman and secretary of the meeting

Annex to EC minutes

At an informal meeting of the EC Wednesday the 28th of August the critical economic situation of ICED 91 was discussed on the basis of the presentation by Mr Raul Marteleur and the decision taken by the EC during the Tuesday meeting, clarifying that ARC•PEACE has no responsibility for ICED 91.

Jim Morgan proposed that the deficit of USD 15 000 should be divided into three equal parts and covered by Oscar Margenet, Raul Mateleur and the ARC•PEACE members respectively. It was asked whether ARC•PEACE could "donate" its existing funds in order to cover part of the latter third of the deficit. Voting gave the following result: 4 in favour (Morgan, Mutiso, Margenet, Hayashi), and 3 against (Watkins, Voskresensky, Thiberg). The Secretariat would effectuate the payment after the resources of ARC•PEACE have been estimated in detail by the Secretariat.

Report to the ARC•PEACE EC from Secretary Sven Thiberg Las Termas de Rio Hondo, August 1991

Since the previous EC meeting in Montreal, May 28-30 1990, the ARC•PEACE Secretariat has attended to the following issues:

Newsletter 2/90

Newsletter 2/90 was edited, printed and distributed in November 1990. It contains a call for contributions to the ARC•PEACE UNCED project, a general information about the ARC•PEACE workshops, EC-meetings, other activities during the UIA Congress, and some announcements.

Application for UNCED grants

An application for funds for seminars, secretarial costs, editing, printing and distribution of the ARC•PEACE UNCED document was submitted to the Swedish Peace Lottery by the Swedish ARC•PEACE in August 1990. Unfortunately the answer was negative. A second application - for a Swedish-East European workshop based on the Swedish draft contribution to UNCED (*key-notes for concerned architects*), presented in November 1990 - was successful, however. Initial contacts has been taken with colleagues in the Baltic States. The seminar is meant to contribute to the ARC•PEACE UNCED process, even if the timetable is tight.

Activities in connection with ICED 91

The initiative taken by Oscar Margenet to organize a pre-UNCED conference in Argentina was discussed by the EC in Montreal, but no final decision was taken. The seminar was, however, put into the ARC•PEACE UNCED document timetable, presented in the "Package" and in Newsletter 2/90. In October 1990 Oscar Margenet, Tony Watkins and Dana Belohlavkova were invited to Tokyo by Akio Hayashi in connection with Sven Thiberg's participation in a UN conference. At this stage the plans for ICED 91 had advanced further, as revealed by the presentation by Oscar Margenet. Akio Hayashi proposed that AfPE arrange a UNCED Document Expert seminar in Tokyo late 1991, a proposal which seemed appropriate at that stage.

After the Tokyo meeting the Secretariat was only peripherally involved in the ICED process, as coordination was in the hands of Jim Morgan, who kept the Secretariat informed by fax. Because of the uncertain economic situation it was decided, in consultation with Jim Morgan and Tician Papachristou, that the Secretariat sends an urgent appeal to the EC members. This was done at the beginning of May. Only two members replied to the appeal and no positive information was received about funds.

Meeting in Prague June 91

In order to discuss the situation for the ICED 91 preparations, and ARC•PEACE issues in general, Sven Thiberg and Jim Morgan met informally in Prague in June 1991. It was agreed that the Secretariat should be represented only by Sven Thiberg at ICED 91, in order to save costs, and that the future of ARC•PEACE should be discussed at the EC meeting in connection with the ICED 91.

Lack of communication

In spite of several letters requesting replies about UNCED, ICED 91, Board of Advisors etc, very little communication has taken place between the EC members and the Secretariat. Several members have shown no signs of life since the Montreal meeting or further back.

In the letter of May 1991 a preliminary list of candidates for the Board of Advisors was sent to the EC members with requests for additions and comments. So far no replies have reached the Secretariat.

Recruitment of new members

In accordance with an EC decision in Montreal a recruitment letter was prepared and distributed by the Secretariat to all UIA member organizations, together with Newsletter 2/90 in November 1990. A similar letter was sent to those who had been in touch with the Secretariat since the start. These recruitment efforts resulted in no new members at all. Only two organizations and one individual have paid their fee for 1991.

Financial situation

Alice Thiberg, in charge of the economy of ARC•PEACE, estimated the surplus to be USD 1 590 by the 1st of May 1991. Since then the British Architects for Peace have paid £ 200.

Contacts with other organizations

Through the other Swedish professional organizations for peace/against nuclear arms the Secretariat

is regularly getting information about our equivalents among physicians and lawyers. This was particularly true during the important international conference Swedish Initiative for the Prevention of Accidental Nuclear War, which took place in Stockholm in November 1990. The final document from the conference was sent out to the ARC•PEACE members.

In June 1991 the Congress of International Physicicans against Nuclear War was held in Stockholm. The Secretary of ARC•PEACE was invited to address the congress and to participate in a workshop dealing with cooperation between professional groups for peace.

Future activities of the Secretariat

The Secretariat is prepared to continue its work until next UIA Congress in Chicago 1993. There is, however, an urgent need both to recruit more members and to raise funds. It is expected that the EC meeting in Rio Hondo will take constructive decisions towards these goals.

Sven Thiberg
Secretary