

Report on the ICIAM board meeting 2005

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On May 21 I attended the ICIAM Board Meeting at the University of Florence as the ANZIAM representative. Ian Sloan was in the Chair, and 22 voting members attended plus the non-voting officers and a large number of observers.

In his President's report, Ian Sloan announced that the closing date for nominations for the various prizes to be awarded at ICIAM2007 in Zurich is 31 December 2005. He then introduced John Ball, President of the International Mathematical Union, who was an observer and had been invited to foster closer relations between ICIAM and the IMU. Ian also praised Ross Moore (Macquarie University) for the efforts he had made as the ICIAM webmaster.

Gerhard Wanner presented the first draft of an Invited Speakers' list for ICIAM2007. The Board indicated that there was not enough balance in the list, and asked Gerhard's committee to consider modifications that would include speakers from regions such as India, China and Australasia, as well as young researchers and some researchers working with industry. The officers will consider a revised list within the next few months. (Robert McKibbin and I have already sent some suggested names from our region.)

Rolf Jeltsch (Switzerland) was elected President-Elect unopposed, and will take over the Presidency from Ian Sloan in October 2007.

After vigorous discussion and presentations, Vancouver was chosen as the venue for

ICIAM2011, with Arvind Gupta (MITACS and Simon Fraser) as Director. Arvind will be in Australia in August this year.

As Director for ICIAM2007, Rolf Jeltsch presented his progress report. Registration opens in May 2006, with Earlybird registration closing on 15 January 2007 (payment forwarded by 15 February 2007 or no concession). Minisymposium ideas are to be suggested by 31 August 2006. Only six societies out of the 15 members had replied to Rolf's letter about ICIAM2007, and ANZIAM was one of these. Our chair, Robert McKibbin (Massey) is on the ball!

The Polish Mathematical Society and the Chinese Mathematical Society were accepted as associate members of ICIAM.

It was decided that a second officer-at-large was not needed at this time.

Discussions were held on a fund for needy delegates from developing countries, but no specific proposal was made.

The next board meeting is in Shanghai in May 2006.

Board members, observers and partners were entertained after the meeting by Mario Primicerio, the SIMAI representative, who was Mayor of Florence from 1995 to 1999 in his other non-mathematical life. Mario arranged a guided tour of the Palazzo Vecchio, followed by a four-course Italian dinner with wines on the top floor of the palace. The previous evening delegates attended "Don Giovanni" at the Florence Opera House.