

Minutes of the 18th General Assembly of the International Forestry Students' Association

South Africa 2007

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Minutes of the 1st Plenary Session

CHAIR: Susan Edda Seehusen

CHAIR'S ASSISTANT: Geoffrey Roberts

MINUTES: Elspeth Coker

VENUE: Saasveld Campus, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, George

TIME: *Opened* 14.45pm 26th June 2007
Closed 18.00pm 26th June 2007

ELECTION COMMITTEE: Geoffrey Kay, Christian Jürgensen, Lucky Sibambo

1.1. Opening of 18th General Assembly (GA)

The 1st plenary session was opened by Susan Edda Seehusen (President 2006-2007) at 14.45pm.

1.2. Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote

20 voting parties were present.

1.3. Appointment of the Board of Assembly

Joseph Henry (Australia) proposed Susan Edda Seehusen (President 2006-2007, Germany) be appointed chair of the Board of Assembly (hereafter BoA) and Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) be appointed chair's assistant for the 18th General Assembly, Australia. Pavlina Simkova (Czech Republic) seconded the motion. There were no objections so Susan was duly appointed BoA chair for the 18th GA.

1.3.1. Appointment of Keepers of the Minutes

Joseph Henry (Australia) suggested that Elspeth Coker (Australia) be appointed Keeper of the Minutes. Proposed by Joseph Henry (Australia) and seconded by Pavlina Simkova (Czech Republic). The suggestion was unopposed. Elspeth Coker was therefore duly appointed.

1.4. Approval of Agenda of 18th GA

Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) explains some minor changes to the year dates in the agenda presented in the GA Survival Guide.

Kate Lancaster (Australia) proposes that the agenda of the 18th General Assembly be approved. Geoffrey Kay (Australia) seconded this proposal, no objections were raised and the agenda was duly approved.

1.5. Approval of the minutes of the 17th GA held in Australia

Minutes of the 17th GA held in Australia are found in the annual report and have been made available to all ordinary members.

Pavlina Simkova (Czech Republic) proposed that the minutes of the 17th GA be approved. Geoffrey Kay (Australia) seconded this proposal. There were no objections and the minutes of the 16th GA were duly approved.

1.6. Presentation of report from Council for the year

Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) and Chavdar Zhelev (Bulgaria) (Councillors 2006-2007) presented a report on the activities of the Council during the IFSA year. Including: Geoffrey and Chavdar attended the Interim in January, difficulties in communication with Regional Representatives, Geoff worked with and provided support to the Fundraising commission, Geoff provided support for Susan and Elspeth, Geoff worked with IUFRO to get a guaranteed position in IUFRO sec each year, updated website, progress of applications for IFSA membership and members were approved.

Pavlina Simkova (Czech Republic) proposes that the report of the Council be accepted, seconded by Mathieu Levesque (Canada). No more comments or objections on the report of the Council were raised and the Council report was duly approved.

1.6.1. Adoption of new members approved by Council 2006-2007

Country	Local Committee
Australia	School of Natural and Rural Systems Management
Venezuela	Avecifa: Asociacion Venezolana de Estudiantes de ciencias Forestalesy Ambientales
Czech Republic	MOST - MEZIOBOROVÁ ORGANIZACE SUDENTŮ
Germany	IFSA-Rottenburg
Bulgaria	SCEP - Student Club for Environmental Protection
Bosnia and Herzegovina	SFSA - SARAJEVO FORESTRY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Macedonia	DREN - Zdruzenie na studenti na Sumarski Fakultet
Iceland	FAD - Forest Association Dafnar

Joseph Henry (Australia) proposes we adopt the new members approved by Council in the year 2006-2007, seconded by Pille Aasamets (Estonia), no objections so the new members are approved.

1.6.2. Information on expelled members

Geoff and Chavdar explained that there were no expelled members this year.

1.7. Presentation of Local Committee reports

A selection of delegates presented Local Committee reports.

Kristi Parro (Estonia) gives a brief report on activities of Estonian Forestry Students Association in Tartu over the last year.

Adrian Valerius (Germany) gives a brief report on activities of Freiburg's local committee in Germany over the last year.

Sylvain Dupire (France) gives a brief report on the activities of Nancy's local committee in France over the last year.

1.8. Presentation of report from Executive Secretary for the year 2006-2007

Joseph Schulte (Executive Secretary 2006-2007, Germany) presented his report to the assembly including a brief explanation of the duties of the Executive Secretary. This is found in the annual report.

Pavlina Simkova (Czech Republic) proposes that we accept the report of the Executive Secretary, seconded by Margus Paesalu (Estonia). There were no objections so the proposal is duly accepted.

1.9. Presentation and approval of report from Treasurer for the year 2006-2007

Susan Edda Seehusen suggests that we postpone the Treasurer's report for the 2nd General Assembly. Paul Arnold (Treasurer 2006-2007, UK) is not present at the symposium and the IFSA 7 will consult with him before this General Assembly.

Kate Lancaster (Australia) proposes that we postpone the Treasurer's report for the 2nd General Assembly, seconded by Pavlina Simkova (Czech Republic).

1.10. Presentation of reports from Regional Representatives for the year 2006-2007

1.10.1. Asia

In the absence of the Regional Representative for Asia, the Council gave the Regional report, through Chavdar Zhelev (Bulgaria).

Pavlina Simkova (Czech Republic) proposes to accept this Regional Representative report, seconded by Eveliina Varis (Finland). There were no objections so the proposal was duly accepted.

1.10.2. Latin America

Ricardo Tolosa (Chile) presented the Regional report of Latin America on behalf of Laura Quevedo (Paraguay).

Franz Klingler (Germany) proposes to accept this Regional Representative report, seconded by John Eggers (South Africa). There were no objections so the proposal was duly accepted.

1.10.3. Northern Africa

In the absence of the Regional Representative for Northern Africa, the Council gave the Regional report, through Chavdar Zhelev (Bulgaria).

Eveliina Varis (Finland) proposes to accept this Regional Representative report, seconded by Franz Klingler (Germany). There were no objections so the proposal was duly accepted.

Ammendment to General Assembly Agenda

Pille Aasamets (Estonia) proposes that the presentation of Liaison Officer be added to the GA agenda, Pavlina Simkova (Czech Republic) seconded this notion.

*****15-minute recess at 1600**

Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote

20 voting parties were present.

1.10.4. North America

Mathieu Levesque (Canada) presented the report for North America.

Joseph Henry (Australia) proposes to accept this Regional Representative report, seconded by Branislav Petrovic (Serbia). There were no objections so the proposal was duly accepted.

1.10.5. Northern Europe

Christian Jürgensen (Denmark) presented the Regional report for Northern Europe.

Olga Pentelkina (Russia) proposes to accept this Regional Representative report, seconded by Suvi Niemi (Finland). There were no objections so the proposal was duly accepted.

1.10.6. Oceania

Joseph Henry (Australia) presented the regional report for Oceania.

Geoffrey Kay (Australia) proposes to accept this Regional Representative report, seconded by Melanie Dyne (Australia). There were no objections so the proposal was duly accepted.

1.10.7. Southern Africa

Jurgen Reinstorf (South Africa) presented the Regional report for Southern Africa.

Pille Aasamets (Estonia) proposes to accept this Regional Representative report, seconded by Margus Paesalu (Estonia). There were no objections so the proposal was duly accepted.

1.10.8. Southern Europe

Simone Torrini (Italy) presented the regional report for Southern Europe.

Margus Paesalu (Estonia) proposes to accept this Regional Representative report, seconded by Eero Turpeinen (Finland). There were no objections so the proposal was duly accepted.

1.11. Presentation of reports from Commissions

1.11.1. Exchange Programme (EP)

Chavdar Zhelev (Bulgaria) presented the report of the E.P. Commission on behalf of Lieneke Bakker (Netherlands).

Michelle Freeman (Australia) proposes to accept this commission's report, seconded by Melanie Dyne (Australia). There were no objections so the proposal was duly accepted.

1.11.2. Fundraising

Pille Aasamets (Estonia) presented the report of the Fundraising Commission.

Franz Klingler (Germany) proposes to accept this commission's report, seconded by Adrian Valerius (Germany). There were no objections so the proposal was duly accepted.

1.11.3. Language

Chavdar Zhelev (Bulgaria) presented the report for the Language Commission on behalf of Michel Desy (Canada).

Joseph Schulte (Germany) translated reports with Adrian Valerius (Germany). Joseph suggests that a German person should be selected to translate these documents. These documents are required for IFSA to be recognised as a non-profit organisation. The reports need to be written in German.

Kate Lancaster (Australia) proposes that Joseph's suggestion be added to the annual report for the language commission, seconded by Eero Turpeinen (Finland).

1.11.4. Non Timber Forest Products

This commission was not active for the IFSA year 2006-2007. No report was given for this commission.

1.11.5. Publications and Promotions

Chavdar Zhelev (Bulgaria) presented the report for the Publications and Promotions Commission on behalf of Alexander von Versen (Germany) and Nicolas Wittman (Germany).

Franz Klingler (Germany) proposes that Joseph's suggestion be added to the annual report for the language commission, seconded by Pille Aasamets (Estonia).

