

**Minutes of the Meeting of the General Business Meeting of the  
International System Dynamics Society**

**August 30, 1991.**

**Erich Zahn Presiding**

**1. System Dynamics Review (George Richardson)**

The Society transferred the journal to Wiley with issue 7-1 in Wiley's name, and 7-2 actually being printed by Wiley. Next year there will be 3 issues, and we are moving toward a quarterly journal. Wiley has been good to deal with and responsive to requests. Wiley will be maintaining the database, and membership dues will be paid directly to Wiley.

**2. Conferences (Jose Machuca)**

1992 will be in Utrecht, Holland.

1993 will be in Mexico.

1994 Will be in Europe, likely The UK or Italy.

1995 Will be in Japan.

**Jac Vennix on the 1992 conference.**

The conference will be held on July 14-17, 1992 in Utrecht which can be reached by a train leaving directly from the Amsterdam airport. The call for papers has been distributed, and abstracts of up to 500 words will be accepted before November 1, 1991. Final papers are due by April 15, 1992 and Registration by May 15, 1992. Some of the issues in European unification would be featured as a special conference theme.

Utrecht has excellent transportation and there will be an activity giving all a chance to walk on water.

**Toshiro Shimada on the 1995 Conference**

The conference will be hosted by the Japanese Chapter and will be held in Tokyo, or a less expensive site near Tokyo. The Japanese chapter now has over 35 members and will make every effort to host a successful and rewarding conference.

**3. Finances**

The finances of the society are healthy, though there has been some slowness in paying membership fees.

**4. New Officers**

Taking office in 1992 will be: Peter Milling for President Elect, Mike Radzicki for VP Meetings, Jim Hines for VP at large, Juan Rego Policy Council, Saburo Kameyama Policy Council, Douglas Franco Policy Council and Jack Homer Policy Council.

**5. Review of Conference (George Richardson)**

A broad range of issues were presented at the conference, and though synthesis and generalization are difficult it does seem clear that we have benefitted greatly from an eastern perspective on many issues.

The emphasis at the conference has been on:

1. National Policy, Health and the environment
2. Methodology and software.
3. Urban and Regional infra- structure.
4. Corporate and production dynamics
5. Analysis and nonlinear dynamics.

Taking the normal science of system dynamics as starting with dynamic problems, evaluating patterns of behavior, constructing a formal model or diagram, analyzing the system and providing insights we see that most of the papers were application of this to a variety of subjects. Some of the papers were more preparatory in nature, and some were pressing to enlarge in areas such as gaming, synthetic data analysis, network analytics, graph theory and software. Many papers were trying to help us do better such of those on optimal control and software.

#### 6. Thanks

Thanks go to AIT and its president Alistair North for providing us with excellent facilities. Special thanks go to the sponsoring organizations: The Canadian International Development Agency, The Takahashi Foundation, IBM Japan, Ltd. and Toshiba Corporation. Thanks to Professor Toshiro Shimada who helped raise sponsorship money.

Khalid Saeed and his very large team have done a splendid job in organizing the conference. And every speaker and participant has played an important part in making the conference a success.