

Minutes of the 21st General Assembly

Minutes of the 21st General Assembly of the International Forestry Students' Association

Republic of Korea 2010

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The 1st Plenary Session

Agenda of the 1st Plenary Session

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- b. Appointment of the Board of Assembly (5')
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Coffee break (30 min)

- v. Presentation of report from President (20')
- vi. Presentation of report from Vice President (10')
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- viii. Presentation of Liaison Officers (40')

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1. IUFRO (5')
2. FAO (5')
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4. IFISO (5')
5. Alumni (5')
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Break (10)

- ix. Approval of IFSA-Annual Report 2009-2010 (7')
- x. Approval of the financial report from the last IFSA-year (7')
- xi. Approval of the financial report from the last Calendar year (7')
- i. Explanation of election procedures (5')
- j. Call for candidature for IFSS 2012 and explanation of the procedure (15')
- k. Closure of 1st Plenary Session (2')

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CHAIR: [Florent Kaiser (Germany)]
VICE CHAIR: [Alex Slattery (Australia)]
MODERATOR [Florent Kaiser (Germany)]

MINUTES: [Mikaela Berglund (Sweden)]

VENUE: [Seoul National University]

TIME: *Opened:* 13:50 8th August 2010
Closed: 18:24 8th August 2010

ELECTING COMMITTEE: Sebastian Knoedler (Germany), Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan), Melih Sarikaya (Turkey)

a. Opening of 21th General Assembly (GA) (2')

The 1st plenary session was opened by Florent Kaiser (IFSA President 2009-2010, Germany) at 13:50.

b. Appointment of the Board of Assembly (5')

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Florent Kaiser (Germany) announced that he would take the position of the Chair of the Board of Assembly (hereafter BoA) and appointed Alex Slattery (Australia) as Vice Chair of the 21st General Assembly (hereafter GA).

i. Appointment of Keepers of the Minutes (1')

Florent Kaiser (Germany) announced the Keepers of the Minutes for the different Plenary Sessions:

1st Plenary session: Mikaela Berglund (Sweden)

2nd Plenary session: Torben Lenhart (Germany)

3rd Plenary session: Alex Slattery (Australia)

4th Plenary session: Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia)

5th Plenary session: Amalia Anindia (Indonesia)

ii. Appointment of Electing Committee (5')

Florent Kaiser (Germany) asked for volunteers to form the Election Committee (EC).

Yu - Tang Tsai (Taiwan), Melih Sarikaya (Turkey), and Sebastian Knoedler (Germany) nominated themselves.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) proposed to approve those three people as members of the EC. Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. Florent Kaiser (Germany) appointed the new election committee composed of Yu- Tang Tsai (Taiwan), Melih Sarikaya (Turkey), and Sebastian Knoedler (Germany).

c. Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote (5')

24 votes were present.

d. Explanation of approving process (5')

Florent Kaiser (Germany) explained how decisions are approved by the GA. Mikko Nivala (Finland), Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany), Ida Mikkelsen (Denmark) gave an example of the approving process by role-play.

e. Approval of Agenda of 21th GA (10')

Torben Lenhart announced the following changes to be made to the agenda:

Changes to the 1st plenary session:

- Changing sub-point xi "Presentation of the Council's note on the Annual Report and the Financial Report" to sub-point viii.
- Deleting of sub point 7. "Development Program" under sub point iii in point g.

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- The lunch which was set for 1 hour will be changed to a break of 30 minutes
- An extra break of 10 minutes will be added between sub-point viii and sub-point ix.

Changes to the 3rd plenary session:

- Changing point g. from “presentation and approval of proposed statute changes” to “presentation and approval of proposed statutes”.

Changes to the 4th plenary session:

- Inserting point f. “Acknowledgment of expired consulting members”
- Inserting point m. “Workshops for commissions where heads and goals can be discussed”
- changing the points (previous: f. to g., g. to h, h. to i., i. to j., j. to k., k. to l., l. to m., m. to n. and n. to o., o. to p.) because of the two additional points.
- Exchanging point i. “Election of Liaison Officer” with point k. “Election of Council”.
 - i. “Election of Council”
 - j. “Election of Liaison Officer”

Changes to the 5th plenary session:

- Changing point e. “Statement by incoming Commissioners” to the plural version “statements by incoming Commissioners”
- Deleting of all sub points of point e. “Statements by incoming Commissioners”

Mikko Nivala (Finland) proposed to accept the changes to the Agenda, Tero Sivonen (Finland) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

There were no objections and the changes to the agenda were duly approved.

f. Approval of the minutes of the 20th GA held in Indonesia (5’)

The minutes of the 20th GA held in Indonesia are included in the 2010 GA survival guide and are available to all ordinary members on www.ifsa.net.

Florent Kaiser (Germany) asked for questions regarding the minutes of the 20th GA. No questions were asked.

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) proposed to accept the minutes of the 20th GA. Destara Dwi Hardhitya (Indonesia) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. There were no objections and the minutes of the 20th GA in Indonesia were duly approved.

g. Reports for the year 2009-2010 and quick presentation of the positions

i. Presentation of report from Executive Secretary (10’)

Presentation:

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Torben Lenhart (Germany) described his job as being an Executive Secretary and talked about the Secretariat in Freiburg. He talked about the legal body and tax work, how he is a member of IFSA7, networking, and friendship. Torben Lenhart (Germany) said that his report is found in the Annual Report page 13-15 and talked about his impressions of the work. He described that the Secretariat has moved locations within the University this year.

ii. Presentation of report from Treasurer (25')

Presentation:

Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia) talked about his goals set at the beginning of the year. He described his work for the EU – grant and the meetings he attended. He mentioned that he was active in the fundraising commission. He gave numbers for where IFSA stands in terms of money and explained why the membership fees are so important. He explained IFSA's association with the EU – grant and the problems we will have in receiving it in 2 years when it runs out. He explained the 2 IFSA financial years and why we have them, differences in taxes and the IFSS. He mentioned that this year we got 70% of our money from the EU – grant and we had no sponsors in the last years. He detailed the expenses of IFSA and explained why we have to give money back to the EU and he further detailed what we used the money for, general expenditures like the Secretariat and meetings. He listed meetings where money had been given to, these included SERM, NERM, Interim. He reiterated that IFSA7 is a permanent staff according to EU and are therefore expenditure, as is the IFSA News and promotion material, also bank charges. He talked about refunding. He encouraged people to become Treasurer and discussed what the experience entails.

Comment:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) offered clarification about IFSA's current sponsorships. Florent said IFSA has sponsors for different projects but no permanent ones for the running of the organization. He also mentioned that IFSA is fundraising for different meetings and that these fundraising projects don't go through the Treasurer. Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia) agreed.

iii. Presentation of reports from Commissions (total about 60')

Florent Kaiser (Germany) briefly explained the role of the IFSA Commissions and introduced each Head of Commission to make their presentation.

1. Exchange Program (EP) (7')

Presentation:

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) presented herself and explained that she has had this role for 2 years. She explained what EP is and what they do for IFSA. She talked about what happened during the year and mentioned also the different events and meetings she has participated in during the year, where she was able to experience different cultures and search for more internship for IFSA. She talked about the different organizations that she has had contact with during the year.

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Comment:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) encouraged people to talk to the Head of Commissions if anyone is interested in becoming an IFSA Official.

2. Fundraising (7')

Presentation:

Bibi Lotte van der Horst (Netherlands) introduced herself and her Commission. She talked about the goals she set for the year (which she made with the help of Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia), the former Head of Fundraising Commission). She explained how the Fundraising Commission had searched for funds and sponsorship and specifically mentioned the need to make deadlines, in reference to grant applications. She talked about the Commission's achievements and challenges. Due to the current Global Economic crisis they had problems finding money said Bibi Lotte van der Horst (Netherlands). She talked about what to do for next year and improvements for coming year ahead.

Comment:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) commented on the upcoming expiration of the EU – Grant (in two years time). Florent Kaiser (Germany) mentioned that there must be a change in IFSA and we need a lot of people to search for funds. He said we will have to provide a better networking structure and anybody who wants to join the Fundraising Commission is invited to participate in the workshop for fundraising to be held during the Symposium.

3. Language (7')

Presentation:

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) presented herself and explained the role of the Language Commission. She mentioned the goals she set for the year and spoke about the achievements of the Commission during the past year. She spoke highly of the communication within the Commission and within IFSA, and listed the number of translations they have done.

4. Publications and promotions (7')

Presentation:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) presented the report for the Publications and Promotions Commission because **Bell Yeh (Taiwan)**, Head of Commission, was unable to attend. Florent Kaiser (Germany) explained the role of this Commission and spoke about the achievements they made throughout the IFSA year. He listed the issues of IFSA News that were produced this year. Florent reiterated how promotion is an essential part of IFSA and he encouraged people to join this Commission.

5. International Processes Commission (7')

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Presentation:

Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) presented the report for the International Processes Commission because Chavdar Zhelev (Bulgaria), Head of Commission, was unable to attend. Yusuf presented himself and the work of the Commission.

Presentation:

Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) then presented the report of the UNCBD Sub – Commission which he is the head of. He talked about the goals he set for the year and the work he has done to achieve these goals. Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) introduced the CBD Convention that will take place soon.

Comments:

Mikko Nivala (Finland) thanked Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) for his very active work. Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan) noted that the name **of Gatas Pal is spelt incorrectly in Yusuf Bahtimi's (Indonesia) presentation.** Florent Kaiser (Germany) promised that this will be corrected with any future use.

Presentation:

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) presented the report for the UNFF Sub - Commission because Tolulope Daramola (Nigeria), Head of Sub – Commission, was unable to attend. She mentioned the achievements that Tolulope Daramola (Nigeria) has done together with **Natalie Balafa (Serbia). She said they** want to propose that the Head of UNFF Sub - Commission sits for two years instead of one year due to the major UNFF events held every two years. Yasemin said that the upcoming UNFF – 9 is the major focus of this Commission in the immediate future.

Comment:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) commented that people can contact Tolulope Daramola (Nigeria) for further questions regarding UNFF – 9 or UNFF in general.

Presentation:

Metia Febrita Putri Lembasi (Indonesia) presented the report of the UNFCCC Sub – Commission which she is the head of. Metia Febrita Putri Lembasi (Indonesia) introduced herself and the UNFCCC. She presented her goals set for the IFSA year and mentioned what she has done during the year. She talked about the problems she has had and highlighted the solutions she formulated throughout the year.

Presentation:

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) presented the report of the MCPFE Sub – Commission which she is the head of. Jennifer presented herself and first briefly clarified the outcomes of the *Climate Change Competition* since Metia Febrita Putri Lembasi (Indonesia) mentioned it in her report. Jennifer presented her goals for the year. She talked about what she has done, and mentioned the few MCPFE events that have occurred. She presented the events that are coming up for the year ahead.

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Activity: Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) presented an energising game – *The Banana Song*.

6. Web (7')

Presentation:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) presented the report of the Web Commission because Frauke Thorade (Germany), Head of Commission, was unable to attend. Florent Kaiser (Germany) talked about the achievements made by the Commission and encouraged interested people to become part of this Commission.

iv. Presentation of report from Council (20')

Presentation:

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) introduced the role of Councillor. Mikaela Berglund (Sweden) spoke about the main tasks and goals set for the 2009 – 2010 year during the last IFSS. Mikaela spoke about the achievements of the different goals, like getting the EU – Grant. Amalia Anindia (Indonesia) presented the new members that were approved by Council 2009 – 2010; these were **Palermo (Ordinary) and Sajad (Associate)**. She mentioned some of the challenges that came up with approving new members such as that it are a long process and some difficulties can and did occur. Amalia Anindia (Indonesia) also presented the expelled members for 2009 – 2010; these were **Cunares, Zambia and LC Gatton, Australia**. Amalia Anindia (Indonesia) also listed the meetings that the councillors have been fortunate to attend.

Comment:

Mikko Nivala (Finland) asked if there had been any expelling in Northern Europe. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) said that the council has been very busy, and didn't expel anyone in that region, but will work closely with their successors to ensure this task is followed up.

Break (30min)

The election committee recounted the votes, 24 votes were present.

v. Presentation of report from President (20')

Presentation:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) presented the Presidents work and main tasks. He talked about the team work, the work he has done with the Liaison Officers and the meetings that he has been to as IFSA President 2009 -2010. He talked about official representation at the meetings he has attended, and presented IFSA's professional partners and outlined some of the discussions he has had with them. Florent Kaiser (Germany) talked about the challenges he has had during the year and what he has learned as IFSA President.

Comment:

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Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) said that Florent Kaiser (Germany) has been a brilliant president and thanked him on the behalf of all. Florent thanked her and everybody.

vi. Presentation of report from Vice President (10')

Presentation:

Alex Slattery (Australia) explained the role of Vice President and presented the goals she had set for the year. She reflected on her goals and talked about her achievements during the year. She talked about the difficulties she has had during the year but encouraged people to run for Vice President because it is a rewarding job.

