FINAL PLENARY SESSION

MINUTES OF THE FINAL PLENARY SESSION HELD AT
BANGKOK CONVENTION CENTER,
CENTRAL PLAZA HOTEL

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 1992, 10:00 AM

1. Congress Acting General Chairman, Mr Carlos Bell Raymond, calls the session to order.

2. A Report by the Congress Secretary-Treasurer, Mr Manu Leopairote.

3. A Report by the Chairman of the Executive, Mr Robert Antoine.

4. A Report by the Chairman of the Technical Committee, Mr Brian Egan, who also announces the names of members appointed by Council to the posts of Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and Chairmen of Sections.

5. A Report by the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

6. The Congress Acting General Chairman (Mr. Raymond) requests the Secretary of the Executive to announce:
   a) The names of four members upon which Honorary Life Membership of the Society have been conferred.
   b) The names of the seven new members of the Executive.
   c) The name of the Affiliated Member authorized to host the XXII Congress (Colombia).

7. At the invitation of the Congress Acting General Chairman (Mr Raymond), the Councillor for the next host country makes a short statement and announces the Officers of the XXII Congress.

8. The Congress Acting General Chairman (Mr Raymond) calls upon the Secretary of the Executive (Mr O. Almazan) to present the Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws which were proposed by the Executive and approved by Council.

9. The Secretary of the Executive (Mr O. Almazan) announces the recommended dues for each class of membership for the XXII Congress.

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10. The Vice-Chairman of the Executive and Chairman of the Technical Committee (Mr B. Egan) present a vote of thanks to out-going Chairman of the Executive (Mr R. Antoine).

11. Final Address by the Congress Acting General Chairman (Mr. Raymond) who later declares the XXI ISSCT Congress closed.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr Chairman:
I have the honor of presenting the report of the Executive Committee:
The 1989 - 1992 Executive was constituted as follows:

- O. Almazan de Olmo (Cuba)
- R. Antoine (Mauritius)
- B. T. Egan (Australia)
- R. M. Hadipoero (Indonesia)
- D. T. Loupe (U.S.A.)
- J. G. S. Ometto (Brazil)
- A. Samper (Colombia)
- D. Sawhney (India)
- G. D. Thompson (South Africa)
- A. J. Vlitos (U.K.)

The Executive met after the final plenary session of the XX Congress and elected R. Antoine as Chairman, B. Egan as Vice-Chairman cum Technical Chairman, and O. Almazan del Olmo as Secretary.

It was further recommended to hold, according to the newly adopted practice, a meeting of the Executive and the Technical Committee with the Congress Organizing Committee in Thailand in September 1990.

In preparation of the joint meeting, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman/Technical Chairman and Secretary of the Executive met members of the Congress Organizing Committee in Bangkok in July 1990 for preliminary discussions concerning the organization of the XXI Congress.

The joint meeting of Executive, Technical and Congress Organizing Committee took place for final discussions in November 1990. Detailed reports on the two meetings outlining the discussions and decisions arrived at concerning the organization of the Congress were submitted.
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Two countries had been identified for holding the Post Congress Tour, but unfortunately the arrangement could not be finalized.

Eight technical workshops were held in different parts of the world during the intervening Congress period, with support from Society funds, and were a success.

The accounts submitted by the Custodian show an opening balance of some US $54,000 and a closing one of some US $55,000. As just stated, the funds of the Society which are derived from Corporate Membership subsidized the travel costs of Sectional members to workshops, those of members of the Technical Coordination committee attending the special meeting in Bangkok, as well as the Technical newsletters.

I regret to say that two members of the Executive resigned during their term of office: Gerald Thompson of South Africa and Joao Guilherme Ometto of Brazil.

I should like to outline two important recommendations made by the Executive and approved by Council:

The first one concerns the desirability of setting-up a permanent secretariat of the Society. To that effect the new Executive will have the task of appointing a sub-committee to study and report on the implications both administrative and financial, involved in the setting-up of a permanent secretariat and to identify the institution or institutions prepared to take it under its umbrella. The sub-committee will have to report at the first joint meeting of Executive, Technical and Congress Organizing Committee in Colombia next year.

As for the second recommendation, once the permanent secretariat is established, it should deal with the important matter concerning the availability of actual texts of technical presentations at Congresses.

Finally, it is recommended that every effort be made to organize a Post Congress Tour in a country neighboring Colombia and where all members of the Society are freely admitted.

Robert Antoine  
Chairman, Executive ISSCT