



Minutes International Military Testing Association (IMTA 2007)

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

8 October 2007, 1430 hrs

Legends Hotel, Gold Coast, Australia

The IMTA Steering Committee met before the 49th annual conference on Monday, 8 October 2007 at the Legends Hotel on the Gold Coast. Colonel Peter Murphy, Director Defence Force Psychology Organisation, chaired the meeting.

Item 1. Welcome & Introduction

The Chair opened the meeting at 1430 hrs and welcomed all members. Introductions were made. Invited representatives from Indonesia were present at the meeting for the first time. (See **Annex A** for the names of participants and the organisations represented).

Item 2. Confirmation of 2006 minutes

The minutes were confirmed without amendment.

Item 3. Update on key details of Conference 2007

The Chairman presented an update of the IMTA 2007 program as at midday 8 Oct:

- a) 200 delegates from 24 nations (102 from outside Australia),
- b) 6 keynote speakers (2 from outside Australia),
- c) 100 presentations across four tracks,
- d) 2 symposia, 1 extended 'how to' forum, and 27 themed sessions,
- e) Sponsorship from four corporate and two Defence organisations.

Item 4. Financial report

The Chair noted that \$36,061.95 AS in seed money had been received from Canada for the 2007 Conference. The 2007 team aimed to hand off a similar amount of seed money to the Netherlands. A final financial report for the 2007 conference would be presented at the 2008 organising committee meeting in Amsterdam.

Some discussion ensued about the size of the seed money allocation. There was a view that it had become too large. It was offered that perhaps future conferences could balance the conference fee against a lower seed money target. Australia noted that the cost of booking facilities had grown, and that the seed money from Canada was found to be particularly useful, albeit more than required.

Outcome: Hosting nations should not feel obligated to hand on larger seed money grants than those received.

Item 5. Membership

Attendance of Steering Committee representatives was noted and recorded (See **Annex A** for the list of attendees). Two expressions of interest to join the IMTA steering committee had been received during the preceding year – from Brazil and China. However, neither nation was present at the Gold Coast meeting.

LTC Eri Hidayat and LTC Gunawan from the Psych Service of the Indonesian Army provided a briefing on the psychology services available from their organisation. A proposal to allow Indonesia to join the IMTA steering committee was made and carried unanimously.

A by-law introduced in the preceding Steering Committee Meeting, that membership would lapse for Steering Committee member organisations that were not represented at a committee meeting for two years in a row, was revisited. It was suggested that this by-law was too harsh and needed to be softened. Discussion led to a proposal that in the event of lack of representation for two years in a row, a nominated member of the IMTA Steering Committee would attempt to contact the absentee organisation with a view to establishing their intentions regarding active membership. This proposal was put formally and carried.

Outcome: Rather than immediate expulsion, Steering Committee member organisations that were not represented at a committee meeting for two years in a row would be contacted to ascertain their intentions regarding active membership. This intent would be relayed to the Executive.

Item 6. Website Update (Francois Lescreve)

IMTA Webmaster LCol François Lescreve of Belgium gave an update brief on the IMTA website.

Outcome: LCol Lescreve's offer to continue as IMTA web master was unanimously accepted.

Australia noted the outstanding support provided by LCol Lescreve to the 2007 conference.

Outcome: LCol François Lescreve was commended for his continuing and vital support to IMTA via his website activities.

The resource needs of conducting an efficient and effective web site were discussed, as was the remuneration for those undertaking website development and maintenance duties.

Outcome: The Committee endorsed the expenditure of up to 2,500 Euros on computer software, namely Visual Studio 2008 and Adobe Flash.

The concept of a page for each member organisation that included a link to their websites (where possible), points of contact and IMTA testimonials was again discussed. There was in-principle support for this initiative.

Outcome: Each Steering Committee member was requested to prepare a submission about their organisation and the value to them of IMTA for inclusion on the IMTA website.

Discussion ensued about access to financial information about the IMTA. There was concern that access to this information was too wide.

Outcome: It was proposed and carried that access to IMTA financial information should be restricted to Steering Committee members and current conference coordination committee members only.

Item 7. Harry Greer Award Selection

There was unanimous agreement to award the prestigious Harry Greer award to Colonel Ian Johnston (retired) from Australia for his extensive support to IMTA over many years, including involvement in the convening of two IMTA conferences in Australia and his seminal idea for the IBTA (International Beverage Testing Association), a highly successful component of the social program at each IMTA conference.

Outcome: Colonel Ian Johnston is to be awarded the 2007 Harry Greer Award.

Item 8. Defence Psychology Australia Briefing

The Chair provided an overview of military psychology in Australia.

Item 9. Future conference timetable

- 2008: Netherlands confirmed
- 2009: United States, Pensacola, late Oct
- 2010: United States, San Antonio

Item 10. Round-table points

Proceedings. As conference host, Australia noted its intention to produce formal, select proceedings from this year's conference. Details TBA.

Item 12. Final Business

The Chair concluded the meeting at 1645 hrs by inviting all to attend the Meet and Greet event at the Currumbin Sanctuary.

Annexes

A: List of attendees

B: Finance Report for IMTA 2006

ANNEX A

IMTA 2007 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: LIST OF ATTENDEES

Member Organisation	Current Year Representative	National Representative Attended
AUSTRALIA Director of Defence Force Psychology Organisation	Col Peter Murphy	05, 06, 07
AUSTRALIA Psychological Research and Technology Group	Maj Anne Goyne	07
AUSTRIA Austrian Armed Forces Military Psychology Service	Mario Wallner	05, 06, 07
BELGIUM Director General Human Resources Royal Military Academy	LCol François Lescreve	05, 06, 07 05
CANADA Canadian Forces Leadership Institute (CFLI) Chief Military Personnel, Director Personnel Applied Research DGMP Research & Analysis Canada Directorate of Military Human Resource Requirements	LCol Jeff Stouffer Susan Truscott	05, 06, 07 05, 06 05, 06, 07 05, 06
CROATIA Ministry of Defence Personal Department – Section for Military Psychology	Maj Ingrid Cippico	05, 07
FRANCE Centre de Recherches du Service de Santé des Armées		05
GERMANY Psychological Services of the German Armed Forces	Bernd Meinardus	05, 06, 07
INDONESIA Psych Service of the Indonesian Army	LTC Eri Hidayat LTC Gunawan	07 07
KOREA Korea Institute for Defense Analyses (KIDA)	Col Kwang-Pyo Choi	05, 06, 07
NETHERLANDS Service Center for Psychological Advice and Selection (PAS) Behavioural Sciences Services Centre	S. Hartman Dr. Reiner Van Gelooven	05, 06, 07 05, 06, 07

SINGAPORE Applied Behavioural Department of Singaporean Armed Forces	LTC Soh Star	05, 06, 07
SWEDEN Swedish National Defense College – Department of Leadership and Management	Bjorn Gustavsson	07
SWITZERLAND Military Academy at ETH Zurich	Stefan Seiler	05, 06, 07
UNITED KINGDOM Ministry of Defence	Gail Walker-Smith	05, 06, 07
UNITED STATES Defense Personnel Security Research Centre	Eric Lang	05, 06, 07
Navy Advancement Centre	Mrs. Nora Matos	05, 06, 07
US Coast Guard HQ	Regrets 05 and 06	
USAF Occupational Measurement Squadron	Regrets 05	
USAF Personnel Research Centre	Mr. Johnny Weismuller	06, 07

HARRY GREER AWARD RECEIPIENTS PRESENT

	Dr Marty WISKOFF	06, 07
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