



**2006 IRF Geneva General Assembly / Board Meeting
Istanbul, Turkey**

Thursday, 17 May 2007

Minutes

1. Opening and welcome by the Chairman

Chairman Jerome Munro-Lafon welcomed all members to the meeting. List of presence, apologies and proxies are attached at the end of these minutes.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting (Amsterdam, 4 April 2006).

The minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Geneva Board Meeting (Brussels, 8 November 2006).

The minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

4. Appointment of Scrutineers

Jean-Claude Roffé and Ray Fisher were appointed as scrutineers overseeing the voting.

5. Report of the Chairman

The report of the chairman as distributed is an integral part of these minutes. Jerome Munro Lafon gave a brief overview of his report stressing the importance of the past two conferences (Roads & Environment, Geneva – Feb 2007 and Black Sea & Silk Road, Istanbul May 2007) helped significantly to reinforce the role of IRF. Jerome Munro Lafon encouraged questions from the floor.

6. Secretariat Activities Report 2006

Sibylle Rupprecht made a brief comment on the Secretariat's activities report 2006 which was distributed in advance and which is an integral part of these minutes.

7. Activities Report Permanent Technical Committee for Road Safety

Michael Bernhard reported that the Road Safety has finally succeeded to be put on the agenda of governments, mostly due to the UN General Assembly Resolution. He stressed the willingness of IRF Geneva to solidly collaborate with Washington and Brussels. Each office has its own specialities and particular focus. The activities report of the PTCRS as distributed beforehand is an integral part of these minutes.



8. Activities Report Policy Committee

Patrick Lepercq drew the attention of the audience to the folder with the IRF policies which was distributed. There will be the question of implementation and dissemination of these policies. There was a question on how IRF manages the relationship with the car manufacturer. Michael Bernhard informed that IRF Geneva was very actively involved in the WP29 of the UNECE which the Worldforum for harmonisation of Vehicle Regulations and thus, is interacting with this industry.

9. Activities Report of PPP Working Group

Michael Demarre confessed that since the launch meeting, the PPP working group was not very active. There was a good interest from our members in this working group. However it was important not to duplicate what is already done. The IRF should be more of a clearing house with a knowledge sharing website about PPP and indicating source of information. The IRF will also continue to participate in the various working groups at EU level. There will be discussions about the content of the planned seminar in Vienna in September and as soon as more information is available, the members will be informed.

10. Financial report by the Treasurer

Franz Wiest presented the financial report and the various documents handed out to the assembly. These documents are an integral part of these minutes.

2006 allowed the IRF to finalise a number of issues affecting the accounts since three years. Hopefully, 2007 will start to show an upwards trend in the finances. Franz Wiest said that he is in agreement with the report of the auditors.

Jerome Munro Lafon asked the General Assembly to adopt the accounts as recommended by the Auditing Company.

The accounts were approved unanimously.

11. Update on the agreements with the programme centres of Washington and Brussels

Jean Beauverd reminded the Assembly that he was nominated as coordinator in November 2006. Beginning of January, IRF Geneva proposed new draft statutes, a Memorandum of Understanding for the World Meeting 2009 and a proposal for generic MoUs. Unfortunately, progress was slower than anticipated. Jean Beauverd hoped that we would have more to report at the next meeting.

12. IREF Fellowship Programme

Mike Dreznes from Washington made a very interesting presentation on the IREF Fellowship Programme. The presentation was welcomed with a lot of interest. Jerome Munro Lafon stressed the importance of supporting this better so that the members can profit more of this programme.

13. Election & re-elections Board Members

Jerome Munro Lafon introduced the various elections to the assembly.



The following people have come to the end of their mandate and are proposed to be reelected for another three years onto the Board of Directors:

Michael John MIX	Bechtel	U.K.	CONTR
Jérôme P MUNRO-LAFON	Scott Wilson Group	U.K.	ENG
Jianfei ZHANG	MOC	China	GOV
Abdullah A. AL-MOGBEL	Ministry of Transport	Saudi Arabia	GOV
Otmane FASSI-FEHRI	Autoroute du Maroc	Morocco	OPER
Ray FISHER	Australian Road Forum	Australia	RA
François PREVOST	URF	France	RA
Rik NUYTENS	3M Europe SA	Belgium	TRA
Hamad AL MAZROUI	IATC	UAE	ASSO

All candidates were unanimously approved by the meeting.

The following people have come to the end of their mandate and withdraw from the Board of Directors:

Pierre-Louis DEBAR	CCFA	France	ASSO
Remy CUNIN	Groupe EGIS	France	ENG
Julian Tyufekchiev	AEBTRI	Bulgaria	RA
Richard Harris - left company	Faber Maunsell AECOM	UK	ENG

Jerome Munro Lafon thanked these board members for their support.