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1.11.6. International Processes Commission (IPC)

Joseph Henry (Australia) gave the main report for this commission on behalf of Jenny Olssen (Sweden), including additional information on the sub commissions on UNFF participation.

Sofie Blanchart (France) suggests that Joseph Henry's report on UNFF be added to the annual report for the IPC commission, seconded by Pille Aasamets (Estonia).

Lambok Punguan Sagala (Indonesia) presented the activities of the students in the UNFF for Country Led Initiative.

Joseph Henry (Germany) proposes that the addition of the CLI report to the annual report be accepted, seconded by Olga Pentelkina (Russia).

Joseph Henry (Australia) proposes that the annual report for the IPC commission be accepted, seconded by Melanie Dyne (Australia).

1.11.7. Web

Kate Lancaster (Australia) presented the report for the Web Commission.

Geoffrey Kay (Australia) proposes that the annual report for the Web commission be accepted, seconded by Pille Aasamets (Estonia).

1.11.8. Village Concept Project (VCP)

Geoffrey Kay (Australia) presented the report for the VCP.

Kate Lancaster (Australia) proposes that the annual report for the VCP commission be accepted, seconded by Pavlina Simkova (Czech Republic).

1.12. Presentation of reports from Liaison Officers

1.12.1. Commonwealth Forestry Association

Michelle Freeman (Australia) presented the report for the Commonwealth Forestry Association.

Margus Paesalu (Estonia) proposes that the annual report for the Commonwealth Forestry Association be accepted, seconded by Pille Aasamets (Estonia).

1.12.2. International Union of Forestry Research Organization (IUFRO)

Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) presented the report for the IUFRO on behalf of Wilrieke Uiterweerd (Netherlands).

Geoffrey Kay (Australia) proposes that the annual report for the IUFRO be accepted, seconded by Suvi Niemi (Finland).

1.13. Presentation of report from Vice President

Elsbeth Coker (Vice President 2006-2007, Australia) gave the Vice-Presidential report. The report discussed the activities of the Vice President throughout the year.

Margus Paesalu (Estonia) proposes that we accept the report of the Vice President and is seconded by Joseph Henry (Australia). There are no objections so the report is duly accepted.

1.14. Presentation of report from President

Susan Edda Seehusen (President 2006-2007, Brazil) gave the Presidential report. The report discussed the activities of the President throughout the year.

Geoffrey Kay (Australia) proposes that we accept the report of the President and Pille Aasamets (Estonia) seconds the proposal. There are no objections so the report is duly accepted.

1.15. Call for candidature for new IFSA officials and explanation of election procedures

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) made a call for new officials and advised the assembly of the electoral procedures. The assembly was also advised of the appointment processes for Regional Representatives.

1.16. Call for candidature for IFSS 2009 and explanation of the procedure

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) made a call for candidature for the 2009 IFSS and explained the procedure for election and requirements.

Pavlina Simkova (Czech Republic) suggested that the Czech Republic would like to host IFSS 2009.

1.17. Presentation of IFSA activities August 2006-June 2007

Chavdar Zhelev (Bulgaria) and Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) made a presentation.

1.18. Closure of 1st Plenary Session

The 1st plenary session was closed by Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) at 18.00 pm.

The 2nd Plenary Session

2. Agenda of the 2nd Plenary Session

- 2.1 Opening of 2nd Plenary Session
- 2.2 Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote
- 2.3 Presentation of the Council's note on the Annual Report and Financial Report
- 2.4 Approval of Financial Report 2006-2007
- 2.5 Approval of the Annual Report 2006-2007
- 2.6 Presentation by the Organising Committee of the IFSS 2008 in Bulgaria
- 2.7 Candidature for and election of host country of the IFSS 2009
- 2.8 Call for candidature for IFSA officials
- 2.9 Introduction on how to propose a new commission
- 2.10 Introduction on the appointment of honorary and consulting members
- 2.11 Introduction to the working group discussion
- 2.12 Closure of 2nd Plenary Session

Minutes of the 2nd Plenary Session

CHAIR: Susan Edda Seehusen

CHAIR'S ASSISTANT: Geoffrey Roberts

MINUTES: Elspeth Coker

VENUE: Saasveld Campus, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, George

TIME: *Opened* 14:25pm, 28th June 2007
Closed 16.25pm, 28th June 2007

ELECTION COMMITTEE: Geoffrey Kay, Christian Jürgensen, Lucky Sibambo

2.1 Opening of 2nd plenary session

The 2nd plenary session was opened by Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) at 14:25pm.

2.2 Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote

22 voting members were present.

2.3 Presentation of the Financial Report

Christian Jürgensen (Denmark) proposes that due to technical difficulties the financial Report could not be presented and will be presented in the next General Assembly, seconded by Pavlina Simkova (Czech Republic).

2.4 Presentation of the Council's note on the Annual Report and Financial Report

Christian Jürgensen (Denmark) proposes that due to technical difficulties the financial Report could not be presented by the Council and will be presented in the next General Assembly, seconded by Pavlina Simkova (Czech Republic).

2.5 Presentation by the Organising Committee of IFSS 2009 in Bulgaria

Chavdar Zhelev (Bulgaria) gave a presentation on the plans and progress of the organisation of the 2009 IFSS being run by University of Forestry (Bulgaria). The assembly was informed of the general aspects of Bulgarian forests, contact details, organising team, expected participating countries, participation fee, the expected tour outline and dates of the symposium between 15 July and 15 August 2009.

2.6 Candidature for and election of host country for IFSS 2009

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) invited candidates for the host country of IFSS 2009.

Choiriatun Nur Annisa (Indonesia) proposed that Indonesia host IFSS 2009.

Pavlina Simkova and Jan Hradil (Czech Republic) made a presentation suggesting that Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry, Brno, Czech Republic would like to host the IFSS in 2010. The assembly was informed of the expected tour outline participation fee, proposed dates September 2-18, proposed theme 'Forestry challenges – problems – solutions'.

Lambok Punguan Sagala and Choiriatun Nur Annisa (Indonesia) made a presentation suggesting that Indonesia would like to host the IFSS in 2010. The assembly was informed of the expected tour outline and proposed theme 'Nature and Culture', proposed dates July – August, no travel details currently.

22 voting cards present.

Number of votes for Czech Republic: 7

Number of votes for Indonesia: 14

Number of votes that abstain: 1

Indonesia will host IFSS 2009.

2.7 Call for candidature for IFSA officials

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) called for candidatures for the official positions.

Eveliina Varis (Finland) nominates herself for the position of Northern European Regional Representative.

Michelle Freeman (Australia) nominates herself for the position of Commonwealth Forestry Association Liaison Officer.

Elsbeth Coker (Australia) on behalf of Patience Mayaki-Benson (Northern Africa) nominates her for the position of Northern African Regional Representative.

Lucky Sibambo (South Africa) nominates himself for the position of Southern African Regional Representative.

Lambok Punguan Sagala (Indonesia) nominates himself for the position of Asia Regional Representative.

Pamela Cardemil Saavedra (Chile) nominates herself for the position of Latin American Regional Representative.

Ilse Botman (South Africa) nominates herself for the position of Southern Africa Regional Representative

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) on behalf of Wilrieke Uiterweerd (Netherlands) nominates her for the position of IUFRO Liaison Officer.

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) reminded the assembly that nominations for candidates could be made at the next plenary session, and continued with the agenda.

2.8 Introduction on how to propose a new commission

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) explained the procedures necessary for establishing a new commission.

2.9 Introduction on the appointment of honorary and consulting members

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) explained the necessary procedures for appointing Honorary members and Consulting members.

2.10 Introduction to the Working Group discussion

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) announced that the first part of this discussion will include a presentation about IFSA tools; FPEN website, Alumni network and the Web Forum. Sylvain Dupire (France) and Kristi Parro (Estonia) would lead a working group on running Local Committees and Organising International Events, Susan gives a brief introduction to the topic; Pille Aasamets (Estonia) and Joseph Henry (Australia) would lead a working group on Fundraising, Susan gives a brief introduction to the topic; and Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) and Elspeth Coker (Australia) would lead a working group on IFSA feedback, Susan gives a brief introduction to the topic.

2.11 Presentation of the Financial Report

Due to persistent technical problems, the General Assembly was unable to contact the IFSA Treasurer, Paul Arnold via Skype. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) proposes that the Financial Report be presented in the 3rd General Assembly. Geoffrey Kay (Australia) proposed that the Financial Report be presented in the 3rd General Assembly, seconded by Joseph Henry (Australia).

2.12 Closure of 2nd Plenary Session

The session was closed by Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) at 16:25pm.

