

Minutes of the General Assembly of the Integrated Disaster Risk Management Society (IDRiM Society)

Date: 2 sept 2010

Place: BOKU, Vienna, Austria

Time: 16:30 to 19 :00

Agenda

1. Introduction of IDRiM Society
2. Selection of Chair person for General Assembly
3. Confirmation of Validation of the General Assembly
4. Selection of the Board of Directors
5. Selection of the President
6. Approval of budget and activities
7. Activity Report:
 - a. Members
 - b. Websites
 - c. IDRiM Journal
 - d. Registration of the Society
 - e. IDRiM 2011

The General Assembly started at 16:30.

1. Introduction to IDRiM Society

Hirokazu presented the Agenda for the General Assembly.

He then provided a brief overview and history about the IDRiM Society.

2. Selection of Chair person for the General Assembly.

Hirokazu Tatano was unanimously selected to chair the General Assembly meeting.

3. Confirmation of validation of the General Assembly

There were 30 of 40 registered members present at the General Assembly. Thus, the General Assembly was validated by majority.

4. Selection of the Board of Directors

One ballot was given to each registered member with the names of nominated members for the Board of Directors. Each member then proceeded to cast their vote.

Three volunteer members (voting coordinators) collected the ballots and counted the votes.

There were two members tied for the 15th place. There was discussion about changing the number of Board Members to 16 instead as 15 as stated in the By Laws (amended by the acting Board of Directors on 1 Sept 2010). Arguments for and against were presented. Ana Maria Cruz suggested that since the Society is just starting it would be more wise to keep both members (who tied for the 15th place) in the Board of Directors as both have

been very active during the past IIASA-DPRI conferences. The motion was applauded and accepted unanimously.

The sixteen elected Board Members, in alphabetical order by last name, are:

1. Aniello Amendola
2. Mohsen Ashtiany
3. Djillali Benouar
4. Ana Maria Cruz
5. Stefan Hochrainer
6. Joanne Linnerooth-Bayer
7. Reinhard Mechler
8. Bijayanand Misra
9. Hans-Peter Nachtnebel
10. Norio Okada
11. Adam Rose
12. Charles Scawthorn
13. Peijun Shi
14. Kaoru Takara
15. Hirokazu Tatano
16. Muneta Yokomatsu

5. Selection of the President

Bijayanand Misra nominated Norio Okada to the post of president and it was seconded by all present.

Bijayanand Misra pointed out that there was an inconsistency in the wording of Article 9 of the Charter concerning the Vice-President.

As several issues concerning the Charter (and Bylaws) need to be reviewed Charles Scawthorn motioned for the setting up of a commission to review the Charter, check for inconsistencies, improve the wording, etc. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Approval of budget and activities

The budget and activities were presented and approved by the General Assembly.

7. Activity reports.

- a. Members: Ms. Keiko Inoue reported on the membership registration. She said there were 47 registered members, 5 student members and 42 regular members.
- b. Website: H. Tatano and A. M. Cruz reported on the Society website saying that it is up and running and working well. They said that they welcomed suggestions or comments for improvement of the website.

- c. IDReM Journal: A. M. Cruz said that the 1st Issue of the IDReM Journal will be published on-line in December 2010. She briefly mentioned that the IDReM Journal editorial management system is working well, and welcomed suggestions for improvements. She said that there is currently an open-call for papers, encouraging participants, particularly those that gave presentations to submit their manuscripts for consideration for publication in the journal.
- d. IDReM2011: H. Tatano explained that there were two offers for the hosting of next year's conference. Prof. D. Benouar confirmed his offer to hold the IDReM2011 in Algiers, Algeria. Prof. Adam Rose has also offered to host the conference at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, United States. Prof. Rose still needs to check with his colleagues and administration before he officially confirms the offer. The Board of Directors will evaluate both offers and make a final decision in the coming months.

The General Assembly was adjourned at 19:00.

Minutes prepared by: Ana Maria Cruz