Comment:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) thanked Alex Slattery (Australia) for her work during the year and said that she has been the best Vice President he could have imagined.

vi. Presentation of Regional Representatives (7') (10')

Presentation:

Wie Daehyung (The Republic of Korea) presented his work as Regional Representative for Asia. He explained that they have had the first Asian Regional Meeting and also talked about some the difficulties he has had during the year, including difficulties in communication due to large time zone differences.

Comment:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) thanked Wie Daehyung (The Republic of Korea) for his work and started a round of applause for the first Asian Regional Meeting.

Presentation:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) talked about the Latin American Region because **Maria Perdomo ()**, Latin American Regional Representative, was unable to attend. He explained that contact has been made with ALECIF.

Presentation:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) talked about the Northern African Region because Tolulope Daramola (**Nigeria**), Northern African Regional Representative, was unable to attend. He explained that contact with ANAFE has been made.

Presentation:

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) talked about the Northern America Region because Anne Bernard (Canada), Northern American Regional Representative, was unable to attend. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) mentioned the achievements of the region and outlined some of the future projects planned for the area.

Presentation:

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Tero Sivonen (Finland) presented the report for Northern Europe, which he is the Regional Representative of. Tero Sivonen (Finland) encouraged people to take on positions and talked about the work he has done. He said he has participated in NEIS Denmark and updated contacts.

Comments:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) thanked Tero Sivonen (Finland) for his report and Alex Slattery (Australia) said she was really looking forward to the upcoming Progress Report from IFSS 2011 OC.

Presentation:

Amalia Anindia (Indonesia) talked about the Oceania Region because Kevin Peachey (Australia), Oceania Regional Representative, was unable to attend. She mentioned the work that has taken place in the region.

Presentation:

Amalia Anindia (Indonesia) talked about the Southern African Region because George Heunis (South Africa), Southern African Regional Representative, was unable to attend. She mentioned the work that has taken place in the region.

Presentation:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) talked about the Southern European Region because Jelena Nedeljkovic (Serbia) and Bernardo Crespi (Italy), Southern European Regional Representatives were unable to attend. Florent Kaiser (Germany) outlined the work that been achieved in the region, listed the new members for the region and some potential new members. He commented on the great work that has been carried out in this region.

vii. Presentation of Liaison Officers (40')

1. IUFRO (5')

Presentation:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) presented the report of the IUFRO Liaison Officer because Michael Rivoire (France), IUFRO Liaison Officer, was unable to attend. Florent explained how the IUFRO World Congress is coming up soon and that the attending IFSA delegation is the biggest IFSA delegation ever. He said that Michael Rivoire (France) has done a great job and mentioned that he was glad to work with him. He thanked Michael Rivoire (France) for his work.

2. FAO (5')

Presentation:

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany), FAO Liaison Officer, presented FAO and the goals she set last year. She talked about what happened during the past year, the meetings she attended and the challenges she has had. She mentioned next year's focus for this role.

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Comment:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) thanked Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) for her work this year and commented on the communication challenges she had in this position, that weren't her fault.

3. CFA (5')

Presentation:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) presented the report of the CFA Liaison Officer because **Julius Adewopo ()**, CFA Liaison Officer, was unable to attend. Florent Kaiser (Germany) talked about the CFA and the work that **Julius Adewopo ()** has done.

4. IFISO (5')

Presentation:

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) presented the report of the IFISO Liaison Officer because Sofie Blanchart (France), IFISO Liaison Officer, was unable to attend. Jennifer talked about IFISO and the work that Sofie Blanchart (France) has done. She presented the main IFISO events and achievements of the year, as well as the idea of developing a training system for IFSA. She talked about the challenges that have occurred and reiterated that it has been a wonderful experience.

Comments:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) thanked Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) and Sofie Blanchart (France).

5. Alumni (5')

Presentation:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) presented the report of the Alumni Liaison Officer because Branislav Petrovic (Serbia), Alumni Liaison Officer, was unable to attend. Florent explained that not so much has happened but emphasized that the great potential of this position.

6. CIFOR (5')

Presentation:

Febri Febri (Indonesia) presented the report of the CIFOR Liaison Officer because Ika Sataysari (Indonesia), CIFOR Liaison Officer, was unable to attend. He talked about the work that has been carried out in this position.

Comment:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) thanked **Febri Febri (Indonesia)** and Ika Sataysari (Indonesia) for her great job as a Liaison Officer.

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7. EFI (5')

Presentation:

Mikko Nivala (Finland), EFI Liaison Officer, explained EFI and the work that he has done, what he has achieved and the problems that he has had. He proposed solutions for the problems.

Comments:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) thanked Mikko Nivala (Finland) for his hard work. Mikko Nivala (Finland) thanked the IFSA7 and said that he knows how much work they have had and gave them a chocolate bar. Alex Slattery (Australia) thanked Mikko Nivala (Finland) in return for his work as an invaluable Consulting Member.

viii. Presentation of the Council's note on the Annual Report and the Financial Report (10')

Eva Ortvold Erichsen (Denmark) reported on the Annual Report and the financial report. She commented on the omission of the IFSA Song Competition and the lack of reporting and organization of an official IFSA 7 Meeting even though it is required as mentioned in the IFSA Statutes (she said there had been a few meetings with a portion of IFSA 7 held throughout the year and a lot of challenges have been solved over email). Eva Ortvold Erichsen (Denmark) commented on the mention of NERM in the financial report even though there has not been a NERM event held this IFSA year. The reason for this she said was because the transactions were made this IFSA year, but this was not explained in the financial report. Eva Ortvold Erichsen (Denmark) pointed out that the budget and IFSA financial report for the Calendar year was not included in this year's financial report (within the Annual Report).

Eva Ortvold Erichsen (Denmark) asked someone to propose to postpone the approval of the financial reports (both Calendar year and the IFSA year) to the next plenary session. By doing so, this would allow any interested students the opportunity to view these documents (also the IFSA budget) and ask any questions of the Treasurer, which we were unable to do so before hand because these documents had not been provided, she said.

Ida Mikkelsen (Denmark) proposed to postpone the approval of the Financial Reports (both Calendar year and the IFSA year) to the second plenary session. Jakob Hörl (Germany) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

ix. Approval of IFSA-Annual Report 2009-2010 (7')

Eva Ortvold Erichsen (Denmark) announced that the Annual Report needs to be officially approved.

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Juliette Mouche (France) proposed to approve the 2009 - 2010 IFSA Annual Report. Mikko Nivala (Finland) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. There were no objections and the 2009-2010 IFSA Annual Report was duly approved.

i. Explanation of election procedures (5')

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) explained the procedure of the election process.

j. Call for candidature for IFSS 2012 and explanation of the procedure (15')

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) explained the election procedure and gave the official call for candidature for the host of IFSS 2012.

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) expressed an interest on behalf of her LC as the organizers of IFSS 2012. Els Ton (Netherlands) expressed an interest on behalf of her LC as the organizers of IFSS 2012.

The candidates are: Turkey and the Netherlands.

k. Closure of 1st Plenary Session (2')

Florent Kaiser (Germany) announced the closure of the first plenary session at 18.24.

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The 2nd Plenary Session

Agenda of the 2nd Plenary Session

- a. Opening of 2nd Plenary Session (2')
 - b. Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote (5')
 - c. Approval of the financial report from the last IFSA-year (7')
 - d. Approval of the financial report from the last Calendar year (7')
 - e. Presentation by the Organizing Committee of the IFSS 2011 in Finland (15')
 - f. Presentation of candidature for host country of the IFSS 2012 (50')
- Coffee Break (15')
- g. Election of the host country of the IFSS 2012 (10')
 - h. First call for candidature for IFSA officials (10')
 - i. Introduction on the appointment of honorary and consulting members (10')
 - j. FE Commission (20')
 - k. miscellaneous (development issues, question and answer session, motivation, etc)
 - l. Closure of 2nd Plenary Session (2')

Minutes of the 2nd Plenary Session

CHAIR: [Florent Kaiser (Germany)]

VICE CHAIR: [Alex Slattery (Australia)]

MINUTES: [Torben Lenhart (Germany)]

MODERATOR [Alex Slattery (Australia)]

VENUE: [Insan Training Centre]

TIME: *Opened:* 15:02 10th August 2010
Closed: 16:54 10th August 2010

ELECTING COMMITTEE: Sebastian Knoedler (Germany), Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan), Melih Sarikaya (Turkey)

a. Opening of 2nd Plenary Session (2')

The 2nd plenary session was opened by Florent Kaiser (Germany) at 15:02. He introduced Alex Slattery (Australia) as the moderator of this session.

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b. Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote (5')

24 votes were present.

c. Approval of the financial report from the last IFSA-year (7')

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) proposed to approve the 2009-2010 financial report from the past IFSA-year. Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. There were no objections and the 2009-2010 financial report of the last IFSA-year was duly approved.

d. Approval of the financial report from the last Calendar year (7')

Martin Kong (Germany) proposed to approve the financial report from the last Calendar year. Zeynep Avcibasi (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. There were no objections and the financial report of the last Calendar year was duly approved.

e. Presentation by the Organizing Committee of the IFSS 2011 in Finland (15')

Alex Slattery (Australia) invited the OC from Finland to present their plans (including draft budget and itinerary) for IFSS 2011.

Presentation:

Tiina Suominen (Finland) presented herself as the Head of the OC of the IFSS 2011 which will be held in Finland. She gave an introduction to the agenda and introduced the first days of the symposium. Jenni Kokkarinen (Finland) then introduced the days following Helsinki and Janne-Perttu Rantonen (Finland) finished the brief introduction of the agenda. Mikko Nivala (Finland) introduced the financial situation to the audience.

Questions:

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) suggested that the EU could cover some of the costs and that this could help with fundraising.

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) commented on the length of time between the 1st and 2nd GA, saying that candidates for the OCs for IFSS 2013 should have enough time to prepare their presentations. Tero Sivonen (Finland) responded and said they will investigate this comment further.

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) asked about the participation fee of the symposium.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) stated that they don't know yet due mainly to sponsorship uncertainty.

Jakob Hörll (Germany) asked about the number of participants the OC was planning for.

Jenni Kokkarinen (Finland) stated that they hope to get at least 100 but the expectations are around 150 participants. Janne-Perttu (Finland) commended that the accommodation is currently planned for around 150 participants.

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Alex Slattery (Australia) asked when the 4th plenary session will be held.

Jenni Kokkarinen (Finland) answered, saying that the 4th plenary session is planned in for the 9th day.

Jenni Kokkarinen (Finland) gave further insights to the agenda points.

Florent Kaiser (Germany) asked the OC if they will provide accommodation for IFSA7 before the meeting.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) responded that IFSA7 could stay at Tero Sivonen's (Finland) house.

Florent Kaiser (Germany) advised the OC to stay flexible for maybe upcoming enquiries from the new IFSA7.

Tero Sivonen (Finland) said that the OC will keep this advice in mind.

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) asked if the OC has scheduled time for LC presentations.

Vera ??? (Finland) said they plan to have a poster exhibition. Tero Sivonen (Finland) commented that to listen to presentations from all participating LCs would take too long, so a poster exhibition is a better alternative.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) further commented and said that the topic of the symposium will be *Sustainable Forestry*. It will be similar to the topic of this year's IFSS which is also very relevant and important to Finland.

Florent Kaiser (Germany) suggested time should be allocated within the agenda for a general overview and introduction to IFSA before the GA.

Alex Slattery (Australia) asked about the size of the OC and how they are planning to divide the workload.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) said they have three LCs working together to make up the OC and that they will divide the planning as per the region IFSS will visit. Tero Sivonen (Finland) commented that there are around 10 OC members from each of the three LCs.

f. Presentation of candidature for host country of the IFSS 2012 (50')

Alex Slattery (Australia) announced the withdrawal of the Netherlands as a candidate for the host country of IFSS 2012 due to lack of support.

Alex Slattery (Australia) introduced the candidate for the host country of IFSS 2012.

Presentation:

The contending Turkish LC showed a video from their country (only the music came through). Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) introduced the presentation. Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) introduced Turkey and the neighbour states; she also introduced their University and their LC. Further Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) showed and explained different pictures of Istanbul. Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) introduced important Turkish topics which include forestry, culture, food and unique regions, and said that Turkey has already hosted IFSS in 2003 and SERM 2009 which is why they should be able to do it in two year's time. Zeynep Avcibasi (Turkey) illustrated the proposed route

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participants of IFSS would travel during the symposium. Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) explained that they expect around 100 participants but that it is too early to estimate the participation fee.

Questions:

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) asked for more details about the travel distance between stops on the route.