The 3rd Plenary Session

3. Agenda of the 3rd Plenary Session

- 3.1. Opening of 3rd Plenary Session
- 3.2. Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote
- 3.3. Presentation and approval of proposed statute changes
- 3.4. Call for candidature for IFSA officials
- 3.5. Presentation of Financial Report
- 3.6. Approval of the Financial Report and 2006-2007 budget
- 3.7. Approval of the Annual Report
- 3.8. Call for candidature for IFSA officials
- 3.9. Vetting for candidates for Direction
 - 3.9.1. President
 - 3.9.2. Vice President
 - 3.9.3. Treasurer
 - 3.9.4. Executive Secretary
- 3.10. Vetting for candidates for Council
- 3.11. Vetting for candidates for Liaison Officer
- 3.12. Discussion of proposed commissions
- 3.13. Closure of 3rd Plenary Session

Minutes of the 3rd Plenary Session

CHAIR: Susan Edda Seehusen
CHAIR'S ASSISTANT: Geoffrey Roberts

MINUTES: Elspeth Coker

VENUE: Pietermaritzburg

TIME: *Opened* 17:15pm 3rd July 2007
Adjourned 18:15pm 3rd July 2007
Re-convened 19.40pm 3rd July 2007
Closed 21.51pm 3rd July 2007

ELECTION COMMITTEE: Geoffrey Kay, Christian Jürgensen, Lucky Sibambo

3.1 Opening of 3rd Plenary Session

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) opened the 3rd Plenary Session at 17:15pm.

3.2 Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote

22 voting parties were present.

3.3 Presentation and approval of proposed statute changes

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Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) presents the proposed statute changes. The first change proposed is with regards to the membership fee payment. Susan invites comments and discussion from the GA. The proposed change is shown in italics in the excerpt below:

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Decrees

These Decrees are to realise, complement and explain the Statutes of IFSA.
(Numbering in accordance with the articles of the Statutes.)

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B. Membership

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Membership fees

- (6.2)** Annual membership fees and contributions of minimum value have to be paid in advance of the respective year of membership and amount to
- (a) an annual membership fee of 25 EURO for ordinary members from Least Developed Countries (LDCs), *Low Income Countries (LICs) and Lower Middle Income Countries (LMICs)*, ~~95 100~~ EURO for ordinary members from OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) Countries and 50 EURO for Other Countries. LDC's and Other Countries are offered their first year of membership for free. Upon a well-founded request the Direction can reduce this fee for individual members.
 - (b) an annual membership fee of 25 EURO for associate members from LDCs, 75 EURO for associate members from OECD countries and 40 EURO for associate members from Other Countries. Upon a well-founded request the Direction can reduce this fee for individual members.
 - (c) minimum annual contribution of 30 EURO for supporting members.

Discussion

Pavlina Simkova (Czech Republic) asks who the countries are. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) explains that they are defined according to the UN. They're the countries with yearly per capita income \$600 per year. She gave some examples of countries, Bolivia, Columbia, Ghana (considered a least developed country with yearly per capita income less than \$600 per year)

Jarod Dashwood (Australia) asks how many countries would get the lesser fee. Geoff Roberts (Australia) replies that three countries of IFSA would get the lesser fee. Jarod concerned that IFSA would be affected by receiving a smaller amount of money from memberships. Geoff explained that unless there was massive reduction in membership to IFSA, the impact would be minimal. Susan explains that countries that would like to be part of IFSA are becoming expelled, for example Ghana was expelled and Susan explained that it would therefore not be a loss. Jarod suggests than that to cover the losses of income in membership fees, the increase of the membership fees of the OECD countries should be 10 euros instead of 5. Jarod Dashwood (Australia) proposes that it becomes 10 euros instead of 5, seconded by Peruva Torstensson (Sweden).

Coming back to the issue of the membership fee from LDCs, LICs and LMICs Rebecca Baning-Darko (Ghana) suggests that 25 euros is appropriate. Jeppe Baden (Denmark) asks about LICs and LMICs. Michelle Freeman (Australia) suggests: "LDCs, LICs, LMICs and other countries will be offered their first year of membership for free.....". Jarod Dashwood (Australia) asks whether this will apply each time a country is expelled. Geoff Roberts (Australia) explain that each time a country is expelled and then applies again that their first year of membership will be free. Kate Lancaster (Australia) asks whether

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the words: 'and other countries' are necessary. Geoff Roberts (Australia) explained that this is necessary because non OECD countries have not been defined.

The discussion ends with the suggestion about membership fees as follows:

25 Euros: LDCs, LICs and LMICs.

105 Euros: OECD countries

50 Euros: other countries

The accepted amended statutes were:

Membership fees

- (6.2) Annual membership fees and contributions of minimum value have to be paid in advance of the respective year of membership and amount to
- (a) an annual membership fee of 25 EURO for ordinary members from Least Developed Countries (LDCs), *Low Income Countries (LICs) and Lower Middle Income Countries (LMICs)*, 105 EURO for ordinary members from OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) Countries and 50 EURO for Other Countries. LDC's, *LICs, LMICs* and Other Countries are offered their first year of membership for free. Upon a well-founded request the Direction can reduce this fee for individual members.
 - (b) an annual membership fee of 25 EURO for associate members from LDCs, 75 EURO for associate members from OECD countries and 40 EURO for associate members from Other Countries. Upon a well-founded request the Direction can reduce this fee for individual members.
 - (c) minimum annual contribution of 30 EURO for supporting members

Voting takes place with the following results

Number of votes for: 21

Number of votes against: 0

Number of votes that abstain: 1

The motion is carried because the necessary majority of 75% is met. Therefore the clause is added to the decrees of IFSA's statutes.

Geoff Roberts (Australia) presents the second proposed change to the statutes regarding the objectives of IFSA and invites comments and discussion from the GA. Proposed additions are in italics and removals show strike-through in the following excerpt of the By-laws of IFSA's statutes.

New setting of goals (more broaden)

(2.1) The objectives of IFSA are to:

enrich the formal education of forestry students; ~~creating especially in terms of~~ a wider, more global perspective through extracurricular activities and the exchange of information and experiences such as the International Forestry Students' Symposium (hereafter referred to as IFSS), seminars, exchange programmes and the ~~quarterly~~ publication IFSA News; contribute to a more complete professional preparation for forestry students; promote *cultural understanding*, co-operation and networking amongst forestry students and the professional forestry sector as well as with other sectors such as Agriculture, Medicine and Law; encourage improvements in Higher Education internationally to the benefit of all students.

Discussion

No discussion.

Voting takes place with the following results

Number of votes for: 22

Number of votes against: 0

Number of votes that abstain: 0

The motion is accepted as the 75% majority is met and the clause is changed in the statutes of IFSA.

Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) presents the third proposal for change in the statutes regarding regionalisation of Northern Africa and invites comments and discussion from the GA. Proposed removals are shown with strike-through in the excerpt below.

Division of Northern Africa into sub-regions, Appendix 3, topics 2.2a. Need

2.3 Sub-Regions

To facilitate easy administration and effective contact among members in a region, sub-regions can be formed by the Regional Working Group meetings at a GA. Divisions and the administrative mechanism for the sub-region will be approved by the GA.

a) Northern Africa will be divided into three sub-regions, North Africa, (North) Central Africa and (North) West Africa, as defined by the UN

Discussion

Joseph Henry (Australia) asks why there are brackets. Geoff Roberts (Australia) explains that they're not part of the official definition. Sofie Blanchart (France) asks whether the countries concerned are aware of this regionalization. Geoff Roberts (Australia) explains that the regions were established after Brazil. Geoff explains that there are currently three people working as sub regional representatives. Geoff explains that there are three active LCs in Northern Africa with limited communication. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) said that there are not many local committees there. Susan explained that IFSA is working towards increasing memberships in Northern Africa. Susan explains that Northern Africa is a huge region with many different languages. Susan also explains the trial that Patience Mayaki-Benson (Northern Africa Regional Representative) has performed. Vladimir Nikolov (Serbia) asks whether the sub-regions are operating currently. Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) explained that this statute change will allow the sub-regionalisation to be officially approved. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) explained that sub regional representatives have been found in the region and have been working together with the regional representative on an unofficial basis.

Geoffrey Kay (Australia) proposes to make little w to big W in Working Group, seconded by Olga Pentelkina (Russia).

There is no more discussion and the results of voting are as follows:

Number of votes for: 22

Number of votes against: 0

Number of votes that abstain: 0

The motion is accepted as the necessary 75% majority is met and the clause is changed in the statutes of IFSA.

Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) presents the fourth proposal for change in the statutes regarding the bank account and invites comments and discussion from the GA. Proposed removals are shown with strike-through in the excerpt below.

CHAPTER 4: FINANCES

4.1 Bank Account

- g) The GA or Council will decide and approve the allocation of funds from the account.
- h) *All expenses made on behalf of IFSA must have prior written approval for a specified amount from the Treasurer in consultation with the Direction.*

Discussion

Geoffrey Kay (Australia) asks when this will come into force. Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) explains that it will take place reasonably immediately and negotiations can be made via email. Adrian Valerius (Germany) asks whether it is necessary to wait for approval before you buy something. Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) explains that the Executive Secretary should still be talking about what money they're spending and that the Executive Secretary could write and ask for written approval. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) reaffirms the need for written approval to make purchases. Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) explains that IFSA doesn't want unchecked spending even if it's from the direction.

There is no more discussion and the results of voting are as follows:

Number of votes for: 22

Number of votes against: 0

Number of votes that abstain: 0

The motion is accepted as the necessary 75% majority is met and the clause is changed in the statutes of IFSA.

3.4 Call for candidature for IFSA officials

Susan Edda Seehusen, Geoffrey Roberts and Elspeth Coker explain the job descriptions of IFSA officials.

**** Jan Hradil (Czech Republik) goes to the bathroom and reenters 18:07pm*

**** Session is adjourned at 18:15pm.*

***** Session is reopened by Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) at 19.40pm.*

23 votes present.

