

Minutes of the DYMAT Association General Assembly held at the Conseil Général, Bourges, September 12th 2008

1. President's report

Opening the General Assembly, Richard Dormeval first thanked Hervé Couque and his colleagues for organizing the Technical Meeting and the General Assembly. He then announced the death of Janusz Klepaczko of the LPPM, Metz. He was very active in the field of dynamics and techniques. His career since 1960 had taken him from Poland to Canada, the USA, and France. He was a faithful member and friend of DYMAT.

The main activities of the Board during the last year included seeking to improve the image of the Association and providing financial support for workshops on topics relevant to the Association. Five workshops had been supported:

- the first in by end of the last year for the organization of an international workshop held at Metz (France) on 'Constitutive Relations and Numerical Simulation of Industrial Dynamic Processes'
- then for an international conference organized in May at Rocamadour (France) on 'Materials under extreme loadings with application to penetration and impact',
- again for a workshop in September at Poznan (Poland) on 'Dynamic fracture and damage of brittle materials and its industrial applications',
- a meeting of the Light Weight Armour Group in October at Rijswijk (Netherlands)
- last, for the annual MecaDymat Meeting which was hosted at Lorient, in France, by the University of South Britain. The Association enjoys excellent relations with Mecamat.

The aims of providing financial support to workshops and conferences are: (i) the promotion of the Association; (ii) to enhance the reputation of the Association; and (iii) to attract new members and contacts. A new idea has been pursued this year, namely the setting up of a network of official correspondents. At present, the Board consists of 16 members from a variety of European countries. We also have two longstanding American correspondents: Marc Meyers and Rusty Gray. We are seeking to expand this network both within and outside Europe. The responsibilities of these correspondents will be: (i) to promote DYMAT in their country/region; (ii) to encourage new members; and (iii) to inform DYMAT (mainly through the newsletter) about events in their country/region. Letters were sent out in July to prospective candidates. 5 positive replies have been received from Professors Magnus LANGSETH (NORWAY), Ezio CADONI (SWITZERLAND-ITALY), Daniel RITTEL (ISRAEL), Hidetoshi KOBAYASHI (JAPAN) and Trevor CLOETE (SOUTH AFRICA). Three other positive answers are awaited from CANADA, NETHERLANDS and CHINA.

Richard Dormeval reminded the Assembly that revised statutes were passed last year at an Extraordinary General Assembly. We now need new internal rules. These will be presented for approval at the next ordinary General Assembly. The new website is now working. DYMAT News is being published regularly. He asked the members present to send information for inclusion. The subgroups continue to be active. It has been proposed that a future Technical Meeting should be on the theme of one of the subgroups. The next International Congress will be held in Brussels September 7-11 2009. The deadline for abstracts is October 31 2008.

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 of the Association for the period July 27, 2007 to July 16, 2008 (see Appendix 1). These have been audited by François Buy, a non-Governing Board member of DYMAT. The figures presented in Appendix 1 show that during the period covered, a small loss occurred, but this is an artefact of the reporting period.

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: Nadia Bahlouli, Hervé Couque, Gunther Dyckmans, Veli-Tapani Kuokkala, Erhardt Lach, Fabrice Llorca, Clive Siviour, Ramon Zaera. There were therefore 8 candidates for 8 places. The assembly chose the following as tellers: William Proud, Philippe Viot. 40 valid votes were cast. There were no rejections. All 8 candidates were therefore re-elected.

The DYMAT Governing Board for 2008/9 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).

Appendix 1
DYMAT Treasurer's Report presented to the General Assembly
September 12, 2008

DYMAT 2008	
18th technical Meeting BOURGES (F) September 10-12, 2008	
TREASURER REPORT	FINANCIAL STATUS
27/07/2007 to 26/07/2008	Euros
Remainder on 27/07/07	6 135
INCOMES	
Membership fees	5 720
Sales (Proceed., Recommand.)	349
Technical Meeting DYMAT07	5 157
Technical Meeting DYMAT08 (Grant)	3 000
Technical Meeting DYMAT08 (registration fees)	250
Bank interest	49
Sub-total	14 525
EXPENSES	
Technical Meeting DYMAT07	2 000
Technical Meeting DYMAT08	6 480
DYMAT Support (organisation of meetings in the field of dyn. behavior of material)	3 008
Organisation costs (Gov. Board, travel...)	7 089
Fees to association (AFM 2008)	550
Material + Software	350
Printing	1 238
Insurance	166
Miscellaneous (Post, Bank costs, internet...)	939
Sub-total	21 819
INCOMES-EXPENSES	
-7 294	
BALANCE:(remainder07+income-expense)	-1 159
CURRENT ACCOUNT	
Check Account on 26/07/2008	3 634
Saving Account on 26/07/2008	409
Cash on 26/07/2008	34
FCP interest 2007 (152790 - 147606)	5 184
Sales FCP (investments)	-5 236
TOTAL: (CC+CE+cash+Inv.)	
-1 159	
Remainder: on 27/07/2008 (CC+CE+cash)	4077