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) explained that the bus trips would be around 6 hours for each leg of the journey.

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) recommended that the route should have less stops as packing everyday is more disruptive to the symposium. Jenny further commented that around 4 or 6 stops (when they are close together) are ideal for symposium.

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) gave more details about the agenda at the expected stops.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) asked about the theme of the symposium.

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) said they haven't planned the theme as of yet.

Alex Slattery (Australia) asked how expensive Turkey is and wondered if there is a possible chance of collaboration between the other LCs to make up the Turkish OC.

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) asked Florent Kaiser (Germany) about his opinion on the socio-economic status of Turkey.

Florent Kaiser (Germany) said he thinks it is a little cheaper than the EU.

Amalia Anindia (Indonesia) commented that the OC could probably expect more participants than previous IFSSs because Turkey is in the middle of Europe and Asia.

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) recommended that the IFSS 2012 agenda should focus on forestry, not only on the Turkish culture.

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) Bütün (Turkey) responded that they of course plan to do so.

Alex Slattery (Australia) introduced the break and explained the voting procedure for the voting of the host of IFSS 2012.

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) proposed that the voting should be held by voting cards instead of by a secret ballot. Mikko Nivala (Finland) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

** Coffee Break (15:48 to 16:12)**

The voting cards were recounted and there were 24 votes present.

g. Election of the host country of the IFSS 2012 (10')

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) asked if the contending LC is allowed to vote for themselves.

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Alex Slattery (Australia) confirmed that the contending LC is allowed to vote for themselves.

24 Voting cards present

Number of votes for Turkey: 24

Number of votes that abstain: 0

Turkey will host the IFSS 2012.

h. First call for candidature for IFSA officials (10')

Alex Slattery (Australia) made the first call for nominations of official positions and explained the positions which are electable. The nominations were as follows:

Torge Brodersen (Germany) nominated himself by motivation letter for the position of Executive Secretary.

Branislav Petrovic (Serbia) nominated himself by motivation letter for the position of LO Alumni.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) nominated himself for the position of Treasurer.

Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) nominated himself for the position of Councillor.

Josefine Hünert (Germany) nominated herself for the position of LO CIFOR.

Febri Febri (Indonesia) nominated himself for the position of LO CIFOR.

Florent Kaiser (Germany) nominated himself for the position of LO FAO.

Ida Mikkelsen (Denmark) nominated herself for the position of LO EFI.

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) nominated herself for the position of LO IFISO.

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) nominated herself for the position of LO CFA.

Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan) nominated herself for the position of Vice President.

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) Bütün (Turkey) nominated herself for the position of Councillor.

Adi Gangga (Indonesia) nominated himself for the position of Councillor.

Alex Slattery (Australia) further explained that the IFSA Direction consists of three Councillors from three different countries.

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) nominated herself for the position of LO IUFRO.

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Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) nominated herself for the position of LO Alumni.

Alex Slattery (Australia) explained the vetting procedure which will be held during the 4th plenary session.

i. Introduction on the appointment of honorary and consulting members (10')

Alex Slattery (Australia) gave an explanation of the purpose of IFSA Honorary and Consulting members. Alex Slattery (Australia) also explained what honorary and consulting members are and informed about the nomination procedure which will take place during the 4th plenary session.

j. FE Commission (20')

Presentation:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) introduced the idea of an IFSA Forestry Education Commission which could be formed later during the GA. He explained the background of the Commission and proposed ideas as to why such a commission would improve IFSA. Florent Kaiser (Germany) mentioned that this Commission has been developed over the last three years as a non-official working group. Florent Kaiser (Germany) commented that there have already been forestry education sessions hosted and lead during international conferences by IFSA already. He then went on to explain how such a commission might look like and operate. Florent Kaiser (Germany) said the main topics within this Commission can be position papers, surveys, GAPFE and representation at FE meetings, and that like other IFSA Commissions, it would have an official Head. He invited the audience to take part in the upcoming workshop on forestry education held during the symposium. Florent Kaiser (Germany) said the Commission could either be approved by the GA during the 4th plenary session or continue informal working group. He reiterated that it would be beneficial if someone (not himself) could act as the coordinate of the working group should the Commission not be approved by the GA. Florent Kaiser (Germany) ended his presentation with additional remarks.

Alex Slattery (Australia) reminded the audience that during the 4th plenary session there is time for short discussions/workshops about the Commissions and said that also during this time the Head of each Commission will be decided upon.

k. miscellaneous (development issues, question and answer session, motivation, etc)

No issues were raised.

l. Closure of 2nd Plenary Session (2')

Alex Slattery (Australia) closed the 2nd Plenary Session at 16:54. She said that Eva Ortvold Erichsen (Denmark) will be the moderator of the next plenary session.

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The 3rd Plenary Session

Agenda of the 3rd Plenary Session

- a. Opening of 3rd Plenary Session (1')
- b. Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote (5')
- c. Second and last call for candidature for IFSA officials (15')
- d. Vetting for candidates for Direction (1h)
- e. Vetting for candidates for Council (50')
- f. Vetting for candidates for Liaison Officer (45')

Break (15')

- g. Presentation and approval of proposed statutes (1h)
- h. Closure of 3rd Plenary Session (1')

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CHAIR: [Florent Kaiser (Germany)]
VICE CHAIR: [Alex Slattery (Australia)]
MODERATOR: [Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark)]

MINUTES: [Alex Slattery (Australia)]

VENUE: [Insan Training Centre]

TIME: *Opened:* 08:25 13th August 2010
Closed: 12:08 13th August 2010

ELECTING COMMITTEE: Sebastian Knoedler (Germany), Melih Sarikaya (Turkey), Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan) / Tero Sivonen (Finland)

a. Opening of 3rd Plenary Session (1')

The 3rd plenary session was opened by Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark), moderator, at 08:25.

b. Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote (5')

Two Ordinary members paid their IFSA 2009-2010 membership fees since the closure of the 2nd plenary session and were therefore eligible to vote from now on.

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26 votes were present.

c. Second and last call for candidature for IFSA officials (15')

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) made the second and final call for candidates for Direction, Council and Liaison Officer Positions. She explained that the people who had previously nominated themselves during the 2nd plenary session did not have to nominate themselves again.

The nominations were as follows:

Martin Kong (Germany) nominated himself for the position of Council.

Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia) nominated himself for the position of Alumni LO.

Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan) nominated himself for the position of CIFOR LO.

Juta Jago (Estonia) nominated herself for the position of Head of Exchange Program. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) explained this position is not elected for.

Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark) nominated herself for the position of President.

Udo Jank (Germany) nominated himself for the position of Southern European Regional Representative. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) explained this position is not elected for and further clarified which positions are elected for during the GA.

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) closed the period for candidates of elected positions.

d. Vetting for candidates for Direction (1h)

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) explained the vetting procedure. She said that for positions with more than one person standing, one nominee would be present for vetting while the other candidates wait outside for their turn.

Vetting for the position of the President:

Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark) presented herself. She mentioned that she is a student from Denmark and is inspired by the work carried out by IFSA over the past year, she commented on the IFSA spirit. Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark) commended the work of the current President who encouraged her to run for this position, and said she would like to continue the work of the current people here, if elected President. She expressed an interest in collaborating with the new IFSA 7 team and said she looks forward to following up new projects. She commented on the funding challenges IFSA will face in the future as well as the challenge of activating inactive regions. Cathrine Steffy Pater

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(Denmark) commented on her IFSA inexperience saying this is symposium is her first IFSA event, but mentioned her previous experience with another organization. Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark) mentioned that this year she will attend communication and leadership courses at her University which she said she wished to use in this position. She said she would like to play with many balls at the same time!

Questions:

Mikko Nivala (Finland) asked Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark) how much time she will have available for IFSA. Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark) said she can combine studies with full time work and assumes IFSA would be a similar time commitment. She expressed a desire to continue her studies whilst fulfilling this position.

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) asked Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark) about her expenses for travel. Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark) said that personal fundraising is an expected part of the workload of President.

Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) commented on the LC challenges in Africa and asked Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark) how she would address this. Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark) said she does not have an answer for this at the moment, but acknowledges it is a priority that the IFSA 7 team will face.

Florent Kaiser (Germany) asked Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark) to describe three qualities about herself that make her perfect for this job. Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark) said she is hardworking, had a great interest in developing working relationships with professional partners and is interested in teamwork.

Rama aditya Kusuma (Indonesia) asked her what the main reason she is running for this position is. Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark) said she felt motivated to be in IFSA and said she felt that being within an IFSA 7 team was worth it.

Vetting for the position of the Vice-President:

Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan) presented herself. She commented on her previous experience with IFSA which includes founding her LC, being an EP Commissioner, President of OC for ARM, this is her fourth IFSS. Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan) mentioned how IFSS has changed her life; personal experiences, friendships and expanded her view of the world, and further added how this will contribute to her success in this position and general contribution to IFSA. She said she has plenty of time this year as she is currently taking a year off between her undergraduate and graduate studies. Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan) commented on the goals she has for this position, she would like to motivate Officials, encourage more Asian students to be involved with IFSA and acknowledged that there are funding limitations for IFSA in the future. She mentioned her competency with computer skills, including Gmail. Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan) further commented that she will live near/in Vienna and that this might help improve the relations between IFSA and IUFRO.

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Questions:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) commented on her four years of experience within IFSA and asked why she is thinking about this position now. Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan) said she first wanted to form an LC, then she wanted to learn more about IFSA, so she joined a Commission. She first wanted to learn more about IFSA and then wanted to help with ARM, she feels she is now ready to take on a larger commitment within IFSA.

Mikaela Berglund (Sweden) asked her what the role of Vice President is. Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan) mentioned that Vice President is the main contact person between all Officials. She said Vice President is also part of the IFSA 7 team.

Vetting for the position of the Treasurer:

Mikko Nivala (Finland) presented himself, and said he didn't sleep last night because he was so excited about this position. He mentioned he will be studying in Indonesia and that this will help broaden the outlook of IFSA. Mikko Nivala (Finland) commented on his experience with funding, particularly with his LC that around 18,000€ which is a similar amount to IFSA. He commented on the strength of his relationship with the current Treasurer which will assist his changeover. He finished by saying he is good at planning budgets.

Questions:

Martin Kong (Germany) commented on Mikko Nivala's (Finland) exchange to Indonesia and wondered how this would affect his involvement in important European treasurer workshops. Mikko Nivala (Finland) said he has thought about this and mentioned that he did not think it would be a problem, he further added that IFSA could send someone else from Europe, maybe Head of Fundraising Commission or the soon-to-be former Treasurer?

Florent Kaiser (Germany) asked what his experience within IFSA is. Mikko Nivala (Finland) said he has been involved since 2007.

Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) asked how he might solve any problems in Indonesia should there occur. Mikko Nivala (Finland) said he wouldn't have problems.

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) asked how he will be able to sign the documents needed for the bank in Germany. Mikko Nivala (Finland) said he has consulted the current Treasurer and reasoned that this was not necessary anymore.

Vetting for the position of the Executive Secretary:

Torben Lenhart (Germany) presented the motivation letter of Torge Broderson (Germany). Torge Broderson (Germany) apologized for not being able to attend. He said he watched Torben Lenhart (Germany) in the Executive Secretary position this year and would like to take it up. He mentioned

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what he thought a few highlights of the job would be: continual contact with people, having responsibilities, and a greater understanding of how IFSA works.

Torge Broderson (Germany) mentioned that he has decided to run for this position because he would like to make IFSA more attractive, create more effective communication ways, and achieve greater transparency. He reiterated his point to make IFSA more attractive not only to students, but also to professionals and other academics. He commented on the challenges of the internet and how he would conquer these. Torge Broderson (Germany) thanked everyone.

Questions:

Alex Slattery (Australia) asked Torben Lenhart (Germany) to comment on Torge Broderson's (Germany) current involvement in the LC Freiburg. Torben Lenhart (Germany) explained how the LC of Freiburg uses the same room as the IFSA Secretariat. He mentioned that there is a lot of help from the LC and further added that Torge Broderson (Germany) was the President of the LC.

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) commented on the specifics of a successful changeover and wondered if this would be possible as she knew Torben Lenhart (Germany) was moving overseas. Torben Lenhart (Germany) commented further on Torge Broderson's (Germany) working relationship in the LC.

Florent Kaiser (Germany) mentioned he is from LC Freiburg and would be happy to assist with the changeover of this position, especially as he has experience with Executive Secretary.

e. Vetting for candidates for Council (50')

Martin Kong (Germany), Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) and Adi Gangga (Indonesia) were asked to leave the room for the vetting of Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia).

Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) presented himself and spoke about where he is from in Indonesia. He mentioned his previous experience in IFSA as CBD Head of Sub-Commission which would help him in this position. Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) said he would like to run for this position to dedicate more time to IFSA. He mentioned how he is able to speak English, **Basitau**, Arabic, and that he would like to follow up IFSA's involvement in the 2011 International Year of Forestry.