3.5 Presentation of the financial report

Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) presents the financial report for the year 2006-2007 on behalf of Paul Arnold (UK).

Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) apologises for his limited knowledge of money terms.

Geoff explained net profit is the difference between the level of income during the IFSA year and amount we spent. In the IFSA account there are 2500 euros available to the

next IFSA year. This years direction and council spent little money spent on travel costs for individuals.

Travel expenses declaration forms were submitted but money was never spent. It is required to be in the paper work because it needs to be booked that way. The financial report must include donations in kind, internet access in Freiburg and receiving service.

Discussion

Kate Lancaster (Australia) asked about net loss figures. Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) explained that net profit is the difference between money IFSA is owed and the money that IFSA owes. Susan explains that the net loss refers to what IFSA has budgeted, which was incomplete, and thus not relevant.

****Time for discussion in regions 17:55pm, rejoin 20:00pm*

Geoffrey Kay (Australia) asks about item number 450 000 that relates to support from private persons. Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) explains that it relates to personal travel costs of IFSA officials (direction and council mainly) and other costs donated from IFSA officials (mainly from the direction and council). Susan Edda Seehusen describes that as IFSA policy, in each travel costs that are covered with IFSA money 25% of the costs need to be covered by the person which made the expenditure. Adrian Valerius (Germany) queries three lines labeled number 130 000 that are in dutch and should be in English. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) explained that she asked it to be changed, but Pieter van de Midvoud (previous treasurer) said that it was not possible. Geoffrey Kay (Australia) suggested putting English translations in brackets.

3.6 Approval of the financial report and 2006-2007 budget

Chavdar Zhelev (Bulgaria) presented the Council stated that the council evaluated the financial report and that the figures seem correct. Consequently they suggested the GA to approve the financial report.

Geoffrey Kay (Australia) proposes that we accept and approve the financial report and budget. Joseph Henry (Australia) seconds the proposal. No objections so the proposal is duly accepted.

3.7 Approval of the Annual report

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) asks if there are any questions about the annual report. Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) announced that the International Processes Commission report will be updated to include a report on the UNFF, written by Joseph Henry.

Michelle Freeman (Australia) proposes that we accept the annual report, Eero Turpeinen (Finland) seconds the proposal. No objections so the proposal is duly accepted.

3.8 Call for candidature for IFSA officials

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) opens the floor for nominations for candidature for IFSA 7

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Joseph Henry (Australia) suggests that it be structured so that we ask for calls for candidature by groups. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) agrees that it can take place in this manner.

Sylvain Dupire (France) nominates himself for President.

Kristi Parro (Estonia) nominates herself for Vice President.

Kate Lancaster (Australia) nominates herself for Treasurer.

Joseph Schulte (Germany) nominates for Executive Secretary.

Mathieu Levesque (Canada) nominates himself for Council.

Lucky Sibambo (South Africa) nominates himself for Council and formally withdraws his candidature for Regional Representative.

Pille Aasamets (Estonia) nominates herself for Council.

Michelle Freeman (Australia) nominates herself for Council.

Geoffrey Kay (Australia) nominates himself for CFA Liaison Officer.

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) closes the call for candidature for IFSA 7 and Liaison Officers, and opens the floor for Regional Representatives

Jarod Dashwood (Australia) nominates himself for Regional Representative of Oceania.

Eveliina Varis (Finland) nominates herself for Regional Representative of Northern Europe.

Choiriatun Nur Annisa and Lambok Punguan Sagala (Indonesia) nominate themselves for Regional Representative of Asia.

Mathieu Levesque (Canada) nominate himself for Regional Representatives of North America.

Patience Mayaki (Nigeria) nominates herself for Regional Representative of North Africa.

Pamela Cardemil Saavedra (Chile) nominates herself for Regional Representative of Latin America.

Kristina Buzaroska, Pal Gatas and Andrea Vigh (Macedonia and Hungary) nominate themselves for Regional Representative of southern Europe.

Bernhardt Herbst and Ilse Botman South Africa

Rebecca Baning-Darko Baning-Darko (Ghana) presents Eric Nduom sub regional rep for West Africa.

3.9 Vetting for candidates for Direction

3.9.1 President

Sylvain Dupire (France) gives a brief presentation on why he wishes to be President of IFSA for the year 2007-2008. He explained his experience as IFSA president of the LC in Nancy and his involvement in the meeting "European Students' Meeting on Forestry Education", that took place in May in Nancy and brought about 80 forestry students from whole Europe together.

Simone Torrini (Italy) added that Sylvain speaks Spanish. Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) stated that IFSA takes time for meetings and asked Sylvain whether his work is flexible to allow this? Sylvain says he's thought about it a lot. He will take the time and see if he can do one year of study in two years. Rebecca Baning-Darko (Ghana) asks about internet problems in Northern Africa and how Sylvain will address this problem in order to involve Northern Africa more in the IFSA . Sylvain considers it difficult to answer without knowledge of the contact persons in Northern Africa. He doesn't know the context of the forest in Northern Africa. He will liaise with Patience Mayaki-Benson (Nigeria) and

Rebecca Baning-Darko and he wants to work with them to develop ideas. Tsepang Montoedi (South Africa) explains that communication is bad in Africa. What would he do to improve it? Sylvain knows many students in South Africa who want to work in a commission. He thinks this will improve communication and links with IFSA. We can improve communication with Africa representatives taking positions within the IFSA direction. Lars Emanuelsson (Sweden) asks if it is possible to run for more than one year for president. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) explains that you can be in the position of president for two years, i.e. you can be re-elected once. Lars Emanuelsson (Sweden) asks Sylvain what his plan is and whether he will run for more than one year. Sylvain doesn't know. Chavdar Zhelev (Bulgaria) asks what he would first if he was elected. Sylvain explained that his priority would be to improve the reputation of IFSA in the world.

No more questions or comments for Sylvain.

3.9.2 Vice-President

Kristi Parro (Estonia) gives a brief presentation on why she wishes to be Vice President. She has experience as vice chairman for Estonian Forestry Students Association. Her job deals with getting new members for the association and making old members more active. She planned the NERM and therefore has experience with events. She is also a well organized person. She has experience working in worldwide organizations and has represented Europe. IFSA would be a good opportunity for her to try something new.

Margus Paesalu (Estonia) asked Kristi how many hours in one day she would spend on the position and whether she will finish her bachelor next year. Kristi explained that she will get to know the job and will spend a great part of her time on IFSA. Shane Jacobs (South Africa) asked about her thoughts on IFSA activities in South Africa and explained the need for IFSA to come to South Africa. Kristi explained that this would be a decision together with the rest of the IFSA7. Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) explained that IFSA activities are arranged by local committees and that each LC must organize events themselves. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) added that events come from the initiative of an LC or region. Susan explained the concept of regional meetings. Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) commented that a position in the IFSA7 involves travel and regional meetings and he asked Kristi whether she has the time and the finances? Kristi explained that she will find the time because it can be difficult to rely on internet. She has to find the time. Regarding the financing she will ask her mother if necessary. Margus Paesalu (Estonia) asked how many foreign languages she speaks. Kristi (Estonia) can speak English, Swedish, French, Latin and German.

There are no further questions for the candidate.

3.9.3 Treasurer

Kate Lancaster (Australia) gives a brief presentation on why she should be Treasurer. She believes it will be challenging. She has no specific experience, but relevant personal qualities. Last year she became head of Web Commission and believes she was successful in this role. She can pick up new skills quickly and plans to attend the Interim.

Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) asks if she is familiar with skype. Kate is familiar with skype and knows Paul Arnold (Treasurer 2006-2007). Rebecca Baning-Darko (Ghana) asks

what technique she would use when considering not allowing LCs to vote if they haven't paid membership and what other ways that Kate could use to get people to pay their membership fees. Kate hasn't considered it and explains that her role is to keep track of funds. Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) explained that decisions regarding membership payments are not a decision made by the Treasurer alone. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) explained the importance of membership fee payments for the running of the IFSA. Branislav Petrovic (Serbia) asks if Kate has ever been arrested. Kate replies that she hasn't. Geoffrey Kay (Australia) asks about her university commitments. Kate explains that her work with the web commission was ok the past year and so she expects to be able to work consistently as Treasurer. Joseph Schulte (Germany) makes the comment that it's very important to have a native English speaker in direction.

There are no further questions for the candidate.

3.9.4 *Executive Secretary*

Joseph gives an overview of why he wants to become the Executive Secretary again. He wants to improve the payment method for membership fees. He hopes that one of the councils is from South Africa. Joseph wants support and explained that he needs someone as assistant in the secretariat.

Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) comments that Joseph seems hesitant in taking on this position again and asks what strategies he has for finding someone new. Joseph replies that he needs assistance. Compiling and updating the list of addresses for every LC is time consuming. He has a group of first semester students in Freiburg, which he involves in university life and helps them to manage their studies. He hopes to get people from there. He plans to be more aggressive in promoting IFSA. Bachelor students have a full program and not much time. He has talked with Susan and tried in the past and hopes to manage it in the future. Rebecca Baning-Darko (Ghana) commented that in his report he said that he had trouble translating documents and she asked about his language barriers. Joseph replied that it was due to time restraints. He had more than 300 pages to translate. Currently he needs somebody to translate from English to German. He explained that the previous Executive Secretary didn't care for the translations at the right time and consequently, Joseph has had to do it all. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) offers a comment. She explained that this year Adrian and Joseph worked hard in the translations, however it is not in fact their job. This should be the job of the language commission, and it would be good to have the help from them, particularly someone who speaks English and German. Rebecca Baning-Darko (Ghana) referred to the network problems in Joseph's school and asks how he is going to manage this. Joseph will discuss with the faculty. He explained that there is a problem receiving emails. He will speak with the people and put the website on another web host to reduce costs.

There are no further questions for the candidate.

3.10 Vetting for candidates for Council

Lucky Sibambo (South Africa) recognises the challenges of the role. He explains the importance of commitment. He explains that his motives are about growth. He wants to grow internationally. He has leadership experience. He is the President of his university's

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Student Council, he's started to learn communication and translated problems from students to teachers. He has been elected as fundraising worker for uplifting disadvantaged communities. He is the President of Saasveld's Student Association which involves students internationally. He is serving on the Student Representative Council and this has enhanced his communication and decision making skills. He is versatile in terms of leadership and has a good reputation with forest industry and has gained respect for his work. He has been on the organising committee for the 2007 IFSS and drafted the budget and sourced funding. His main focus as a councillor would be on growth of the southern part of southern Africa. He wants to assist local committees to source funding.

Mathieu Levesque (Canada) will be starting his masters degree in Dresden in September. He has been involved in IFSA for three years now and he would like to continue the good work of the previous year. He is in good contact with current officials and will continue their work. He would concentrate on North America. He is alone in his region this year and wants to involve more students especially from USA. In Germany he will meet many international people and will keep in touch with new people. Mathieu has good English and French skills. In the future he will be close to Freiburg and will be in touch with Joseph. Mathieu hopes to participate in the Interim and the IFSS in Bulgaria.

Michelle Freeman (Australia) was part of the organizing committee for the IFSS in Australia. Over the past 6 months she has worked as the Liaison Officer with CFA. In the past she has been the Treasurer of Melbourne University's Forestry Student Association. These roles have helped her develop her communication skills, to think outside the square and develop new ideas. She believes that she is ready for a higher position. Through close contact with Elspeth and Geoff, she has learnt more about IFSA. If Kate was treasurer she would have good communication with her. Michelle is interested in a Council position because networking with people and making contacts interests her. Michelle wants to motivate people to get involved with IFSA and to demonstrate the benefits of IFSA. She's evaluated the time it will take. She has the time within her schedule for a dedicated contribution to this role. Michelle hopes to attend the meetings. She believes it is a positive to have an English speaker in the 7 to proof read and apply for grants. As a council member her interests would be Australia, Asia and Africa. She'd like to provide advice and motivation. She hopes to have more involvement of IFSA LCs and no expulsions.

Pille Aasamets (Estonia) has been in IFSA since the NERM 2005. Last year she was the head of Fundraising Commission. She is the Chairman for the LC in Estonia. She knows the strengths and weaknesses of running an organization. She can help and advise IFSA board and help new LCs to become IFSA members. If elected she will be able to work closely with the Vice President and Fundraising commission to find more possibilities for the development fund and IFSA in general.

Questions are directed to all the Council candidates at once

Simone Torrini (Italy) would like to know what languages the candidates can speak.

Lucky Sibambo (South Africa) : English

Michelle Freeman (Australia) : English, speaks a bit of Indonesian

Pille Aasamets (Estonia) : Estonian, English, some Russian, Swedish

Mathieu Levesque (Canada) : French, English, some Italian and German

Kate Lancaster (Australia) asks what is their availability of time for roles and in terms of travel? Funding?

Lucky Sibambo (South Africa) : Will be doing his bachelors next year. He believes that he has enough time to do it.

Michelle Freeman (Australia) : Has honours project. She's really thought about it. At least 2 hrs per day she'd be able to contribute to the role. She can attend some meetings but not regional meeting.

Pille Aasamets (Estonia): also 2 hrs a day, interim, next IFSS.

Mathieu Levesque (Canada) : 2 hrs a day, Go to interim and Bulgaria and meetings in Europe.

Olga Pentelkina (Russia) Chavdar involved Russia a lot, what are their plans?

Lucky Sibambo : First point of contact is Olga.

Pille Aasamets (Estonia): Considers Northern Europe to be important. She has contacts in St Petersburg from the NERM. She could work with Poland who have Russian participants in their meetings.

Mathieu Levesque (Canada): No contact at the moment but can find contact with someone from a faculty.

Michelle Freeman (Australia): She does not know much about IFSA in Russia, she knows most about Oceania, Asia, Africa and that's her main focus.

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) explains the role of councils, who should be involved with approving, expelling members and advising direction and take part in decisions of the direction. She explains that to involve countries is more the role of RegReps. Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) explains that if there's time to do more than that then that's great, but he explains that most of their time is spent in front of the computer and approving members. Geoff stressed the importance of a Councilor knowing the inner working of association.

Geoffrey Kay (Australia) posed a question for Mathieu. He asked whether he is planning to participate in more game shows. Mathieu Levesque (Canada) said it was a great experience and if anybody has the chance he strongly recommends that they do it.

Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) posed a question for Mathieu. He says that Mathieu has nominated himself as RR and asked what he would do if he is elected as council. Mathieu Levesque (Canada) replied that there would be no one for RR as nobody else has put themselves forward. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) asks Mathieu if he could find someone. Mathieu Levesque (Canada) replied that he's not sure and that it's difficult because anyone new won't know much about IFSA.

Kate Lancaster (Australia) asked Mathieu, if he's moving to Germany will he be able to do RR if he's not in region? Mathieu Levesque (Canada) will be in North America for some weeks. It's a problem, but better that he do it than nobody. Pille Aasamets (Estonia) suggested that Oregon State University students may be able to take this role.

Sofie Blanchart (France) asked if the position of RR for North America is just a matter of finding a name. Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) explained that you can't hold two positions officially. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) explained that if you take an official position in

the IFSA7 you can't take another role. If Mathieu would take the position of council, he could not be considered officially regional representative at the same time.

Margus Paesalu (Estonia) asked candidates to give in one sentence a positive and negative attribute about themselves.

Lucky Sibambo (South Africa) : Weakness - Impatience. Tries to motivate everyone he works with. Strengths - good people skills and fun to work with

Michelle Freeman (Australia): Positive - friendly and approachable. Negative - likes to sleep in.

Pille Aasamets (Estonia): Weakness – Impatience and Positive - has her own opinion

Mathieu Levesque (Canada): Weakness – Impatient and Positive - likes to meet people from everywhere.

End of questions for Council candidates.

****Michelle Freeman (Australia) goes to the bathroom and returns 21:30*

3.11 Vetting for Liaison Officer (LO)

Commonwealth Forestry Association (CFA)

Geoffrey Kay is about to undertake his Masters degree. He's organized events previously. Organised conferences for over 200 people. Passion for African continent. He's in the Australian Capital Territory where past Vice President for CFA now resides. He can liaise with Michelle which he believes is a great asset. There will be a period for approx. 2 weeks when he'll be out of contact for his field work with masters. Michelle will support him in this period. He really wants to do it and thinks he has the drive. He is fluent in English and is practicing French.

No questions.

European Forest Institute (EFI)

No candidates applied for this position so the role will continue to be fulfilled by the President.

International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)

Wilrieke Uiterweerd (Netherlands) was not able to attend the symposium, but submitted a written statement outlining why she would like to continue in this position. Pille Aasamets (Estonia) asked if she was still a student. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) confirms this.

No further questions.

3.12 Discussion of proposed commissions

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) asks if there are any proposals for a new commission. Branislav Petrovic (Serbia) proposes the Alcohol commission.

Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) explains that according to the statutes since no written submission was received this commission cannot be approved.

3.13 Closure of 3rd Plenary Session

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) closes the 3rd plenary session of the GA at 9.51pm.

The 4th Plenary Session

4. Agenda of the 4th Plenary Session

- 4.1. Opening of the 4th Plenary Session
- 4.2. Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote
- 4.3. Discharge of Direction
- 4.4. Discharge of Council
- 4.5. Appointment of Consulting Members
- 4.6. Appointment of Honorary Members
- 4.7. Election of Direction
 - 4.7.1. President
 - 4.7.2. Vice President
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- 4.9. Appointment of Liaison Officers
- 4.10. Appointment of Regional Representatives
- 4.11. Appointment of new and continuing Commissions and Commissioners
- 4.12. Closure of 4th Plenary Session

Minutes of the 4th Plenary Session

CHAIR: Susan Edda Seehusen

CHAIR'S ASSISTANT: Geoffrey Roberts

MINUTES: Elspeth Coker

VENUE: Sabie

TIME: *Opened* 19.15pm, 6th July 2007
Closed 20.40pm, 6th July 2007

ELECTION COMMITTEE: Jarod Dashwood, Christian Jürgensen, Ralph van Krimpen

4.1 Opening of the 4th Plenary Session

The 4th plenary session was opened by Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) at 19.15pm.

4.2 Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote

23 voting parties were present.