The following persons have come to the end of their mandate and the IRF member has nominated a replacement:

Franz WIEST	Swarco Holding AG	Austria	TRA	Replaced by Alexander Swarovski
Gerd BRUIL	VIANED	Netherlands	ASSO	Replaced by Ramco Heeremans

These candidates were approved unanimously by the meeting.

Jerome Munro Lafon thanked especially Franz Wiest for his hard work as a treasurer during these past difficult years.

The following person has come to the end of her mandate. IRF has had no news if the person wishes to stand for reelection. This particular member has not paid its membership fees for a number of years. We therefore propose to accept her resignation by virtue of not having manifested an interest to remain on the board:

Anna TSAPLINA	RADOR	Russia	ASSO	NOT PAID SINCE 2000
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The following persons would like to be elected newly onto the Board of Directors.

Jean Beauverd	Colas Suisse SA	Switzerland	CONTR
Walter Hecke	Kapsch Telematic	Austria	OPER
Ludmila Vodzinska	National Motorway Co.	Slovakia	OPER
Engr. M. Shahid Jamil Qureshi	Ministry of Communications	Pakistan	GOV



These candidates were approved unanimously by a show of hands and welcomed as new members of the Board of Directors.

14. Election & re-elections of Executive Committee Members and Chairman

There has been one resignation from the Executive Committee.

Jean-Claude ROFFE*	SIR (Groupe Colas)	France	CONTR
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Jean-Claude will remain member of the Board of Directors and will continue to work actively in the Permanent Technical Committee on Road Safety. Jerome Munro Lafon thanked him for all his work.

As a reminder the following Board Members have been approved for reelection and are now proposed to be reelected onto the Executive Committee:

Jérôme P MUNRO-LAFON	Scott Wilson Group	U.K.	ENG
François PREVOST	URF	France	RA
Rik NUYTTENS	3M Europe SA	Belgium	TRA

These candidates were approved unanimously for reelection onto the Executive Committee.

The following persons are proposed to be elected newly onto the Executive Committee:

Alexander Swarovski	Swarco Holding AG	Austria	TRA
Jean Beauverd	Colas Suisse SA	Switzerland	CONTR

These two new candidates were elected by acclamation onto the Executive Committee.

Jerome Munro Lafon reminded the assembly that he had stepped down after 5 years of chairmanship. He reported that the Executive Committee recommended Jean Beauverd as candidate for the chairmanship.

Jean Beauverd	Colas Suisse SA	Switzerland	CONTR
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Jean Beauverd was elected unanimously by acclamation.

Jerome Munro Lafon also proposed that the assembly approves the appointment of two additional vice-chairmen:

Rik NUYTTENS	3M Europe SA	Belgium	TRA
Kiran K. Kapila	Intercontinental Consultants & Technocrats	India	ENG

The assembly approved this appointment unanimously. Jerome Munro Lafon accepted the position of Treasurer ad interim until a new Treasurer is named.



15. Life Membership

Jerome Munro Lafon proposed to the assembly to approve Honorary Life Membership two persons who have contributed significantly to the IRF. Manfred Swarovski as former Chairman of the World Executive Board has been a long supporter of the IRF. Wim Westerhuis has acted as Director General for 20 years and has during this period played an important role in the development of the IRF. These appointments are approved unanimously. Wim will be Honorary Director General.

16. Appointment of WEB members

With the precedent elections, the composition of the 6 appointed members to the WEB has changed. The following members are proposed to serve as WEB members:

- Jerome Munro-Lafon
- Jean Beauverd
- Patrick Lepercq
- Yücel Erdem
- Ray Fisher
- Jianfei Zhang

This proposal was approved by acclamation. It is to note that Manfred Swarovski, having served his full term on the WEB will continue to participate as Immediate Past Chairman, but not be voting anymore. Jerome Munro Lafon thanked Manfred Swarovski in the name of IRF Geneva for his dedication and hard work as WEB chairman.

17. Appointment of the Director General

Jerome Munro Lafon related that Wim Westerhuis has been in place for 20 years as director general. He thanked him for his loyalty. Tony Pearce succeeded Wim Westerhuis on a two year contract.

Tony Pearce thanks Jerome Munro Lafon and Franz Wiest for their support during his time. Most of the objectives set out at the beginning of his function have been achieved. Tony Pearce thanked also for the support he had received during his long months of hospitalization.

Jerome Munro Lafon thanked Tony Pearce for his energy and drive during his time as Director General and congratulated him to have overcome his major health problem.

Jerome Munro Lafon then proceeded to present Sibylle Rupprecht who has been Acting Director General since the beginning of 2007. The Executive Committee recommended to the assembly to approve her as new Director General. This proposal was approved unanimously.