Questions:

Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia) asked what Council is. Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) said Council is one part of IFSA 7. He mentioned that council is three people and also mentioned the job of updating memberships which Council is responsible for.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) commended the great job and commitment Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) has already given to IFSA.

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Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan) asked Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) about his time commitment for IFSA and plans for the upcoming year. Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) said he will dedicate even more time to IFSA as he plans to graduate this year.

Florent Kaiser (Germany) commented on the work Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) did last year and the more time he wants to dedicate this year. Florent Kaiser (Germany) asked how he will balance this with his private and study life. Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) said love is in his private life, and that the job will be scheduled in with studies.

Ahmad Karsidi (Indonesia) asked Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) to describe himself in five words. Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) said diligence, smart, silent, needing time for private life and thinker.

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) asked what his expected challenges were and how he will solve them. Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) said lack of time and that he would need to improve his time management.

Muedanyi Ramantswana (South Africa) commented on his mention of challenges in Africa, he asked more specifically what regions of Africa he was interested in. Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) compared problems in Africa to those in Indonesia, he said he would like to communicate with organizations and African people.

Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) was asked to leave the room. Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) entered the room.

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) spoke about her studies in Turkey and introduced herself. She said this is her second IFSS, and that she was the Head of Language Commission this year. She would like to dedicate more time for IFSA and she said this role could do that. Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) said she can speak English, Turkish, Spanish, and a little Slovenia. She would like to be in IFSA 7 and help the IFSA family.

Questions:

Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia) asked what Council is. Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) said it is a link between RR, Commissions and IFSA 7.

Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan) asked what her schedule is next year. Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) said she is studying two things and further added that she likes the internet. She commented that it is a busy time, though assured the audience she will be able to handle it.

Destara Dwi Hardhitya (Indonesia) asked Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) what it is she will do when she is a Councillor. Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) said she will talk to the LC's and make them more active.

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Rama aditya Kusuma (Indonesia) asked her to say one sentence about why she is better than anyone else. Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) said she likes IFSA, she has past IFSA experience and can give more for IFSA.

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) commended Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) on her involvement in her own LC.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) asked her if she was ready to make sacrifices for IFSA, including with her own personal and study life. Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) said she is always working and could continue to do so.

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) commented that it is motivating to be part of IFSA 7, but asked why Council. Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) said she would like to start here then maybe go higher within IFSA official positions later.

Tero Sivonen (Finland) commented on the potential for LC's in eastern EU, and asked Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) how she can help this. Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) said she can improve communications in this region which could collect more LC's that way.

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) was asked to leave the room. Adi Gangga (Indonesia) entered the room.

Adi Gangga (Indonesia) introduced himself. He commented on the sadness he has to be competing with his friend for this position. He said what council is, a bridge between earth and sky; Earth is the LC's and the Sky is all of IFSA 7, and said he is a person to connect the two. Adi Gangga (Indonesia) commented on the greatness of IFSA, and said it has a great spirit which he would like to give what he has. He said he had to take a rest from IFSA during his first year because of family but is in a position to now take on this role. He said he would like to improve his soft skills, and he would like to build upon the link between LC and IFSA.

Questions:

Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia) asked what the main role of Council is and if Adi Gangga (Indonesia) has enough money to travel to Europe, twice. Adi Gangga (Indonesia) said that Council is involved with members and is a link with their minds, they also evaluate the GA. He mentioned that his university is supportive of international activity by students, so they would support him in international travel.

Metia Febrita Putri Lembasi (Indonesia) asked Adi Gangga (Indonesia) what his experience with IFSA is and also how he proposes to get more LC's involved with IFSA. Adi Gangga (Indonesia) said he has helped his LC attend this IFSS and that he would contact LC members, the Presidents.

Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan) asked what his schedule was for the coming year. Adi Gangga (Indonesia) said that if elected, he would make it his main priority, his responsibility.

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Ahmad Karsidi (Indonesia) asked how much time he has for this position. Adi Gangga (Indonesia) said he has time in his studies for this role.

Florent Kaiser (Germany) asked Adi Gangga (Indonesia) what are two qualities that he will bring to this position. Adi Gangga (Indonesia) said he is a nice man and he will be active without any hesitation. He also said he has experience to run this position.

Alex Slattery (Australia) asked Adi Gangga (Indonesia) if he was unsuccessful for this position, would he be interested in any other official positions. Adi Gangga (Indonesia) mentioned that he would also like to run for Head of Exchange Program.

Adi Gangga (Indonesia) was asked to leave the room. Martin Kong (Germany) entered the room.

Martin Kong (Germany) introduced himself and his involvement with IFSA (his LC, VP of his LC, organized Interim). He mentioned how Interim 2009 was his first contact with IFSA Officials, which is why he would like to run for this position. Martin Kong (Germany) mentioned that due to his studies, he is in a difficult position and acknowledges that there will be time management challenges because he is due to finish his masters, but also acknowledged that he would be to dedicate more time after the next three months.

Questions:

Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia) asked what the main responsibilities for Council are. Martin Kong (Germany) mentioned the importance of the statutes and the advisory role of Council play to the Direction.

Muedanyi Ramantswana (South Africa) asked what his strongest competitive quality was over the other candidates. Martin Kong (Germany) said he does not like to find weaknesses in the other candidates, this conflicts with his personal morals, he said it is up to us, the GA, to decide if his qualities are good enough.

Florent Kaiser (Germany) commented on Martin Kong's (Germany) involvement with the upcoming IUFRO World Congress and furthermore asked Martin Kong (Germany) to describe his main qualities as a person. Martin Kong (Germany) said he has some German qualities such as keeping to deadlines. He said he is pushy and likes to do things properly, which helps him to succeed in his work.

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) , Adi Gangga (Indonesia) and Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) re-entered the room.

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) explained that there cannot be two councillors from the one country and reminded the GA to keep this in mind for voting during the 4th Plenary session.

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f. Vetting for candidates for Liaison Officer (45')

Vetting for the position of Liaison Officer for IUFRO:

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) introduced herself. She listed the languages she currently speaks and mentioned her previous involvement with IUFRO (internship). Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) commented on the qualities she has that she would be able to bring to this position and the goals she has for the position. She said this is her third IFSS and this would be her fourth Official position within IFSA.

Questions:

Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) asked her what her main motivation for this position is. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) said she has worked within IUFRO before, found them friendly and would like to continue this relationship.

Rama aditya Kusuma (Indonesia) asked Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) to comment on her experience as an IUFRO intern. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) said there are a number of projects with IUFRO, her work involved working in a group which opened up networking opportunities. She further commented that her relationship with IUFRO could strengthen the relationship for other IFSA student opportunities.

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) asked Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) to list three benefits IFSA will gain if she is elected to this position. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) said she is friendly and approachable, she is able to contact with IUFRO easily because she has prior contacts and finally she said she would like to be an inside contact.

Vetting for the position of Liaison Officer for FAO:

Florent Kaiser (Germany) introduced himself and his background. He mentioned how his studies have always been about IFSA. Florent Kaiser (Germany) said he would like to run for this position because of his previous experience and former contacts he has within FAO. He commented on his involvement with the FAO IFSA relationship and commended Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) (Previous FAO LO) for her work. Florent Kaiser (Germany) mentioned some of the current challenges there are with this relationship and highlighted that strengthening the focal point and maintaining professional contact with FAO are his main goals for this position. Florent Kaiser (Germany) said he wants to form a Memoriam of Understanding (here after MoU).

Florent Kaiser (Germany) said he is entering his third year of studies and commented on his personal direction in his studies and future life. He mentioned he has to do an internship for his studies and thought he might like to do this at FAO. He said he has the best skills for this position, including personal and professional communication and representation.

Questions:

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Mikko Nivala (Finland) asked Florent Kaiser (Germany) which languages he can speak. Florent Kaiser (Germany) said he can speak a little bit of Korean, he is fluent in French, German, Spanish, and English (which he said he hated at school, though improved as IFSA President).

Destara Dwi Hardhitya (Indonesia) asked Florent Kaiser (Germany) what his plans were for FAO. Florent Kaiser (Germany) commented on his personal relations with FAO through IFSA President. He commented on the unexpected challenges with FAO and the current FAO LO which was out of her hand. He mentioned his desire to improve this relationship for IFSA students from all over the world, and further added that he will have time available for this job.

Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan) highlighted Florent Kaiser's (Germany) interest in the Forestry Education Commission as mentioned during his President Speech. She asked if he would still be interested in this, and wondered if this would affect his dedication to FAO LO. Florent Kaiser (Germany) said he is only wanting one Official position, LO FAO, he added that he will assist his other IFSA interests.

Vetting for the position of Liaison Officer for CFA:

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) introduced herself. She commented on her past involvement with CFA during the recent CFC where she was able to gather some good contacts. She mentioned how there are very few CFA Conferences in the upcoming year, so her main role would be to maintain a good level of communication between CFA and IFSA.

Questions:

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) commented on the involvement of African LC's within CFA and asked how she would include them in these discussions. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) agreed and further detailed her knowledge of CFA and how this plays a role in the LO position.

Alex Slattery (Australia) commented on the loneliness of an LO position following an IFSA 7 role as mentioned by Sofie Blanchart (France) and Mikko Nivala (Finland) in their LO presentations. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) said she can only see benefits from LO Skype meetings and further commented that the changeover won't feel lonely.

Vetting for the position of Liaison Officer for IFISO:

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) introduced herself and IFISO. She mentioned where she currently is in her studies. She said her first involvement with IFSA was during IFSS last year where she was elected FAO LO, so she feels she knows a lot about the role of LO. She mentioned that from past experience with "Train-new-trainers" she would like to improve the knowledge of ourselves, she also pointed out her teaching experience from previous experiences in Tanzania. Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) said her aim for this year is to strengthen the role of IFISO within IFSA because it is really important. She said she would like to work closely with IFSA 7 and of course with the President, who is most important for LO.

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Questions:

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) mentioned her participation in an IFISO meeting where she learnt about some LC's that are based in Turkey and Italy. She asked Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) what her thoughts were on in making IFISO LC's in IFSA. Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) said she is the current President of her LC, she acknowledged the importance of LC's and how they can collaborate with partners but said this was not an urgent priority for her in this position.

Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) asked Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) what the benefits of the IFISO/IFSA relationship are to Asian students. Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) said there are many student groups that are not in IFISO, but this can be changed. She commented that other active student groups in Asia could be encouraged to join this network.

Vetting for the position of Liaison Officer for Alumni:

Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia) and Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) were asked to leave the room while Amalia Anindia (Indonesia) read Branislav Petrovic's (Serbia) motivation letter for the position of LO of Alumni.

Branislav Petrovic (Serbia) spoke about his involvement with IFSA (since 2006) and his current studies. He said he is interested in continuing work in this area and finish what he has started as he is the former (and first) LO of Alumni.

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) entered the room.

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) commented on her involvement with IFSA alumni. She said she has organised two IFSA alumni parties and has helped organise the IFSA Charity evening in the upcoming IUFRO World Congress. She commented further on her involvement with Asian IFSA alumni and said this is her main motivation for the job.

Questions:

Mikko Nivala (Finland) asked Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) why she would like to do this job. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) said she already has great contacts and level of communication with current alumni and helped organised meetings so it would be an official continuation and recognition of this work.

Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) asked her who is the responsible person for forest policy.net, and said this site does not work. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) said she is not sure. Florent Kaiser (Germany) said he will comment on this network later in the fifth plenary session during the *miscellaneous* agenda item.

Adi Gangga (Indonesia) asked her how she can combine the LO IUFRO and LO Alumni. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) said she would be able to connect the two positions through her activity in meetings.

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Torben Lenhart (Germany) said she is only allowed to hold one IFSA Official position. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) confirmed that she preferred the IUFRO position.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) commented on the benefits of having an alumni meeting in IFSS Finland. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) agreed.

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) was asked to leave the room, Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia) entered.

Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia) introduced himself and listed the languages he can speak (English, Slovenian). He spoke about the importance of the IFSA alumni network and current challenges that exist with the IFSA alumni contact list. If elected, he said he would update the webpage for details of the alumni network and would look into getting funding from alumni.

Questions:

Mikko Nivala (Finland) commented on IFSA alumni side events at our professional partner's conferences and asked Dan if he would be able to attend. Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia) commented on having a lot of time available for this position this year because he only has his thesis to finish.

Vetting for the position of Liaison Officer for CIFOR:

Febri Febri (Indonesia) and Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan) were asked to leave the room for the vetting of Josephine Hühnert (Germany).

Josephine Hühnert (Germany) introduced herself. She mentioned that she does not have any prior experience with IFSA but has experience with other organizations. She said she has experience with community work that includes updating a website and also said she is excited to be active in this organisation. Josephine Hühnert (Germany) discussed reasons for her motivation for this position.