Joseph Henry (Australia) proposes that Lucky Sibambo (Australia) and Geoffrey Kay (Canada) be replaced by Jarod Dashwood (Australia) and Ralph van Krimpen (Netherlands) on the election committee, as they are both candidates for positions that will be voted on in this plenary session. Seconded by Jarod Dashwood (Australia). There are no objections. Jarod Dashwood and Ralph van Krimpen will be selected as new election committee. Geoffrey Kay (Australia) proposes that they are accepted, Suvi Niemi (Finland) seconds this proposal.

4.3 Discharge of Direction

Joseph Henry (Australia) proposed that the 2006-2007 Direction be discharged after their year of service. Pille Aasamets (Estonia) seconded this motion. There were no objections and the Direction was duly discharged. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) thanked IFSA on behalf of the 2006-2007 Direction for a challenging but enjoyable year. *Applause*

4.4 Discharge of Council

Joseph Henry (Australia) proposed that the 2006-2007 Council be discharged after their year of service. Geoffrey Kay (Australia) seconded this motion. Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) and Chavdar Zhelev (Bulgaria) thanked IFSA on behalf of the 2006-2007 Council. *Applause*

4.5 Appointment of Consulting Members

Margus Paesalu (Estonia) proposes Susan Edda Seehusen, Chavdar Zhelev, Elspeth Coker, Joseph Schulte be appointed as consulting members. Pille Aasamets (Estonia) seconds.

Joseph Henry (Australia) proposes that Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) be appointed as a consulting member and Ralph van Krimpen (Holland) seconds the nomination. There are no objections.

Eveliina Varis (Finland) proposes Eero Turpeinen (Finland) be appointed as a consulting member. Branislav Petrovic (Serbia) seconds.

Lambok Punguan Sagala (Indonesia) proposes Cornelius Motsa (South Africa). Franz Klingler (Germany) seconds. Cornelius Motsa (South Africa) declines.

All proposed appointments were accepted by the assembly and agreed to by the nominees to become IFSA Consulting Members.

4.6 Appointment of Honorary Members

No appointed members.

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) explains that there should be a written proposal and it must be accepted by the person to be appointed once approved by the GA.

4.7 Election of Direction

Geoffrey Kay (Australia) proposes the elections are carried out by secret ballot and is seconded by Melanie Dyne (Australia). No objections. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) introduced and explained the voting process (yes, no, abstain). The election committee was summoned and advised of its responsibilities. The election committee distributed polling papers to each voting party and then collected the returns for each election.

4.7.1 President

The sole candidate for President was Sylvain Dupire (France). After secret ballot vote Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) announced the resulting votes of 23 members were

Yes: 21

No: 0

Abstain: 2

Sylvain Dupire (France) was elected as President 2007-2008. Sylvain accepts the outcome of this election and is appointed President of IFSA for 2007-2008.

4.7.2 Vice President

The sole candidate for Vice President was Kristi Parro (Estonia). Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) announced the resulting votes by secret ballot by the 23 members were

Yes: 23

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Kristi Parro (Estonia) was unanimously elected as Vice President 2007-2008. Kristi accepts the outcome of this election and is appointed Vice President of IFSA for 2007-2008.

4.7.3 Treasurer

The sole candidate for Treasurer was Kate Lancaster (Australia). Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) announced the resulting votes by secret ballot of the 23 members were

Yes: 22

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Kate Lancaster (Australia) was elected as Treasurer 2007-2008. Kate accepts the outcome of this election and is appointed Treasurer of IFSA for 2007-2008.

4.7.4 Executive Secretary

The sole candidate for Executive Secretary was Joseph Schulte (Germany). Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) announced the resulting votes of 23 members were

Yes: 23

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Joseph Schulte (Germany) was duly elected as 2007-2008. Joseph accepts the outcome of this election and is appointed Executive Secretary of IFSA for 2007-2008.

4.8 Election of Council

All candidates being acceptable to the GA, as established in the 3rd plenary session (article 3.4.2 in the minutes), Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) explained the voting procedure and invited questions from any delegates who required clarification. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) then re-introduced each candidate to the assembly in order to ensure name recognition.

Illegible vote was made, voting was performed again.

The Election Council distributed voting papers to each voting party present, and then collected and counted the returns. The Election Council announced the three candidates with the most votes were:

The votes were as follows:

Michelle Freeman 17

Pille Aasamets 17

Mathieu Levesque 16

Lucky Sibambo 17

Abstain: 2

The three elected Councilors all accepted the position and Michelle Freeman (Australia), Pille Aasamets (Estonia) and Lucky Sibambo (South Africa) are duly appointed IFSA Council for the year 2006-2007.

****Ramon Perea Garcia-Calvo (Spain) leaves General Assembly 20:00 and re-enters 20:02*

4.9 Appointment of Liaison Officer

Michelle Freeman (Australia) proposes that the appointment of a Liaison Officer be added to the agenda, seconded by Christian Jürgensen (Denmark).

Joseph Henry (Australia) proposes the position be appointed in the same manner as Regional Representative, that is by appointment of the GA, as there is only one candidate per position and voting is not necessary. Margus Paesalu (Estonia) seconds the proposal. No objections.

Ralph van Krimpen (Holland) proposes Wilrieke Uiterweerd (Netherlands) to be appointed as Liaison Officer for the International Union of Forestry Research (IUFRO). Seconded by Franz Klingler (Germany). Wilrieke was not present to accept this proposal.

Kate Lancaster (Australia) proposes Geoffrey Kay (Australia) to be appointed as Liaison Officer for the Commonwealth Forestry Association (CFA). Seconded by Eveliina Varis (Finland). No objections so Geoffrey Kay (Australia) is Liaison Officer for the CFA for 2006-2007.

There is no candidate for EFI Liaison Officer so the President adopts this role.

4.10 Appointment of Regional Representatives

Following the discussions amongst the delegations from the various regions prior to the 4th Plenary Session, Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) invited the agreed Regional Representatives to present themselves to the assembly to be appointed to the position of Regional Representative.

Latin America:

Pamela Cardemil Saavedra (Chile) steps forward as Regional Representative for Latin America. Branislav Petrovic (Serbia) proposes we accept the candidate, seconded by Olga Pentelkina (Russia). No objections

North America:

Mathieu Levesque steps forward as Regional Representatives for North America. Ralph van Krimpen (Holland) proposes we accept the candidate, seconded by Eveliina Varis (Finland). No objections

Northern Europe:

Eveliina Varis (Finland) steps forward as Regional Representative of Northern Europe. Eero Turpeinen (Finland) proposes we accept the candidate, seconded by Olga Pentelkina (Russia). No objections

Southern Europe:

Andrea Vigh (Hungary) and Kristina Buzaroska (Macedonia) step forward as co-Regional Representatives for Southern Europe. Ramon Perea Garcia-Calvo (Spain) proposes we accept the candidates, seconded by Geoffrey Kay (Australia). No objections.

Oceania:

Jarod Dashwood (Australia) steps forward as Regional Representative of Oceania. Joseph Henry (Australia) proposes we accept the candidate, seconded by Michelle Freeman (Australia). No objections

Southern Africa:

Ilse Botman (South Africa) and Bernhardt Herbst (South Africa) step forward as co-Regional Representatives for Southern Africa. Shane Jacobs (South Africa) proposes we accept the candidates, seconded by Lambok Punguan Sagala (Indonesia). No objections

Northern Africa:

Patience Mayaki-Benson (Nigeria) steps forward as Regional Representative for Northern Africa. Joseph Henry (Australia) proposes we accept the candidate, seconded by Christian Jürgensen (Denmark). No objections.

Subregion North Western Africa:

Eric Nduom (Ghana) steps forward as sub-Regional representative of North Western Africa. Christian Jürgensen (Denmark) proposes we accept the candidate, seconded by Ntokozo Sibiyi (South Africa).

Asia:

Lambok Punguan Sagala (Indonesia) and Choiriatun Nur Annisa (Indonesia) step forward as co-Regional Representatives for Asia. Afwan Afwandi (Indonesia) proposes we accept the candidate, seconded by Suvi Niemi (Finland). No objections.

4.11 Appointment of New and Continuing Commissions and Commissioners.

Eveliina Varis (Finland) proposes the continuation of the **Exchange Program**, seconded by Olga Pentelkina (Russia). No objections. The following were appointed commissioners of the exchange program for the year 2006-2007.

Sofie Blanchart (France) *Head of Commission*

Ralph van Krimpen (Holland) stands up for Lieneke Bakker (Holland)

Maria Cruz Mateo Sanchez (Spain)

Susan Speer (Sweden)

Lambok Punguan Sagala (Indonesia)

Sofie Blanchart (France) proposes the continuation of the **Language Commission**, seconded by Ralph van Krimpen (Holland). No objections. The following were appointed commissioners of the Language Commission for the year 2006-2007.

María Rodríguez-Rabadán Adsuar (Spain) *Head of Commission*

Pavlina Simkova (Czech Republic)

Jose Jesus Molinero Sanz (Spain)

Olga Pentelkina (Russia)

Kate Lancaster (Australia) proposes the continuation of the **Web Commission**, seconded by Eva (Denmark). No objections. The following were appointed commissioners of the Web Commission for the year 2006-2007.

