

Minutes WFNMC General Meeting
Friday, 13 July 2012
Seoul, Korea

Attendance: WFNMC delegates

Agenda. List of Topics:

1. Award ceremony: Paul Erdos awards for 2010 (Yahya Tabesh) and 2012 (Cecil Rousseau).
2. Report by the members of the Executive Committee.
3. Elections of the Executive Committee.

The meeting started at 5:00 p.m.

There were not discussions on item 1.

Item 2 of the Agenda:

President Maria de Losada's report (summary): I am grateful for the opportunity to lead the WFNMC for the past 4 years. I learned a lot. One of my duties was to plan the Conference in Riga (2010) and the Mini-conference in Seoul (2012). Ali Rejali and I are co-chairs of the TSG34 "The Role of Mathematical Competitions and Other Challenging Contexts in the teaching and Learning of Mathematics" in ICME-12. I am organizing the 2014 WFNMC conference in Colombia. I am revising the structure of the Federation by setting its legal status and membership. I am working on establishing close collaboration with IMO and promoting research papers for the Journal "Mathematics Competitions". My belief has always been that WFNMC should challenge not only the extra-curriculum but the curriculum activities as well.

Senior Vice President Alexander Soifer's report (summary): The past 4 years, when I served as a Senior Vice President of the WFNMC, was the most productive period in my professional life. In 2009 I organized and ran the international workshop "Ramsey Theory Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" at DIMACS, a center of Princeton and Rutgers Universities. During 2009-2011, 6 of my books were published by Springer. According to the Constitution, I chaired the WFNMC's Program Committee. In 2009-2010 I created the program of the WFNMC's Congress in Riga, Latvia. In addition to the existing areas of the Federation's interests (reports from various mathematics competitions, problems for competitions and problem solving, and work with teachers), I introduced in Riga the new area, Building a Bridge between "Real" Mathematics and Mathematics Olympiads, which I hope will become a permanent fixture of WFNMC's congresses.

Vice President Ali Rejali's Report (summary): I have just been told that I have to report, so I am not prepared to talk a lot. Instead of looking back, I am thinking for the future of the WFNMC and changes that need to be done. We need more involvements of the teachers of mathematics and younger people especially IMO winners and IMO leaders. We also need to be involved in research activities and projects of ICMI. For example we should have more studies

on the effect of mathematics competitions and other challenging activities on the improvement of mathematics education and the relation between mathematics problems in competitions and real mathematics research works. We are looking forward to hearing more from the members about these ideas.

Secretary Kiril Bankov's report (summary): I have been a secretary for the past 4 years. My main duty was to record and objectively prepare minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee and the Federation. During these years I have been asked to submit information about the WFNMC for Yearbook of International Organizations, and also to contact several people. I took part in both the conference in Riga (2010) and the mini-conference in Seoul (2012) with presentations and published one paper in the journal.

Publication Officer Jaroslav Švrček's report (summary): I have been the Editor of the "Mathematics Competitions" journal. This is the official publication journal of the WFNMC. The requirements for the publications can be found in each issue of the journal. I am thinking of the future of the "Mathematics Competitions" as a journal with more research papers based on competitions.

Item 3 of the Agenda:

The following members of the Executive Committee were elected:

- President: Alexander Soifer, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, USA.
- Senior Vice-President (and Chairman, Program Committee): Kiril Bankov, University of Sofia BULGARIA.
- Vice-President: Robert Geretschläger, Graz, AUSTRIA.
- Vice-President: Ali Rejali, Isfahan University of Technology, IRAN.
- Secretary: Sergei Dorichenko, School 179, Moscow, RUSSIA.
- Immediate Past President (and Chairman, Awards Committee): Maria Falk de Losada, University Antonio Nariño, Bogota, COLOMBIA.
- Editor, *Mathematics Competitions*: Jaroslav Švrček, Palacky University, Olomouc, CZECH REPUBLIC.
- Treasurer: Peter Taylor, Australian Mathematics Trust, University of Canberra, ACT 2601, AUSTRALIA

The newly elected President Alexander Soifer thanked the Executive Committee for the nomination and the members for their vote.