Questions:

Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) commented on his partnership with the current CIFOR LO and mentioned difficulties they had had in securing an MoU between IFSA and CIFOR, he asked Josephine Hühnert (Germany) how she would achieve an MoU. Josephine Hühnert (Germany) said she would try to get in contact with CIFOR to get a MoU.

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) asked Josephine Hühnert (Germany) if she has any previous contact with CIFOR and also asked her why she chose this organisation. Josephine Hühnert (Germany) said she does not have any contacts within CIFOR and is interested in this organisation.

Alex Slattery (Australia) commented on how the previous CIFOR LO was from Indonesia, nearby the head of CIFOR, and asked Josephine Hühnert (Germany) if this would be a concern for her in this position. Josephine Hühnert (Germany) spoke about the international aspects of CIFOR and IFSA, and further commented that this shouldn't affect her involvement in this position.

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Josephine Hühnert (Germany) was asked to leave the room, Febri Febri (Indonesia) entered.

Febri (Indonesia) introduced himself. Febri (Indonesia) said he could conduct research for IFSA from this position. He mentioned his previous IFSA involvement which included helping out the previous CIFOR LO. He said he felt this experience would help him in this position.

Questions:

Metia Febrita Putri Lembasi (Indonesia) asked how important it is to have a MoU between CIFOR and IFSA and if Febri (Indonesia) has any plans to get more people involved with CIFOR. Febri (Indonesia) said the MoU was not important. He further added that his communication with CIFOR and accessibility to visit its headquarters would be important.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) commented on the international nature of CIFOR and asked Febri (Indonesia) his thoughts about CIFOR being involved only with IFSA on a local basis. Febri (Indonesia) didn't have any further comments.

Febri (Indonesia) was asked to leave the room, Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan) entered.

Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan) introduced himself and discussed his previous involvement with IFSA (his position as VP of ARM, his participation in IFSS since Bulgaria, and his involvement as a commissioner in the EP Commission). Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan) said he would like to extend the CIFOR and IFSA connection to students in a wider region. He said he would like to form a MoU as it is really important. Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan) said he is from Asia, although not from Indonesia, and further added that IFSA is an international association which is why he should be elected.

Questions:

Amalia Anindia (Indonesia) commented on the organization of Forest Day 4 by CIFOR and asked if we [IFSA] could have a stand there. Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan) said that it was his aim to bring students to this event and said that forming a MoU would strengthen his relations.

Metia Febrita Putri Lembasi (Indonesia) asked Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan) if he has made any communications with CIFOR and also if he had thought about collaborating with the Head of UNFCCC sub-commission. Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan) said he has met the former CIFOR LO and said she could introduce him to the CIFOR contacts.

Rama aditya Kusuma (Indonesia) commented on the MoU and asked about the direction of the CIFOR-IFSA collaboration. Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan) said that after the MoU is signed, we would know all of CIFOR's upcoming events and he would encourage all IFSA students to attend.

Vetting for the position of Liaison Officer for EFI:

Ida Mikkelsen (Denmark) introduced herself and explained what her current studies and interests are. She said she is outgoing and passionate, especially in the link between professional partners and

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students. Ida Mikkelsen (Denmark) commented on how the EFI regional office is located in Denmark, her home country, and further added how this could improve her communications with EFI more easily.

Questions:

Amalia Anindia (Indonesia) asked Ida Mikkelsen (Denmark) what is the role of LO. Ida Mikkelsen (Denmark) said LO is the bridge between professional partners and students, she would be the connection and will be able to share information.

Florent Kaiser (Germany) commented on an important EFI meeting being held in September and asked Ida Mikkelsen (Denmark) if she will be able to attend. Ida Mikkelsen (Denmark) mentioned that she has some field research to do, but that her university is accommodating and she will most likely have the time to do so.

Break (10:58- 11:13)

Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan) must be removed from the Electing Committee because he is vetting for the position of Council.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) proposes Tero Sivonen (Finland) to be appointed on the Electing Committee. Metia Febrita Putri Lembasi (Indonesia) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

The Electing Committee counted the voting cards and 26 votes were present.

g. Presentation and approval of proposed statutes (1h)

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) explained that due to a period of no registrations of the statutes we now have to approve our statutes, degrees & by-laws as new documents.

Nevertheless, IFSA 7 worked out some changes to be made within the statutes, degrees & by-laws version of the last IFSA 7 team.

Alex Slattery (Australia) asked for clarification of the statute changes as needed by the Germany Court. Torben Lenhart (Germany) further explained that the translated German statutes have not been approved by the German court since 2004. He said he has asked the German court to approve these ones as approved by the 21st GA.

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) asked how the statute changes are going to be approved. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) clarified that anyone is allowed to make comments and suggestions whilst we read through the statute changes proposed by this year's IFSA 7 team. She gave a short presentation about the importance of the IFSA statutes.

The changes to the proposed changes to the statutes are as followed:

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Amalia Anindia (Indonesia) asked if LC logos need to be the same as the one in the statutes. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) said this agenda item was coming up later.

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Natalie Macias (USA) proposed the approval of this statute change, change of logo. Tero Sivonen (Finland) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

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Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) described the statute change of Article 9.3.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) proposed the deletion of article 9.3 which makes no sense.

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

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Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) described the addition of 14.8 in the statutes.
Anique Hillbrand (Germany) proposed the addition of 14.8.

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

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Participants of the GA discussed the role of Council as mentioned in this amendment.

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) proposed the approval of 14.8 with the amended changes.

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

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Mikko Nivala (Finland) proposed the deletion of article 9.3 again not making sense.

Ida Mikkelsen(Denmark) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

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Alex Slattery (Australia) asked if a student member or representative from South Korea could clarify the official title of Korea, is it South Korea, Republic of Korea or The Republic of Korea?

Florent Kaiser (Germany) clarified the change as *The Republic of Korea*. GA agreed.

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) proposed the changes to article 20.1.

Janne-Perttu Rantonen (Finland) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

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Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) proposed the changes to article 20.2.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

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Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) proposed the change to article 2 about the logo.

Ping-Lian (Taiwan) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

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Ida Mikkelsen (Denmark) proposed the changes to The Republic of Korea.

Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

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Larg (Denmark) proposed changes to article 20 of the coming into force.

Martin Kong (Germany) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

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Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) asked for clarification on what a National Committee is. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) explained the role of a National Committee, and emphasized the benefit and importance of communication with this unique position.

Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan) asked if a National Committee changes voting rights. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) said that it does not affect voting rights, and that it mainly affects communication.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) asked if *EP* can be expanded to Exchange Program. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) said it could, and would have to be included in Article 2. 6.

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Juliette Mouche (France) proposed the changes to point 2.6

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

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Florent Kaiser (Germany) suggested that direction should begin with a capital as should council, and that there should be a full stop at the end of the sentence.

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) commented on the time given to LC's to think about who they would want to vote for during the GA process, and that the time between vetting and voting has been changed.

Martin Kong (Germany) proposed the changes to 5.5.2. including changes made today.

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Janne-Perttu Rantonen (Finland) approved the proposal and there were no objections.

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Tero Sivonen (Finland) proposed the changes to article 10.1

Destara (Indonesia) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

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Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) asked if this change would make it possible to use the IFSA logo outside official IFSA events/functions without approval by the Direction. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) said this could be discussed outside of the GA.

Alex Slattery (Australia) suggested that the proposed change clarifies the use of the IFSA logo. She added that it most uses of the IFSA logo outside of official IFSA events/functions would be supported by the Direction, after consultation. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) agreed.

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) asked for approval of the previously discussed statute changes.

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) explained that the GA has to approve the new statutes, degrees and by-laws of 2010 in order to get them into force after the registration with the German court. This will be done so by election. The Electing Committee counted votes for the approval of the new statutes.

26 votes approved the statutes, degrees & by-laws of 2010 by the 3rd plenary session of the 21st GA 2010 at the 38th IFSS in the Republic of Korea. There were no abstains and the approval was duly accepted.

h. Closure of 3rd Plenary Session (1')

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) closed the 3rd Plenary Session at 12:08.

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The 4th Plenary Session

Agenda of the 4th Plenary Session

- a. Opening of the 4th Plenary Session (1')
- b. Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote (5')
- c. Discharge of Direction (5')
- d. Discharge of Council (5')
- e. Discharge of other officials (5')
- f. Acknowledgment of expired consulting members
- g. Appointment of Consulting Members (20')
- h. Appointment of Honorary Members (7')
- i. Election of Direction (40' = 4x10')
 - i. President (10')
 - ii. Vice President (10')
 - iii. Treasurer (10')
 - iv. Executive Secretary (10')
- Break (15')
- j. Election of Council (15')
- k. Election of Liaison Officer (10')
- l. Appointment of Regional Representatives (15')
- m. Appointment of new and continuing Commissions (15')
- n. Workshops for commissions where heads and goals can be discussed
- o. Appointment of new and continuing Commissioners and head of commissions (15')
- p. Closure of 4th Plenary Session (1')

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CHAIR:	[Florent Kaiser (Germany)]
VICE CHAIR:	[Alex Slattery (Australia)]
MODERATOR:	[Torben Lenhart (Germany)]
MINUTES:	[Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia)]
VENUE:	[????]
TIME:	<i>Opened:</i> 08:43 15 th August 2010
	<i>Closed:</i> 11:57 15 th August 2010

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ELECTING COMMITTEE: Sebastian Knoedler (Germany), Melih Sarikaya (Turkey), Tero Sivonen (Finland)

a. Opening of the 4th Plenary Session (1')

The 4th plenary session was opened by Torben Lenhart (Germany), moderator, at 08:43.

Torben Lenhart (Germany) announced that Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia) will take the Minutes instead of Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) as mentioned in the 1st plenary session.

b. Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote (5')

27 votes were present.

c. Discharge of Direction (5')

Martin Kong (Germany) proposed that the 2009-2010 Direction be discharged after their year of service. Mikko Nivala (Finland) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. There were no objections and the 2009-2010 Direction were duly discharged.

d. Discharge of Council (5')

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) proposed that the 2009-2010 Council be discharged after their year of service. Larke (Denmark) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. There were no objections and the 2009-2010 Council were duly discharged.

e. Discharge of other officials (5')

Ida Miekelsen (Denmark) proposed that all other 2009-2010 IFSA Officials be discharged. Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. There were no objections and all 2009-2010 Regional Representatives, Liaison Officers and Heads of Commissions and Sub-commissions were duly discharged.

g. Appointment of Consulting Members (20')

Torben Lenhart (Germany) explained the purpose of consulting members and invited the Assembly to propose nominations.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) proposed Florent Kaiser (Germany) to be appointed as a Consulting Member. Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. Florent Kaiser (Germany) accepted his appointment as a Consulting Member.

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Mikko Nivala (Finland) proposed Torben Lenhart (Germany) to be appointed as a Consulting Member. Metia Lembasi (Indonesia) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. Torben Lenhart (Germany) accepted his appointment as a Consulting Member.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) proposed Alex Slattery (Australia) to be appointed as a Consulting Member. Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. Alex Slattery (Australia) accepted her appointment as a Consulting Member.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) proposed Amalia Anindia (Indonesia) to be appointed as a Consulting Member. Zeynep Avcibasi (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. Amalia Anindia (Indonesia) accepted her appointment as a Consulting Member.

Metia Lembasi (Indonesia) proposed Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) to be appointed as a Consulting Member. Yusuf Bahtimi Samsudin (Indonesia) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) accepted her appointment as a Consulting Member.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) proposed Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia) to be appointed as a Consulting Member. Jakob Hörl (Germany) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia) accepted his appointment as a Consulting Member.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) proposed Mikaela Berglund (Sweden) to be appointed as a Consulting Member. Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. Mikaela Berglund (Sweden) accepted her appointment as a Consulting Member.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) proposed Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) to be appointed as a Consulting Member. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) accepted her appointment as a Consulting Member.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) proposed Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) to be appointed as a Consulting Member. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) accepted her appointment as a Consulting Member.

h. Appointment of Honorary Members (7')

Torben Lenhart (Germany) announced that the BoA had received a letter proposing Siegfried Lewark to be an Honorary Member.

Florent Kaiser (Germany) read the letter to the assembly.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) proposed Siegfried Lewark to be appointed as an Honorary Member. Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. As he was not present, Siegfried Lewark would later be notified of his appointment in order to accept it.

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) proposed Cecil Koninjendijk (Denmark) to be appointed as an Honorary Member due to his involvement in IFSA, especially at UNFCCC 2009 in Denmark where he helped to

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gather IFSA alumni. Zeynep Avcibasi (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. As he was not present, Cecil Koninjendijk (Denmark) would later be notified of his appointment in order to accept it.

