

Minutes of the DYMAT Association General Assembly held at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, September 6, 2007

1. President's report

Opening the General Assembly, Richard Dormeval first thanked Stephen Walley & the Cavendish for organising the Technical Meeting. Also he mentioned that the General Assembly would be divided in two parts, the Extraordinary General Assembly to vote on the amendment of the statutes (see separate minutes), and the Regular General Assembly.

Richard Dormeval reported that the Board is seeking to improve the image of the Association. During the last year, we worked on mainly on two topics: communication and external relations.

1.1. Communication

A small group had been formed to work on DYMAT News. We intend to publish this three times per year. The March & July 2007 issues have already been published and we hope the third will appear in November.

- A new publicity flyer has been printed for use by every member.
- The DYMAT website is being updated and we hope it will be ready in November. One plan is to make exchanges easier between members by means of a blog.

1.2. External relations

We are a small association. So we need to improve collaboration with other societies and to be involved in various scientific events.

- Two longstanding subgroups are operating: LWAG (led by Bradley Dodd) and Crash (led by Philippe Viot). A new one on standardisation has recently been formed (led by Bradley Dodd). It has 4 members and is seeking collaboration with the China Academy of Science and the Japanese Society of the Technology of Plasticity.
- Industrial dynamic properties is the theme of a Workshop being held in November in Metz with the support of DYMAT.
- Our association with Mecamat has been renewed. A joint workshop called Mecadymat is being organised with the theme of damage and fracture. Hervé Trumel (CEA-Le Ripault) and Sebastien Mercier (University of Metz-LPMM) are respectively the Mecamat and DYMAT representatives.
- Hervé Couque and Erhardt Lach plan to organise the next Technical Meeting in Bourges in September 2008 on the theme of dynamic mechanical properties of nanocrystalline and amorphous metals.
- The next International meeting will be organised by Gunther Dyckmans and colleagues in the Royal Military Academy, Brussels in September 2009.
- There is a continuing need to reach out to research students and industrial researchers.

Bradley Dodd then made a presentation about the LightWeight Armour Group (LWAG). It has existed for 8-10 years. The first meeting was held in Coimbra, Portugal. Our next meeting is being organised in Coburg, Germany, on October 5. There will be no attendance fee as the expenses are being met by the company Saint-Gobain. The number of attendees has stayed fairly constant over the years. This year 17 people have said they are coming in addition to those from Saint-Gobain.

Bradley Dodd then talked about recommendations/standards. These were first written by DYMAT members 15-20 years ago. Recently Professor Sato of the Japan Society for the Technology of Plasticity has contacted us. Bradley Dodd said he has also contacted Professor YiLong Bai of the China Academy of Sciences. He has recently become aware of three groups working on dynamic tensile standards for sheet metals. These documents are very similar to one another. At some point we will have to approach these other groups. Richard Dormeval has agreed to do this. Bradley Dodd said he thinks it is impossible to have a standard for the split Hopkinson pressure bar. So he prefers the term 'recommendation'. However, it has been pointed out by industrial researchers that companies take note of standards but not recommendations.

Philippe Viot then talked about crashworthiness and safety in transport. There is a need to develop exchanges between societies. He is proposing a new project on the interaction between vehicles and the human body during crash. Two congresses have been held already in Bordeaux during 2005 & 2006. The 2008 congress will be held in Aquitaine, France. The collaborative project is called SEPPIA.

2. Vote to accept the President's report

The President's report was accepted by the Assembly with no objections.

3. Treasurer's report

André Lichtenberger presented the finances for 2006/7 (see Appendix 1). These have been audited by 2 non-Governing Board members of DYMAT (François Buy and Christophe Voltz).

Ian Cullis asked about the purpose of the investments. André Lichtenberger said the main purpose was as a financial safety net against the total collapse of an International Conference. Ian Cullis said this should be made explicit when sending out the accounts to members. Richard Dormeval said he would like to spend some of this money.

4. Vote to accept the Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report was accepted by the Assembly with no objections.

5. Election of the Board

The following people stood for election: José Cirne, Bradley Dodd, Richard Dormeval, Gérard Gary, André Lichtenberger, William Proud (new member), Philippe Viot, Stephen Walley. Philip Church and Hervé Trumel were chosen by the Assembly as tellers. 30 valid votes were received. All candidates received 30 votes, so all were elected to the Board.

The DYMAT Governing Board for 2007/8 therefore consists of the following persons: Bahlouli (France), Cirne (Portugal), Couque (France), Dodd (UK), Dormeval (France), Dyckmans (Belgium), Gary (France), Kuokkala (Finland), Lach (Germany), Lichtenberger (France), Llorca (France), Proud (UK), Siviour (UK), Viot (France), Walley (UK), Zaera (Spain).

6. Miscellaneous

William Proud made a presentation about international collaborations, particularly with the Shock Compression of Condensed Matter group of the American Physical Society. Their 2009 meeting will be in Nashville, TN. There is interest in holding (for the first time) an APS-SCCM conference outside the USA. How about a joint meeting with DYMAT in 2013, for example?

Appendix 1
DYMAT Treasurer's Report presented to the General Assembly
September 6, 2007

DYMAT 2007	
17th technical Meeting CAMBRIDGE (GB) September 6-7, 2007	
TREASURER REPORT	FINANCIAL STATUS
27/07/2006 to 26/07/2007	Euros
Remainder on 27/07/06	35 101
INCOMES	
Membership fees	4 760
Sales (Proceed., Recommand.)	1 186
Matériaux 2006	4 995
Conference DYMAT06 (registration fees)	99 420
Conference DYMAT06 (Grant)	5 946
Technical Meeting DYMAT07 (registration fees)	810
Bank interest	63
Sub-total	117 179
EXPENSES	
Conference DYMAT06	104 310
Conference T.M.2007	3 000
Organisation costs (Gov. Board, travel...)	3 422
Fees to association (AFM 2006+2007)	1 100
Material + Software (web)	1 766
Printing	1 508
Insurance	251
Miscellaneous (Post, Bank costs, internet...)	745
Sub-total	116 103
INCOMES-EXPENSES	
	1 076
BALANCE: (remainder06+income-expense)	36 176
CURRENT ACCOUNT	
Check Account on 26/07/2007	4 335
Saving Account on 26/07/2007	1 560
Cash on 26/07/2007	240
Investments (FCP)	30 042
TOTAL: (CC+CE+cash+Inv.)	36 176
Remainder: on 27/07/2007 (CC+CE+cash)	6135
Investments (FCP:Tresor+Oblig.) (value on 31/12/06)	147 696