Henk Eshuis (Holland) *Head of Commission*

Pal Gatas (Hungary)

Jeppe Baden (Denmark)

Adrian Valerius (Germany)

Olga Pentelkina (Russia) proposes the continuation of the **International Processes Commission**, seconded by Eero Turpeinen (Finland). No objections. The following were appointed commissioners of the IPC for the year 2006-2007.

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) *Head of IPC Commission*

Franz Klingler (Germany) *Head of UNFCCC Sub-Commission*

Ramon Perea Garcia-Calvo (Spain) *Head of CBD Sub-Commission*

Olga Pentelkina (Russia) *Head of MCPFE Sub-Commission*

Choiriatun Nur Annisa on behalf of Akhmad Viko Zakhary Santosa (Indonesia)

Choiriatun Nur Annisa (Indonesia)

Ricardo Tolosa Aravena (Chile)

Lambok Punguan Sagala (Indonesia)

Baram Hwang (South Korea)

Eva Ortvold Erichsen (Denmark)

Tsepang Abel Montoedi (South Africa)

Adrian Valerius (Germany)

Ahmad Sahab (Indonesia)

Ralph van Krimpen (Holland) proposes the continuation of the **Publications & Promotions Commission**, seconded by Eero Turpeinen (Finland). No objections. The following were appointed commissioners of P&P for the year 2006-2007.

Nicolas Wittman (Germany) *Co-Head of Publications and Promotions Commission*

Alexander von Versen (Germany) *Co-Head of Publications and Promotions Commission*

Ralph van Krimpen (Holland)

Eero Turpeinen (Finland)

Michelle Freeman (Australia) proposes the continuation of the **Village Concept Project Commission**, seconded by Eveliina Varis (Finland). No objections. The following were appointed commissioners of VCP for the year 2006-2007.

Suvi Niemi (Finland) *Head of Commission*

Branislav Petrovic (Serbia)

Heli Kymalainen (Finland)

Afwan Afwandi (Indonesia)

Geoffrey Kay (Australia)

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Christian Jürgensen (Denmark)
Melanie Dyne (Australia)
Eveliina Varis (Finland)

Bernhardt Herbst (South Africa) proposes the continuation of the **Fundraising Commission**, seconded by Kate Lancaster (Australia). No objections. The following were appointed commissioners of the Fundraising Commission for the year 2006-2007.

Bernhardt Herbst (South Africa)
John Eggers (South Africa) *Head of Commission*

4.12 Closure of 4th Plenary Session

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) announces that the outcomes of the Working Group Discussions will be presented at the 5th plenary session.

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) closed the 4th plenary session at 2040.

The 5th Plenary Session

5. Agenda of the 5th Plenary Session

- 5.1. Opening of 5th Plenary Session
- 5.2. Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote
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- 5.4. Miscellaneous
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 - 5.8.6. Village Concept Project (VCP)
 - 5.8.7. Web
 - 5.8.8. Any new Commissions
- 5.9. Statement by incoming Liaison Officers
- 5.10. Statement by incoming Council
- 5.11. Statement by outgoing Direction
- 5.12. Statement by incoming Direction
- 5.13. Closing of the 18th General Assembly

Minutes of the 5th Plenary Session

CHAIR: Susan Edda Seehusen
CHAIR'S ASSISTANT: Geoffrey Roberts

MINUTES: Elspeth Coker

VENUE: Sabie

TIME: *Opened* 19:16pm, 8th July 2007
Closed 21.12pm, 8th July 2007

ELECTION COMMITTEE: Jarod Dashwood, Ralph van Krimpen, Christian Jürgensen

5.1 Opening of the 5th plenary session

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) opened the 5th plenary session at 19.16pm.

5.2 Announcement of the number of votes present and entitled to vote

23 voting parties were present.

5.3 Presentation and approval of outcomes of the Working Group Discussions

Sylvain Dupire (France) presented the outcomes of the Working Group regarding local committees and how to organize an event. The Group discussed methods of advertising such an event, eg. brochure. Importance of sponsors, choosing a date (check with IFSA website to avoid double booking) and the location for event. Motivate your team using friendly cooperation. Motivate people from other countries to come to your event. Use IFSA website, inform officials. Promote your event and IFSA. Use IFSA news and the press. Accommodation, food etc. Importance of Visas when inviting other countries. Must send a letter of invitation at least three months before event. Performed some games during workshop.

Jeppe Baden (Denmark) presented fundraising results. Differed from country to country. One thing in common. Must consider next generation. Write down who you've contacted in the past and for what you asked money for and their response so that next generation can have the knowledge. Use the University for support.

Elsbeth Coker (Australia) presented IFSA feedback. She explained the importance of welcoming new students. Ways to promote IFSA: write in local university paper, distribute the IFSA brochure, make presentations about IFSA at university. An idea was to make woven badges with the IFSA logo. Discussed issues associated with people perceiving IFSA as exclusive. Discussed the importance of local events and informally introducing people to IFSA so that the IFSA spirit is not restricted to people who attend the IFSS. During IFSA feedback students discussed the difficulty in passing information to IFSA members, especially those that aren't yet subscribed to IFSAworld. Discussed people's language fears associated with IFSA.

Ralph van Krimpen (Holland) proposes that the assembly accepts the outcomes of the Working Group Discussions. Seconded by Geoffrey Kay (Australia). No objections.

5.4 Miscellaneous

Luana Vianna Monteiro (Brazil) wrote a letter to Susan and wanted to apologise for the level of her involvement in the symposium to date. She proposes to contact some universities in Brazil that can get more students to join IFSA.

Adrian Valerius (Germany) has been browsing Wikipedia and realized that there is currently only one article about IFSA there. He encourages people in IFSA to join Wikipedia and to write something in your own language.

5.5 A reflection on IFSS

Pavlina Simkova (Czech Republic) makes a presentation about her experiences with IFSA since 1998.

Simone Torrini (Italy) asks what she thinks of this IFSS. Pavlina replies that the "train is never the same" and she believes that the South Africans have done a great job.

5.6 IFSA photo competition

The IFSA photo competition was an idea developed during the IFSA Interim. The competition was advertised using IFSAworld yahoo group and students were encouraged to upload their photos onto the yahoo group. The competition had more than 25 entrants. Each LC present at the IFSS voted for the photo that they believed should be the winner. The election for the best photo was made and Chavdar Zhelev (Bulgaria) was announced the winner with his photo, "Sunrise in the forest". Geoffrey Roberts (Australia) explained that due to the current financial situation the website picture can't be updated soon. Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) explained that IFSA is in the process of trying to change the web provider.

5.7 Statements by incoming Regional Representatives

5.7.1 Asia

The following goals were stated by the Regional Representative for Asia, Jayariti "Sari" Ratnasari:

- Promote IFSA, invite all students in Asia to attend IFSS 2007 and recruit at least 3 more LC's
- Become the focal point of IFSA in Asia
- Keep good communication with LC's and the Direction/Council
- Support and encourage activities in every LC for developing IFSA in Asia
- Look for the possible cooperation between IFSA, Governmental organizations and NGOs in the Region for forestry students capacity building

5.7.2 Latin America

The following goals were presented by the Regional Representative Laura Quevedo Fernandez (Paraguay) for Latin America:

- Reactivate the LCs who we are losing in some countries
- show and connect more LC from Latin America in the next congress of ALECIF in September in Argentina
- Increase the numbers of participants in the next Latin American Regional Meeting in Bogota, Columbia in February 2008
- Enhance the relationship with forestry students association in Latin America
- Give the support to the intercultural understanding event that Netherlands, Germany, Argentina and Chile want to make in February of 2008 with the support of United Nations

5.7.3 Northern Africa

The Regional Representative for Northern Africa was absent for the 5th Plenary Session and will submit her goals to the IFSA members via IFSAworld mailing list following the IFSS.

5.7.4 North America

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The Regional Representative for North America, Mathieu Levesque (North America) presented the following goals.

- To finish the US Forest Faculties list
- To send an official letter to each forestry faculty in North America not yet involved
- Keep good contact between LCs in North America and IFSA 7.

5.7.5 Northern Europe

The Regional Representative for Northern Europe, Eveliina Varis (Finland) presented the following goals.

- Attend events occurring in the region
- Activate old existing LCs
- Promote IFSA to new possible LCs on our region
- Inform LCs about IFSA events and encourage to create new ones
- Provide support for the launch IFSA forum

5.7.6 Oceania

The following goals were presented by the Regional Representative Jarod Dashwood (Australia) for Oceania:

- Involve New Zealand and other Pacific nations in IFSA
- To fight for tax deduction status to improve our fundraising potential
- become more affiliated with the professional foresters association in Australia
- Get Southern Cross University in Lismore and University of Queensland involved in IFSA
- To provide the other regions with more details of Oceania LC activities and meetings

5.7.7 Southern Africa

The Regional Representative for Southern Africa, Bernhardt Herbst (South Africa) stated the following goals on behalf of himself and Ilse Botman (South Africa).