Torben Lenhart (Germany) announced that the BoA received a letter from Ika Satyasari (Indonesia) proposing Dr. Hendrayanto (Indonesia) to be an Honorary Member. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) read the letter to the assembly.

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) asked if a student from IPB (Dr. Hendrayanto's University) to describe Dr. Hendrayanto to the GA. Rama Aditya Kusuma (Indonesia) explained that Dr. Hendrayanto (Indonesia) helped their LC a lot, especially for giving them advice. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. As he was not present, Dr. Hendrayanto (Indonesia) would later be notified of his appointment in order to accept it.

Florent Kaiser (Germany) presented Pieter Mayer, who has been very supportive in the last few years of IFSA. Florent Kaiser (Germany) said Pieter has assisted IFSA to get a free booth at IUFRO World Congress 2010 in Seoul.

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) proposed **Pieter Mayer (spelling and nationality)** to be appointed as an Honorary Member. Melih Sarikaya (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. As he was not present, Pieter Mayer would later be notified of his appointment in order to accept it.

i. Election of Direction (40' = 4x10')

Torben Lenhart (Germany) explained the voting process, the necessary majority of votes needed for a candidate to be elected into an official position and the procedure if the necessary majorities are not met. For each position, the Election Committee would distribute one polling paper to each eligible voting party for each election, to be collected immediately after the votes were made.

i. President (10')

The sole candidate for President was Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark). Torben Lenhart (Germany) suggested to the GA that someone may want to propose to have an election process where in the event of there being only one candidate the election is carried out by voting cards to save time.

Mikko Nivala (Finland) proposed to have the voting for official positions that have only one candidate carried out by show of voting cards. Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) seconded the motion and there were no objections.

Elections for official positions with only one candidate would be carried out by show of voting cards.

After an election by a show of voting cards Torben Lenhart (Germany) announced the result of the voting by the 27 voting parties present, which was, for President:

Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark): 27

Abstain: 0

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Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark) was elected President. Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark) accepted the outcome of the election and was officially elected IFSA President for 2010-2011.

Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark) is the only student representative from her LC present at the GA and, as she now holds a position within the Board, her LC must forfeit its voting rights. There is now one less LC with the voting rights.

ii. Vice President (10')

After an election by a show of voting cards, Torben Lenhart (Germany) announced the result of the voting by the 26 voting parties, which was:

Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan): 26

Abstain: 0

Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan) was elected Vice-President. Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan) accepted the outcome of the election and was officially elected IFSA Vice-President for 2010-2011.

iii. Treasurer (10')

After an election by a show of voting cards, Torben Lenhart (Germany) announced the result of the voting by the 26 voting parties, which was:

Mikko Nivala (Finland): 26

Abstain: 0

Mikko Nivala (Finland) was elected Treasurer. Mikko Nivala (Finland) accepted the outcome of the election and was officially elected IFSA Treasurer for 2010-2011.

iv. Executive Secretary (10')

After an election by a show of voting cards, Torben Lenhart (Germany) announced the result of the voting by the 26 voting parties, which was:

Torge Broderson: 26

Abstain: 0

Torge Broderson (Germany) was elected Executive Secretary. As he was not present, Torge Broderson (Germany) would later be notified of his election in order to accept it.

Break (09:20 to 09:40)

The Electing Committee counted the voting cards and 26 votes were present.

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j. Election of Council (15')

The 4 candidates for Council were:

- Martin Kong (Germany)
- Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey)
- Adi Gnagga (Indonesia)
- Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia)

Torben Lenhart (Germany) explained the process for this elected position. He said that within the Statutes it says that all Council members must be from a different country, and because two of the Council candidates are both from Indonesia, the GA will have to have a pre-election.

The pre-election is held between Adi Gnagga (Indonesia) and Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia). The result of the secret ballot was:

Adi Gangga: 2

Yusuf Bahtimi: 23

Abstain: 0

Not valid: 1

Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) was elected as the one candidate for Council from his country.

Torben Lenhart (Germany) explained that there are now three candidates for Council and the election can proceed by voting card for each of the three Council positions.

After an election by a show of voting cards, Torben Lenhart (Germany) announced the result of the voting by the 26 voting parties, which was:

Martin Kong (Germany): 26

Abstain: 0

Martin Kong (Germany) was elected Councillor. Martin Kong (Germany) accepted the outcome of the election and was officially elected IFSA Councillor for 2010-2011.

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) : 26

Abstain: 0

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) was elected Councillor. Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) accepted the outcome of the election and was officially elected IFSA Councillor for 2010-2011.

Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia): 26

Abstain: 0

Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) was elected Councillor. Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) accepted the outcome of the election and was officially elected as IFSA Councillor for 2010-2011.

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Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia) is the only student representative from his LC present at the GA and, as he now holds a position within the Direction; his LC must forfeit its voting rights. There is now one less LC with the voting rights.

The Electing Committee counted the voting cards and 25 votes were present.

k. Election of Liaison Officer (10')

- Liaison Officer for IUFRO

The sole candidate for LO IUFRO was Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey). After a vote by voting cards, Torben Lenhart (Germany) announced the result of the 25 voting parties, which was:

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey): 25

Abstain: 0

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) was elected as LO for IUFRO. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) accepted the outcome of the election and was officially elected as Liaison Officer for IUFRO for 2010-2011.

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) announced that with her election to the position of LO for IUFRO she is withdrawing her candidature for the position of LO for Alumni.

- Liaison Officer for FAO

The sole candidate for LO FAO was Florent Kaiser (Germany). After a vote by voting cards, Torben Lenhart (Germany) announced the result of the voting by the 25 voting parties, which was:

Florent Kaiser (Germany): 25

Abstain: 0

Florent Kaiser (Germany) was elected as LO FAO. Florent Kaiser (Germany) accepted the outcome of the election and was officially elected as Liaison Officer for FAO for 2010-2011.

- Liaison Officer for CFA

The sole candidate for LO CFA was Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark). After a vote by voting cards, Torben Lenhart (Germany) announced the result of the voting by the 25 voting parties, which was:

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark): 25

Abstain: 0

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) was elected as LO CFA. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) accepted the outcome of the election and was officially elected as Liaison Officer for CFA for 2010-2011.

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- Liaison Officer for IFISO

The sole candidate for LO IFISO was Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany). After a vote by voting cards, Torben Lenhart (Germany) announced the result of the voting by the 25 voting parties, which was:

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany): 25

Abstain: 0

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) was elected as LO IFISO. Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) accepted the outcome of the election and was officially elected as Liaison Officer for IFISO for 2010-2011.

- Liaison Officer for Alumni

The two candidates for LO Alumni were:

Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia)

Branislav Petrovic (Serbia)

After a vote by secret ballot, Torben Lenhart (Germany) announced the result of the voting by the 25 voting parties, which was:

Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia): 22

Branislav Petrovic (Serbia): 2

Abstain: 1

Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia) was elected as LO Alumni. Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia) accepted the outcome of the election and was officially elected as Liaison Officer for Alumni for 2010-2011.

- Liaison Officer for CIFOR

The three candidates for LO CIFOR were:

- Josephine Hühnert (Germany)
- Febri Febri (Indonesia)
- Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan)

After a vote by secret ballot Torben Lenhart (Germany) announced the result of the voting by the 25 voting parties, which was:

Josephine Hühnert (Germany): 3

Febri Febri (Indonesia): 3

Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan): 19

Abstain: 0

Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan) was elected as LO CIFOR. Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan) accepted the outcome of the election and was officially elected as Liaison Officer for CIFOR for 2010-2011.

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- Liaison Officer for EFI

The sole candidate for LO EFI was Ida Mikkelsen (Denmark). After a vote by voting cards, Torben Lenhart (Germany) announced the result of the voting by the 25 voting parties, which was:

Ida Mikkelsen (Denmark): 25

Abstain: 0

Ida Mikkelsen (Denmark) was elected as LO EFI. Ida Mikkelsen (Denmark) accepted the outcome of the election and was officially elected as Liaison Officer for EFI for 2010-2011.

I. Appointment of Regional Representatives (15')

Torben Lenhart (Germany) invited the assembly to propose their nominations for Regional Representatives.

- Southern Europe

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) proposed that the Southern European region will have two Regional Representatives. The representatives will be Jakob Hörl (Germany) and Sebastian Knoedler (Germany). Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. Jakob Hörl (Germany) and Sebastian Knoedler (Germany) were appointed Regional Representatives of Southern Europe for 2010-2011.

- Oceania

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) proposed Alex Slattery (Australia) to be Regional Representative of the Oceania region. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. Alex Slattery (Australia) was appointed Regional Representative of Oceania for 2010-2011.

- Southern Africa

Wouter Scheepers (South Africa) proposed Muedanyi Ramantswana (South Africa) to be Regional Representative of the Southern African region. Zeynep Avcibasi (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. Muedanyi Ramantswana (South Africa) was appointed Regional Representative of Southern Africa for 2010-2011.

- Northern America

Ashlee Tibbets (USA) proposed herself to be the Regional Representative of Northern America. Natalie Macias (USA) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. Ashlee Tibbets (USA) was appointed Regional Representative of Northern America for 2010-2011.

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- Asia

Wie Dae Hyung (Republic of Korea) proposed Amalia Anindia (Indonesia) and Ahmad Karsidi (Indonesia) to be Regional Representatives of the Asian region. Metia Lembasi (Indonesia) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. Amalia Anidia (Indonesia) and Ahmad Karsidi (Indonesia) were appointed Regional Representatives of Asia for 2010-2011.

- Northern Europe

Ida Mikkelsen (Denmark) proposed Aino Virtanen (Finland) to be Regional Representative of Northern Europe. Mikko Nivala (Finland) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. Aino Virtanen (Finland) was appointed Regional Representative of Northern Europe for 2010-2011.

- Latin America

Mikko Nivala (Finland) proposed to nominate the previous Regional Representative, **Maria Perdoma ()**, as the 2010-2011 Regional Representative of Latin America. Alex Slattery (Australia) explained the difficulties there are in this region and how the former Regional Representative was quite inactive. She further commented how a new Regional Representative could provide new creative communication methods to the position. Tero Sivonen (Finland) objected to the proposal. Mikko Nivala (Finland) proposed to have an open call for a new Regional Representative of Latin America on IFSA World mailing list. Tero Sivonen (Finland) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

- Northern Africa

Torben Lenhart (Germany) announced that the BoA had received a motivation letter from Adeyeye Yemi Olaonipekun (Nigeria) for the position of Northern African Regional Representative. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) read the letter.

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) proposed Adeyeye Yemi Olaonipekun (Nigeria) to be Regional Representative of Northern Africa. Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections. Adeyeye Yemi Olaonipekun (Nigeria) was appointed as Regional Representative of Northern Africa for 2010-2011.

m. Appointment of new and continuing Commissions (15')

Torben Lenhart (Germany) invited the assembly to propose new and continuing IFSA Commissions.

Wouter Scheepers (South Africa) proposed the continuation of the Language Commission. Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

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Destara Dwi Harditya (Indonesia) proposed the continuation of the Web Commission. Sebastian Knoedler (Germany) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) proposed the continuation of the Fundraising Commission. Ida Sara-Aho (Finland) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

Mikaela Berglund (Sweden) proposed the continuation of the International Processes Commission. Rama Adity Kusuma (Indonesia) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

Torben Lenhart (Germany) proposed the continuation of the Publications and Promotion Commission. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) proposed the continuation of the Exchange Program. Metia Lembasi (Indonesia) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

Florian Georg (Germany) proposed that IFSA start the Forestry Education Commission. Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) proposed that the GA approves all proposals made from the newly elected Direction and Council. Janne-Perttu Rantonen (Finland) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

Proposals were also made for the sub-commissions of the International Processes Commission.

