

Minutes of the DYMAT Association General Assembly held at the Royal Military Academy, Brussels, October 27, 2005

1. President's report

José Cirne first expressed thanks to Gunther Dyckmans and his colleagues at the RMA for organising the technical meeting so well.

He went on to say that one year ago the Governing Board discussed sub-groups to work in specific areas. Some are working very well. They have held a number of workshops. One idea for progressing this would be to hold workshops in new countries in order to make new contacts.

Industrial researchers cannot usually attend conferences that are 3-4 days long. But workshops that are 1-2 days long are OK for them. LWAG has held 4 such workshops.

Bradley Dodd then gave a brief history of LWAG. He said that 6 years ago, FEMS approached him with some money to do something about armour. He was helped by Deguischer in Austria. Some initial meetings were held. Annual workshops were then started. The next one is planned to be held in Bordeaux just before DYMAT 2006. He is trying to keep the costs to around 50€ per delegate. Such workshops are also a way of attracting new members to DYMAT. LWAG has a website. An electronic journal is planned to start in the next few months. Please send papers for inclusion to Bradley Dodd or Stephen Walley. Elections were held recently for various officers: Erhardt Lach was elected president and Stephen Walley as secretary. LWAG is driven by its members (numbering 50-60).

José Cirne commented that it is important to have fora where doctoral students can meet senior researchers. One other subgroup is Transport Security (CRASH) which recently met in Bordeaux. This is headed by Philippe Viot. Philippe Viot said that crash studies involves collaboration between researchers in both dynamic material and structural behaviours. Comparatively little is known of the dynamic mechanical behaviour of the human body and its components. The first workshop brought together academics in structural mechanics, human research, and industry. A meeting will be held in a few weeks time to discuss future workshops.

Bradley Dodd said he hopes to finish in one years time the subgroup on Dynamic Failure Modes by publishing a review paper.

José Cirne then asked Richard Dormeval to speak about DYMAT 2006 in Dijon. Richard Dormeval said he hoped everyone present knew it would take place 11-16 September 2006. 221 abstracts had been received from 23 countries. Half of these had come from Europe, the rest from the USA, Japan, etc. His impression was that the quality was high.

José Cirne then reminded the General Assembly about the thesis prize (details on the DYMAT website).

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 accounts of the DYMAT Association which had been audited by M. Chabotier. A summary of the accounts are presented as an appendix to these minutes.

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

José Cirne, Bradley Dodd, Richard Dormeval, Gérard Gary, André Lichtenberger, Hugh MacGillivray, Philippe Viot, and Stephen Walley stood for election to the 8 vacant places. 10 proxies had been received. All the candidates received 21 votes apart from Hugh MacGillivray who received 20 votes. All the candidates were therefore duly declared elected to the Governing Board.

The DYMAT Governing Board for 2005/6 therefore consists of the following people:

José Cirne (Portugal), Hervé Couque (France), Bradley Dodd (UK), Richard Dormeval (France), Gunther Dyckmans (Belgium), Gérard Gary (France), Erhardt Lach (Germany), André Lichtenberger (France), Fabrice Llorca (France), Hugh MacGillivray (UK), Wojciech Nowacki (Poland), Alexis Rusinek (France), Thierry Thomas (France), Philippe Viot (France), Stephen Walley (UK), Raman Zaera (Spain).

6. Miscellaneous

José Cirne said that the next DYMAT newsletter would be sent to members at the end of the year. Two issues per year seemed at present to be the right number.

Appendix
DYMAT Treasurer's Report presented to the General Assembly
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DYMAT 2005	
16th Dymat Workshop Brussels (B) 1/08/2005	
TREASURER REPORT	FINANCIAL STATEMENT
28-05-04 to 01-08-05	Euros
Remainder on 27-05-04	18 896
INCOMES	
Membership fees	3 412
Sales (Proceed., Recommand.)	272
Conference (Dymat03+TM04+TM05)	4 603
Bank interest	56
Investments (FCP)	113
Sub-total	8 455
EXPENSES	
Organisation costs (gov.board, travel)	4 273
Fees to association (AFM)	550
Conference (TM04+AFM)	1 463
Miscellaneous (insurance, material, print, gift...)	1 292
Sub-total	7 577
BALANCE:(remainder+income-expense)	19 773
CURRENT ACCOUNT	
Check Account on 01/08/05	17 020
Saving Account on 01/08/05	2 840
Cash on 01/08/05	-86
TOTAL: (CC+CE+cash) Remainder on 01/08/05	19 773
Investments (FCP)(value on 01/01/05)	78 005