- Correspond with LCs in the region
- Communicate effectively with LCs in the region
- Find new LCs
- Help upcoming LCs find out about IFSA and find info on how to join
- Promote IFSA's name in region
- Communicate progress in region to IFSA 7

5.7.8 Southern Europe

The following goals were presented by the Regional Representative Andrea Vigh (Hungary) and Kristina Buzaroska (Macedonia) for Southern Europe:

- To develop communication between LCs in Southern Europe
- To involve LCs from Portugal, Greece, Croatia
- Help to involve more potential members into yahoo groups
- Motivate Western European Countries to organize SERM in the future (next year)

5.8 Statements by incoming commissioners

5.8.1 Exchange Programme

Sofie Blanchart (France) (Head of Commission) presents the following goals for the Exchange Program

- Find new commissioners
- Improve communication between commissioners, exchange with companies
- Improve exchange with companies
- Try to better inform LCs and their members of the possibilities offered by the EP commission

5.8.2 Fundraising.

Bernhardt Herbst (South Africa) on behalf of John Eggers (South Africa) (Head of Commission) presented the following goals:

- To work with publications and promotions commission
- To find advertisers for IFSA news
- To maintain motivation and communication throughout the year
- To help local committees and regional representatives to raise money and provide info
- To raise as much money for IFSA as possible

5.8.3 Publications & Promotions.

Ralph van Krimpen (Holland) (on behalf of Head of Commission) presented the following goals:

- Continue to obtain information from existing LCs and possible member universities , updating lists on an annual basis
- Make and update promotion material available in different languages with the main focus on less active countries
- Increase awareness of current global forestry issues through the website and IFSA news
- Publish IFSA news twice a year
- Try to find cheaper ways to print IFSA news

5.8.4 Language.

No one from the commission is present at the 5th Plenary Session. Head of commission Maria Rodríguez-Rabadán Adsuar (Spain) will submit the commission goals on the IFSAworld mailing list following the symposium.

5.8.5 International Processes Commission

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) – head of the International Processes Commission presented the goals on behalf of the IPC commission:

- to cooperate and provide support to the commissions sub-heads

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- keep commissioners and forestry students informed about international forest policy processes
- have delegations sent to the international forest policy meetings in this IFSA year (MCPFE, UNFCCC, CBD)
- motivate the students and commissioners to use the platform for networking, communication, and discussion about forest policy
- have some written articles released either for IFSA news, FPEN or both
- promote the forest policy website (FPEN)

Ramon Perea Garcia-Calvo (Spain) presented CBD Sub-Commission

- Promote what CBD is (many people don't know what CBD is about)
- Find more events of CBD where IFSA can get experience and participate
- Get more people involved and make them aware of the importance of Biodiversity for foresters
- Look for possible cooperation with NGOs regarding biological diversity
- Keep good communication with the head and direction

Franz Klingler (Germany) presented UNFCCC Sub-Commission

- To inform the commission members about the meetings of UNFCCC
- Find a delegation to go to a meeting of UNFCCC
- Inform all IFSA members about the work of the sub-commission
- Keep good contact to other officials to improve IFSA as an organization

Olga Pentelkina (Russia) presented MCPFE Sub-Commission

- Observe the processes at MCPFE
- To bring the information about MCPFE to the IFSA members (Students)
- Involve as many students as possible into the sub-commission MCPFE
- To participate in events and conferences related to MCPFE
- Cooperate with Forest Policy Education Network (FPEN) and with UNFF

5.8.6 Village Concept Project.

Head of Commission, Suvi Niemi (Finland) presents the goals of the Village Concept Project for the year 2007-2008.

- To maintain contact with VCP members and IFSA officials
- To continue contact with VCP International mailing list
- To follow up with existing VCP projects
- To maintain contact with wider IFSA community
- To seek the assistance of professional organizations such as the FAO, WCS
- Encourage and contribute the voluntary forestry students for the VCP commission

5.8.7. Web

Head of Commission, Henk Eshuis (Holland) presents the goals of the web commission

- Keep the IFSA website up to date
- Launch of the IFSA forum and get it alive
- Search for new host for the website
- Find out what GFIS is and find the possibilities for IFSA

5.9 Statements by incoming liaison officers

5.9.1 IUFRO Liaison Officer

Elsbeth Coker (Australia) presented the following goals on behalf of the IUFRO Liaison Officer, Wilrieke Uiterweerd (Netherlands):

- Cooperate closely with the IFSA President
- Find a successor and together go to the next EB meeting, in order to introduce this person to the IUFRO board. This person should than hopefully be elected during the next IFSS. I will write a call and so on in some months and send it over IFSA world in order to give everybody a chance to participate. I will be in contact with the IFSA President about it as well.
- Be present at EB meeting and continue increasing cooperation
- Try to get IFSA as part of the IUFRO budget
- Advertise Student Award
- Be an active part of the Congress Scientific Committee
- Make a piece for the IFSA website
- Find and advertise IUFRO events

5.9.2 CFA Liaison Officer

The CFA Liaison Officer, Geoffrey Kay (Australia) presented the following goals:

- To establish connection and continue the contact of IFSA to the CFA
- To help get CFA involved in IFSA projects
- To coordinate with direction and inform of developments with CFA through annual and quarterly reporting
- To continue the work with past liaison officer through continual contact with 3 CFA members as well as complete the relevant MoU
- To place information about IFSA and myself in the CFA newsletter

5.10 Statement by incoming Council

The Councillors for 2007-2008 Michelle Freeman (Australia), Lucky Simbabo (South Africa) and Pille Aasamets (Estonia) presented the following goals:

- Maintain excellent communication with each other and IFSA community
- Consult with Regional Representatives and direction to provide support, advice and encouragement
- Motivate Fundraising Commission to help raise fund for IFSA
- Work with Treasurer to ensure membership fees are paid
- Work efficiently, effectively and cohesively as a team, motivating each other through the year ahead

It was stated that the Regional responsibilities would be divided amongst the Councillors as follows:

Michelle Freeman (Australia)

Oceania

Asia

South Europe

Lucky Sibambo (South Africa):

South Africa

North Africa

Latin America
Pille Aasamets (Estonia):
Northern Europe
Northern America

5.11 Statement by outgoing Direction

Geoff Roberts (Australia) thanked everyone for the year and said that the next team will be great. Geoff said that with IFSA you get out of it what you put into it.

Chavdar Zhelev (Bulgaria) said there were good and bad communication periods, but overall, he enjoyed the year.

Joseph Schulte (Germany) said he had a good time and reached many goals. He hopes to have a more positive year.

Elsbeth Coker (Australia) said that the IFSA7 had worked as an effective team all year. She thanked the work of Geoff, Chavdar, Paul and Joseph. She found Susan's passion for IFSA inspiring and her ability to motivate others was incredible. She thanked all IFSA officials and she said that she had a wonderful year as Vice President.

Susan Edda Seehusen (President 2006-2007) explained how the IFSA7 lives have revolved around IFSA. She said it is hard to say goodbye but she has a feeling of a mission completed. She believes the IFSA team has contributed to the association's development. She explained that the team is happy to hand the association over to a new direction and council and she's sure they will do a good job. She thanked everyone who contributed this year. She thanked partner organizations for providing institutional and financial support to IFSA. She thanked the IFSS OC for their dedication. She thanked the IFSA7. Her final message for members of the General Assembly was to be happy and proud to be forestry students. Try to contribute towards sustainable development of the world. Remember sustainable development can only be achieved through international cooperation. Practice cultural understanding in IFSA. Finally, she wished the new IFSA 7 all the best.

5.12 Statement by incoming Direction

Sylvain Dupire (President 2007-2008) thanked the outgoing Direction for all their hard work over the last year. He hopes to continue the good work. His goals include:

- Maintain the friendly atmosphere in IFSA
- Support forestry education by encouraging students events
- To be successful in raising funds for the IFSA
- To find new partners for expanding IFSA's knowledge and opportunities

He presented the following personal goals as President in line with the agreed strategic objectives of the whole Direction

- Promote and represent IFSA during events, conferences and meeting and increase the awareness of the forestry field about IFSA
- Maintain and improve if possible the contact with professional partners and student partners
- Improve the position of IFSA in Latin America and Africa with a good collaboration with respectively the ALECIF and the councilor Lucky Sibambo

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- Motivate and encourage the IFSA 7 team privileging the work in group and the friendship
- Support the IFSS 2008 team in Bulgaria

Kristi Parro (Vice President 2007-2008) stated the following goals for her Vice Presidency:

- To make IFSA world my home. So that everybody could feel comfortable in this 'world' too
- To provide continuous exchange of information and fast communication
- To help and motivate officials whenever they need
- To expand my knowledge about IFSA in order to be a reliable source of information

Kate Lancaster (Treasurer 2007-2008) stated the following goals for her treasury:

- To make a profit in the IFSA year 2007-2008
- To develop a clear budget for the coming year
- To be efficient in my role as manager of the IFSA funds
- To obtain the EU grant
- To work closely with the fundraising commission and be successful in raising funds

Joseph Schulte (Executive Secretary 2006-2007) stated the following goals for his executive secretariat:

- Improve communication
- Try to get email address working, build up FNET
- Close work with the Web commission and treasurer and President and vice president
- Cash card transfer to the secretariat, work with the treasurer
- Closer contact with IFSA world
- Answer emails more quickly
- Provide experience and support to the IFSA 7

5.13 Closure of the 18th General Assembly

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil) closed the 18th General Assembly of IFSA at 21.12pm.