Metia Lembasi (Indonesia) proposed the continuation of the UNFCCC sub-commission. Destara Dwi Harditya (Indonesia) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) proposed the continuation of the MCPFE sub-commission. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) proposed the continuation of the UNCBD sub-commission. Ahmad Karsidi (Indonesia) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) proposed the continuation of the UNFF sub-commission. Zeynep Avcibasi (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

n. Workshops for commissions where Heads and goals can be discussed

Different groups were formed to discuss the content, goals and the next Heads of Commissions.

o. Appointment of new and continuing Commissioners and Head of Commissions (15')

- Language

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Woutan Scheepers (South Africa) stood up and introduced himself as head of the Language Commission, as decided during the Commission workshops. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) proposed to accept Woutan Scheepers (South Africa) as Head of Language Commission. Ronnie Huang (Taiwan) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

The following people were appointed commissioners of the Language Commission for 2009-2010:

Alex Slattery (Australia)
Terhi Evinen (Finland)
Juliette Mouche (France)
Udo Zank (Germany)
Florent Kaiser (Germany)
Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany)
Takayuki Yamashita (Japan)
Min Gu Kang (Republic of Korea)
Hye-Young Kim (Republic of Korea)
Hyeonjeong Jo (Republic of Korea)
Yahi.Yuan Hsu (Taiwan)

- Web Commission

Destara Dwi Harditya (Indonesia) stood up and introduced himself as head of the Web Commission, as decided during the Commission workshops. Adi Gangga (Indonesia) proposed to accept Destara Dwi Harditya (Indonesia) as Head of Web Commission. Jakob Hörl (Germany) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

The following people were appointed commissioners of the Web Commission for 2009-2010:

Jakob Hörl (Germany)
Sebastian Knoedler (Germany)
Frauke Thorade (Germany)

- Forestry Education commission

Florian Georg (Germany) stood up and introduced himself as head of the Web Commission, as decided during the Commission workshops. Yasmine Ozturk (Turkey) proposed to accept Florian Georg as Head of Web Commission. Metial Lembasi (Indonesia) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

The following people were appointed commissioners of the Forestry Education Commission for 2009-2010:

Metia Lembasi (Indonesia)
Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany)
Florent Kaiser (Germany)
Inge van Dasselar (Netherlands)
Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark)

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Peter Gammeltoft (Denmark)
Josephine Huhnert (Germany)

- Fundraising Commission

Bibi Lotte van der Horst (Netherlands) stood up and introduced herself as head of the Fundraising Commission, as decided during the Commission workshops. Els Ton (Netherlands) proposed to accept Bibi Lotte van der Horst (Netherlands) as Head of Fundraising Commission. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

The following people were appointed commissioners of the Fundraising Commission for 2009-2010:

Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia)
Els Ton (Netherlands)
Ito Takuya (Japan)
Martin Pettersson (Sweden)
Torben Lenhart (Germany)

- International Processes Commission

Metia Lembasi (Indonesia) stood up and introduced herself as head of the International Processes Commission, as decided during the Commission workshops. Juliette Mouche (France) proposed to accept Metia Lembasi (Indonesia) as Head of International Processes Commission. Tero Sivonen (Finland) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

The following people were appointed commissioners of the International Processes Commission for 2009-2010:

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey)
Rama Aditya Kusuma (Indonesia)
Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan)
Ling-Chen Chu (Taiwan)
Zeynep Avcibasi (Turkey)
Jelena Nedeljkovic (Serbia)

- Publications and Promotion Commission

Melih Sarikaya (Turkey) stood up and introduced himself as head of the Publications and Promotion Commission, as decided during the Commission workshops. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) proposed to accept Melih Sarikaya (Turkey) as Head of Publications and Promotion Commission. Zeynep Avcibasi (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

The following people were appointed commissioners of the Publications and Promotion Commission for 2009-2010:

Torben Lenhart (Germany)
Dasom Kim (Republic of Korea)

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- Exchange Program

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) proposed to have two Heads for the Exchange Program Commission. Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) said that it is not possible to have two Heads of Commission according to the statutes.

Juta Jago (Estonia) stood up and introduced herself as head of the Exchange Program, as decided during the Commission workshops. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) proposed to accept Juta Jago as Head of Exchange Program. Adi Gangga (Indonesia) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

The following people were appointed commissioners of the Exchange Program for 2009-2010:

Anne Margarete Windler (Netherlands)

Metia Lembasi (Indonesia)

Wen-Sjue Chu (Taiwan)

- UNFCCC sub-commission

Metia Lembasi stood up and proposed **Julius Adewopo (Country????)** as head of the UNFCCC sub-commission, as decided during the Commission workshops. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

The following people were appointed commissioners of the UNFCCC sub-commission for 2009-2010:

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey)

Zeynep Avcibasi (Turkey)

Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan)

Ling-Chen Chu (Taiwan)

Rama Aditya Kusuma (Indonesia)

Ahmad Karsidi (Indonesia)

Citra Gilang Qur'aini (Indonesia)

Binsar Sihotang (Indonesia)

Febri Febri (Indonesia)

Lissy Chen (Taiwan)

- MCPFE sub-commission

Metia Lembasi (Indonesia) stood up and proposed Juliette Mouche (France) as head of the MCPFE sub-commission, as decided during the Commission workshops. Anique Hillbrand (Germany) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

- UNCBD sub-commission

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Metia Lembasi (Indonesia) stood up and proposed Meivita Navitri (Indonesia) as head of the UNCBD sub-commission, as decided during the Commission workshops. Adi Gangga (Indonesia) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

The following people were appointed commissioners of the UNCBD sub-commission for 2009-2010:

Enjang Asri (Indonesia)

Tundra Indah Agusan (Indonesia)

Yu-Tang Tsai (Taiwan)

Febri Febri (Indonesia)

Hikmar Negardero

Nizar Znikarin

Takuya Ito (Japan)

- UNFF sub-commission

Metia Lembasi (Indonesia) stood up and proposed Tololupe Daramola as head of the UNFF sub-commission, as decided during the Commission workshops. Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) seconded the proposal and there were no objections.

The following people were appointed commissioners of the UNFF sub-commission for 2009-2010:

Choririatum Nur Annisa (Indonesia)

Lina Farida Jihadah (Indonesia)

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey)

Zeynep Avcibasi (Turkey)

Lizzy Chen (Taiwan)

Florent Kaiser (Germany) congratulated all new officials.

p. Closure of 4th Plenary Session (1')

Torben Lenhart (Germany) closed the 4th Plenary Session at 11:57.

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The 5th Plenary Session

Agenda of the 5th Plenary Session

- a. Opening of 5th Plenary Session (1')
- b. Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote (5')
- c. Presentations and approval of outcomes of the Working Group Discussion (20')
- d. Statement by incoming Regional Representatives (45' = 8x5' + 5')
 - i. Asia
 - ii. Latin America
 - iii. Northern Africa
 - iv. North America
 - v. Northern Europe
 - vi. Oceania
 - vii. Southern Africa
 - viii. Southern Europe
- e. Statement by incoming Commissioners (45' = 8x5' + 5')
- f. Statement by incoming Liaison Officers
- g. Statement by incoming Council (10')
- h. Statement by incoming Direction (20')
- i. Statement by outgoing officials (20')
- j. Miscellaneous
- k. Closing of the 21st General Assembly (1')

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CHAIR: [Florent Kaiser (Germany)]
VICE CHAIR: [Alex Slattery (Australia)]
MODERATOR [Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark)]

MINUTES: [Amalia Anindia (Indonesia)]

VENUE: [Soopchewon]

TIME: *Opened:* 08:49 18th August 2010
Closed: 10:23 18th August 2010

ELECTING COMMITTEE: Sebastian Knoedler (Germany), Melih Sarikaya (Turkey), Tero Sivonen (Finland)

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a. Opening of 5th Plenary Session (1')

The 5th plenary session was opened by Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark), moderator, at 08:49.

b. Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote (5')

24 votes were present.

Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark) presented the agenda for the day. Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) proposed to add statement by incoming LO between point f and g. **Someone needs to second this, who did?**

c. Presentations and approval of outcomes of the Working Group Discussion (20')

LC Activity

Alex Slattery (Australia) presented the outcomes of the LC Activity Working Group Discussion. She said it was a fruitful workshop about activities which every LC could do.

Fundraising Working Group Discussion

Mikko Nivala (Finland) presented the outcomes of the Fundraising Working Group Discussion. He said participants were divided into 3 groups, where the discussion started by answering the question "why do LC's need money". He further commented that they also talked about how to ask for funds and what should be included within a fundraising report.

Forestry Education Working Group Discussion

Florent Kaiser (Germany) presented the outcomes of the Forestry Education Working Group Discussion.

1. Surveys:

- a. Collection of different education regimes
- b. Synthesis
- c. Contribute to the creation and evaluation of core courses and minimum standards of curricula
- d. web courses

2. Workshops and training:

- a. Field courses and excursions
- b. Create common language platform via the Language Commission
- c. Workshops on IFSA meetings: IFSS, regional meetings and thematic meetings
- d. Training platform for students within IFSA included in the FE-Commission?

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3. Information on international processes:
 - a. FPEN (Forest Policy Education Network): modification and adaptation to make FPEN more applicable within IFSA (according to short study duration of involved students)
 - i. Ideas: involve Liaison Officer and IPC-Commission by requesting monthly reports on ongoing issues, information and data and upload it on a common platform.
 - b. Write articles in related magazines (media, press)
4. Exchange and networking:
 - a. Student-student:
 - i. Open forum for all forestry students via IFSA,
 - ii. Discussions on meetings and in workshop
 - iii. Organize meetings, events and workshops: invite lectures
 - b. Student-Professional:
 - i. excursion
 - ii. internships
 - iii. joint conferences
 - iv. Professional partner exhibitions for students to better get to know the job market and the career possibilities.

LC Partnership Program

Amalia Anindia (Indonesia) presented the outcomes of the LC Partnership Program. She explained that a draft has been made for this program which includes explanations on the benefits of this program, a description of how the program works, the basic rules, and also a guideline. She further commented that there were 29 LCs interested in joining the program this year. She added that the program will be evaluated and improved at the next IFSS.

d. Statement by incoming Regional Representatives (45'= 8x5'+5')

i. Asia

The following goals were stated by Ahmad Karsidi (Indonesia) and Amalia Anindia (Indonesia):

- Scheduling a regular Regional meeting of Asian members
 - This will be done using Skype, at least once per 5 weeks, inviting representative from LCs within the Asia Region.
- Help the preparation of the second ARM

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- Keeping contact with OC in Japan
- Sharing update information to all LC in Asia
- Maintain good communication in external and internal sector.
 - Ensure good communication between IFSA7 especially councillor (External).
 - Ensure good communication between LC in Asia (Internal)
- Attract and Encourage Asia people to join IFSA
 - Approach by email, promote ARM, and assist people to establish new LC.

ii. Latin America

There was no Regional Representative for Latin America this year. There will be an open call in IFSA world and goals will be submitted once the position is filled.

iii. Northern Africa

??? Was not present in the GA, and so his goals will be collected after the IFSS and be added to the minutes.

iv. North America

The following goals were stated by Ashlee Tibbets (USA):

- Find new LCs in North America
 - Make presentation about IFSA to other North America Universities.
 - Create a partnership with other organization to encourage new members.
- Organize activities in our LC; Build a community
 - Promote IFSA at my university
 - Host an International dinner (Including dishes from 10 different nationalities)
 - Set up a general IFSA promotional display to inform and create interest.
- Find new members to join the LC in our university to build a true work team
 - This will be done by activities and meetings
- Continue positive communication with IFSA 7 and other Regional Representatives in order to share ideas and thoughts. We will use a combination of emails and Skype technologies
- Control the budget, search for local and regional fundraising.
- Update contact details of current LC in North America.

v. Northern Europe

The following goals were stated by Aino Virtanen (Finland):

- Keep in contact with IFSA 7, other RRs and Head of Commissions
 - Keep in contact by email
 - Share information

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- Update and maintain contact with current LCs and deal information about happenings of the region
 - Gather existing information from previous RR.
- To find new LCs and re-activate the old ones.
 - Promote IFSA to universities that are not yet members
- To participate IFSA meetings and events personally.
- Improve myself

vi. Oceania

The following goals were stated by Alex Slattery (Australia):

- Improve communication in the area
 - Contact New Zealand, Australia, Papua New Guinea, and any other countries that have forestry education to encourage the number of LC in the Region.
 - Make contact with the university and the existing LCs in the region.
 - If possible, visit universities to promote IFSA, such as New Zealand to promote IFSA.
 - Follow up Melissa Gordon, contact from the last RR.
- Collaborate with IFA (Institute of Foresters of Australia) to encourage more students to be involved in IFSA activities.
 - Present IFSA to IFA
 - Promote IFA activity
- Seek external funding for IFSA activities within the region.
 - Inform myself about possible grants for these activities and apply for them.
- Organize and IFSA gathering in the region.
 - If possible, make this a regional meeting that is low key and lots of fun.
 - Send at least 3 students from the region to IFSS 2011.

vii. Southern Africa

The following goals were stated by Muedanyi Ramantswana (South Africa):

- Identify universities that deal with forestry and inform them about IFSA → Head of Department
 - E.g. University of Hwazulu Nel, Fort Cox University, University of Verda.
- Identify specific countries and inform them about IFSA
 - E.g. Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Lesotho, Zambia
- Strengthen the relationship between neighbour LC
 - Have meetings for a couple of days or two
- Contact the previous RR
 - Get more information and consult if problems occurred.
- Keep in contact regarding to program in relation to the newly established LC partnership.

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- Basic duties
 - Check email
 - Work with council

viii. Southern Europe

The following goals were stated by Jakob Hörl (Germany) and Sebastian Knoedler (Germany):

- Improve communication with IFSA and IFSA7
- Contact former RRs to get a detailed list of contact information
- Analyse new possible communication
- Attend at major regional meetings
- Pushing next SERM more west
- Fulfil the job as described in the statutes

e. Statement by incoming Commissioners (45' = 8x5'+5')

- Fundraising Commission

The following goals were stated by Bibi Lotte van der Horst (Netherlands):

- Translate the sponsor letter to as many languages as possible. We need to translate it at least into French, Spanish, Chinese and German.
- Those in the Fundraising Commission will translate into their native language
- Involve local committees to contact regional companies
- Send at least 400 emails in total to companies and universities
- Cooperate together with the language and P&P commission
- Toward the end of the year, we will concentrate our efforts on raising money for the IFSA development fund

- Publications and Promotions Commission

The following goals were stated by Melih Sarikaya (Turkey):

- New T-shirt designing for LC if they want them from PP commission
- New IFSA information posters for LC
 - Language commission could help to translate to the LC's language
- New notebooks designing for IFSA meeting (IFSS, SERM, NERM, etc)
- Contact all LC commissions and officials for IFSA news.
 - Learning what they are doing, planning, etc.
- Plan max. 6 IFSA news in the IFSA year
 - Use Photoshop pc program for IFSA news.

- Language Commission

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The following goals were stated by Wouter Scheepers (South Africa):

- Provide assistance with intercultural communication issues – thereby promoting IFSA.
 - Translation of e.g. Application forms from one language to another.
- Translation of documents into as many language as possible
 - If available, find new commissioners
- Aid the P&P and Fundraising commission as well as other commission with proof reading and translation of IFSA official documents into preferred languages.
- Translate the Wikipedia page into more languages (currently 3 languages)
 - Communicate and help web commission
- Provide a speedy yet a professional service
 - Continuous communication with commissioners

- Web Commission

The following goals were stated by Destara Dwi Hardhitya (Indonesia):

- Maintain IFSA's website
- Maintain IFSA's forum
- Support the forestry education project website
- Spread information related to IFSA website to other non IFSA member institutions.

- Exchange Program

The following goals were stated by Juta Jago (Estonia):

- More internship in the Northern Europe
 - Search and contact companion organizations
- Good contact and motivation with commissioners to get more internships all over the world
 - Have a meeting 2 times a month
- Update new information immediately on web and IFSA world.
 - Update information the same day when received.

- Forestry Education Commission

The following goals were stated by Florian Georg (Germany):

- Create a vision for the Forestry Education Commission
 - Gather inputs from IFSA world
- Follow up the GAPFE
 - It could be helped by the comment on the GAPFE presentation at IUFRO World Congress
- Finding training system for IFSA students.

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- Working closely together with IFISO and IPC.
- Compile a study course database within IFSA
 - Create a survey
- International Processes Commission

The following goals were stated by Metia Febrita Putri Lembasi (Indonesia):

- Keep IFSA members updated about what happens among international processes and inform the upcoming professional partners events
- Maintain communication among Head of IPC sub commissions and commissioner
- Assist head of sub commission in preparing delegations to meeting and conferences
- Continue the communication between IFSA and professional partners that have been done by the former head of IPC.
- UNFCCC sub-commission

Julius Adewopo (???) was not present during the GA, and so his goals will be collected after the IFSS and added to the minutes.

- MCPFE sub-commission

The following goals were stated by Juliette Mouche (France):

- Getting students interested and making the information available
 - Inform myself on the MCPFE webpage
 - Making presentation for European by reaching all European LCs through the RR.
 - Using the IFSA forum and world mailing list.
- Establish a real link between IFSA and MCPFE
 - Get contact person with MCPFE
 - Attend IPC Skype meetings
 - Keep in touch with other sub heads
- Encouraging students to participate in MCPFE event
 - Attend small meetings and workshops that take place in different cities in Europe.
 - Forming a delegation for the conference in Oslo (Norway) from 14th – 16th of June 2011
 - Creating a meeting point
 - Contact the LC in Oslo
- Preparing the delegations by getting information about protected forests in Europe.
- UNCBD sub-commission

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Meivita Navitri (Indonesia) was not present in the GA, and so her goals will be collected after the IFSS.

- UNFF sub-commission

Tolulope Daramola (???) was not present in the GA, and so his goals will be collected after the IFSS.

f. Statement by incoming Liaison Officers

- Alumni

The following goals were stated by Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia):

- Update the already existing contact list of alumni
 - Contact all alumni already on the list
 - Contact participants of different IFSA meeting and ask them if they want to join the alumni network
- Promote the possibility to support IFSA
 - Inform them about the need of help via e-mail
- Keep in touch with IFSA7
 - Inform them about ideas and progress with alumni

- CIFOR

The following goals were stated by Tsai Yu Tang (Taiwan):

- Keep contact between IFSA and CIFOR
 - Know some people in CIFOR and get contact
 - Keep contact with IFSA7 and other officials
- Create cooperation between CIFOR and IFSA
 - Arrange MoU between CIFOR and IFSA
 - Try to find some internships in CIFOR
- Promote CIFOR within IFSA
 - Forward CIFOR newsletter and advertisements to IFSA World
 - Encourage IFSA students to join CIFOR events.

- EFI

The following goals were stated by Ida Mikkelsen (Denmark):

- Make more students aware of EFI, and help them attending congress
 - Informing students where and when something is going on and helping them if necessary.
- Have Skype meetings with the other Los to motivate each other and exchange experience.
 - Taking contact to other Los

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- Have a good contact IFSA and EFI
 - Reporting to EFI what's going on in IFSA and the other way around.
- Attend the EFI annual conference and IFSA meetings.

- FAO

The following goals were stated by Florent Kaiser (Germany):

1. Discussion on IUFRO World Congress and Committee on Forestry to follow up discussion with interested professionals within the FAO.
2. Find one or several new focal points within the FAO, according to the needs of IFSA and the FAO. Further discussion and inquiry may be invested to find the best solution.
3. Find possibilities on how to let IFSA and forestry students through IFSA benefit from the partnership: internships, funding, attending of conferences.
4. Focus globally: make FAO projects, workshops, conference and offices (headquarter+ regional and national offices) worldwide reachable for IFSA students.
5. Communication within IFSA:
 - a. Closely collaborate with other Liaison Officers and the IFSA president, i.e. via Liaison Officer Skype meetings

- IFISO

The following goals were stated by Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany):

- Let IFSA students know about the opportunities provided through IFISO
 - Forward information about IFISO Events and activities to IFSA world
 - Encourage IFSA students to participate in those events
 - Inform IFSA7 regularly about everything that's going on.
 - Try to participate in IFISO meetings myself
- Start to establish a training system within IFSA
 - Working closely together with Forestry Education commission
 - Inform IFSA students especially the officials about trainings organized by other students organizations
 - Send interested and motivated students to TNT seminars
 - Get ideas and input from other students organizations which has already experienced on training systems
- Exchange opinions about new and ongoing practice within IFSA and IFISO
 - Keep regular contact with IFISO member and other students organizations
 - Keep contact to IFSA7 and officials to give them the input from IFISO
 - Focus on projects related to fundraising and trainings

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- Encourage joint events and activities from different students organizations

- IUFRO

The following goals were stated by Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey):

- Be vocal point between IUFRO and IFSA in both ways
 - Forwarding information and looking for new opportunities all the year
 - Attend IUFRO meetings
- Adapt communication to both sides
 - Explain to IUFRO the needs and help of students
 - Explain to IFSA the needs and way of how a professional organization (such as IUFRO) is functioning
- Forwarding information in both ways
 - IUFRO to IFSA and IFSA to IUFRO, such as newsletters, important projects and opportunities
 - To inform IFSA 7 about all project, information about IFSA and IUFRO

- CFA

The following goals were stated by Eva Ortvald Erichsen (Denmark):

- Sustain and improve the CFA – IFSA relationship
 - Introduce myself to both IFSA and CFA
 - Familiarize myself with CFA
 - Regular communication
- Spread information among IFSA students about CFA
 - Encourage IFSA students to take part in CFA activity that may come up
 - Make sure reports form IFSA activities have been passed out or will be shared with IFSA world
- Work towards better contact between IFSA 2011
 - Help by setting up Skype meetings
 - Share challenges and motivation with other LCs

g. Statement by incoming Council (10')

The following goals were stated by Martin Kong (Germany), Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) , and Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia):

- To be on contact with all RRs and IFSA officials
- Ensure that contact details are updated and enhance communications between the direction and regions and also with responsible commissions
- Contribute in receiving the EU grant

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- Assist upcoming new member in successful application
 - Updating the application form
- To ensure that statutes and law of IFSA are followed with IFSA.

The regional responsibility will be divided amongst councillors are as follows:

Martin Kong (Germany): Northern Europe, North America

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) : Southern Europe, Southern Africa, Southern America

Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia): Asia, Oceania, Northern Africa

The following commission responsibility will be divided as follows:

Martin Kong (Germany): Exchange program, Publication and Promotion, and Web Commission

Fahriye Yağmur Bütün (Turkey) : Language, and Fundraising Commission

Yusuf Bahtimi (Indonesia): Forestry Education and IPC Commission

g. Statement by incoming Direction (20')

- President

The following goals were stated by Cathrine Steffy Pater (Denmark):

- Fulfil the job as president according to the strategy and statutes
- Maintain and strengthen the contact with professional partners and representing and promoting IFSA at International meetings
- To continue working on ongoing projects started in previous year; developing the FE commission, new training system, new funding, also initiate and facilitate new projects and ideas started within IFSA
- Work closely together with IFSA7 team and with other officials
 - The need of trying new ways of funding; work closely with the treasurer and fundraising commission
 - Re-new the strategy before the end of this IFSA year
- Facilitate the needs of IFSA work in the different region
 - Work closely together with other officials in establishing and strengthening contacts in region of Africa, South America and some parts of Asia.
 - Maintain and develop the work in Asia, Europe and North America.

- Vice-President

The following goals were stated by Ping-Lian Wu (Taiwan):

- Maintain good communication between IFSA7
 - Forward IFSA internal progress to President
 - Attending IFSA7 Skype meeting
- Motivate, encourage, and contact officials efficiently
 - Update officials mailing list and forward information to officials

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- Announce information for IFSA officials through IFSA world
 - Announce 3 progress report, 1 annual report, IFSA7 newsletter and other official publication on time.
 - Collect progress report from officials and outline details in progress reports
 - Announce upcoming IFSA event through IFSA7 newsletter
 - Create IFSA7 newsletter feedback sheet to forward comments for IFSA officials
 - Cooperate with P&P, Fundraising, and other commissions to produce IFSA Promotion materials
 - Sell IFSA promotion materials in 39th IFSS and other IFSA events as one of the income for IFSA
 - Fulfil the vice president job as it is written in strategy and statutes
- Treasurer

The following goals were stated by Mikko Nivala (Finland):

- To fulfil the treasurer work as its mentioned in the statutes, strategy and job description
 - Get the EU grant and find some new fund possibilities for IFSA cooperating with fundraising commission
 - Work and maintain good communication with IFSA7 and be an active and supporting team member
- Executive Secretary

Torge (Germany) was not present during the GA, and so his goals will be collected after the IFSS.

h. Statement by outgoing officials (20')

Florent Kaiser (Germany) on behalf of all officials thanked the IFSA community for their trust and support. He thanked all officials for their motivation and dedication to a voluntary network, all professional partners, IFSA7 for all the joyful, happy, and funny moments, times in Skype meetings, other meetings, conferences and IFSA7 meetings. Florent Kaiser (Germany) said that they've also been through very difficult times in IFSA7, and thanked the team for their continual support with working matters and also personally as friends. He further commented that it has been an amazing time (he said he is shedding a sparkle of a tear). Alex Slattery (Australia) thanked her mum and dad!

i. Miscellaneous

Ashlee Tibbets (USA) requested permission to be in the Fundraising Commission. Dan Burgar Kuzelicki (Slovenia) expressed an interest to be part of the Exchange Program. Ping Lian Wu (Taiwan) thanked all the officials for all the support. Florent Kaiser (Germany) said goodbye to the GA for the next two days of IFSS as he is going to be at the IUFRO board meeting with Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey).

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Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) proposed to open another session for the appointment of new Consulting Members. Sebastian Knoedler (Germany) second the proposal and there were no objections. Jennifer Schuchmann (Germany) proposed Michael Rivoire (France) to be a Consulting Member. Tero Sivonen (Finland) second the proposal and there were no objections. Florent Kaiser (Germany) said a few words about Michael Rivoire (France), his work and contribution to IFSA.

Yasemin Öztürk (Turkey) commended the work of the immediate past IFSA 7. She commented that this GA was the first time she felt really engaged and excited in the past three years.

j. Closing of the 19th General Assembly (1')

Florent Kaiser (Germany) closed the 21st GA at 10:23.