18. Programme of the new Chairman

Jean Beauverd thanked Jerome Munro Lafon for his introduction. He wished to make a short presentation of his future vision of IRF:

“The IRF has been in existence for almost 60 years. Times have changed since the end of the Second World War, and this faster and faster. The globalization, geopolitical changes, the recognition of problems such as Road Safety with its 1.2 million deaths per year, environmental issues and global warming, and a shift in the means of financing are today’s major challenges. These past years, the



IRF took on most of these challenges. However, changing times call for new orientations and reflections.

IRF Geneva's membership currently spans 57 Countries representing 197 Members. The strong colour corresponds to more members. Our vision is to expand membership in our geographic area to gain a critical mass to be really representative.

The IRF would like to be close to its members. With the appointment of Rik Nuyttens and Kiran Kapila as Vice Chairmen, Geneva has now three IRF ambassadors: North Africa and Middle East – Samir Allam, Europe – Rik Nuyttens, Asia – Kiran Kapila. To this comes Rustam Yunusov – IRF Councilor for the CIS and Central Asia.

The more members and the bigger the region the more specialist subsystems is needed. We therefore propose to be closer to our members by envisaging regional and maybe country coordinators. These coordinators are volunteer leaders from among our members. We can envisage reinforcing our main working groups: environment, road safety, policy, PPP and to take into them regional needs and speciality groups needs.

To be of added value to our members, the 'raison d'être' of IRF, we need to take into consideration the information and knowledge flow to better respond to each of them. The ultimate aim shall be to become a real lobby organisation collaborating and recognised by international organisations, political bodies, and by technical organisation for the benefit of our members. The activities will naturally flow out of this vision.

I hope that you share with me the enthusiasm to lead the IRF into such direction. However, it will be only with your help and your efforts that such can be achieved."

19. Any Other Business

Jerome Munro Lafon congratulated Yücel Erdem and the Geneva staff for the outstanding conference he organized.

Sibylle Rupprecht added her personal thanks to all the Geneva staff who have worked very hard over the past year to make everything happen. The meeting expressed its thanks to all the staff with a round of applause.

20. Date and Venue for the next meeting

The date and venue for the next meeting of the Board of Directors is proposed to be on Sunday, October 7, 2007 in New Delhi, immediately following the IRF Conference on Road Safety. The Executive Committee will look into this and advise the Board of Directors about the next venue in due time.

21. Adjournment

Jerome Munro Lafon thanked the delegates for their presence and their continued support of the IRF. The meeting was adjourned.

Sibylle Rupprecht
May 2007

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Present

Beauverd Jean	Switzerland	Colas Suisse S.A
Bernhard Michael	Switzerland	Life Member
Cornel Martincu	Romania	APDP
Coskunoglu Atalay	Turkey	Highway Department
Dedeic Edib	Serbia	Public Enterprise Roads of Serbia
Demarre Michel	France	Colas
Dreznes	Mike	IRF Washington
Erdem Yücel	Turkey	Turkish Road Association
Fisher Ray	Australia	Australian Road Forum
Hailong Gao	China	Research Institute of Highway
Hecke Walter	Austria	Kapsch Telematic Services GmbH
Heeremans Remco	Netherlands	Bouwend Nederland
Ibrovic Ljerka	Serbia	Public Enterprise Roads of Serbia
Komarov Riyaz	Russia	SMP-Neftegaz
Lepercq Patrick	France	Michelin
Munro-Lafon Jerome	UK	Scott Wilson Group
Novikov	Maria	IRF Geneva
Nuyttens Rik	Belgium	3M Europe
Pearce	Tony	IRF Geneva
Rahja Jaakko	Finland	Finnish Road Association
Roffe Jean-Claude	France	Colas
Rupprecht Sibylle	Switzerland	IRF Geneva
Sakki Maria	Greece	Greek Road Federation
Shaykhutdinov Nail	Russia	SMP-Neftegaz
Stanciu Michael	Romania	Search Corporation
Swarovski Alexander	Austria	Swarco Central Services
Swarovski Manfred	Austria	Swarco Central Services
Tubic Slavoljub	Serbia	Public Enterprise Roads of Serbia
Westerhuis	Wim	IRF Geneva
Wiest Franz	Austria	Swarco Central Service
Zammataro	Suzanna	IRF Geneva

Proxies

Al-Mogbel Abdullah	Saudi Arabia	Ministry of Transport	Proxy entrusted to:
Buck Manfred	Germany	Daimler Chrysler AG	Munro-Lafon Jerome
Cunin Rémy	France	Groupe Egis	Demarre Michel
Bülent Erdogan	Turkey	Nurol Construction	Demarre Michel
Evdorides Harry	UK	University of Birmingham	Özden Mesut
Fassi-Fehri Otmane	Morocco	ADM	Demarre Michel
Kapila Kumar	India	Intercontinental Consultants	Munro-Lafon Jerome
Le-Coroller Alain	France	Revue Générale des Routes	Munro-Lafon Jerome
Prévost François	France	URF	Demarre Michel
			Lepercq Patrick

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Sörmus Riho	Estonia	Estonian Road Administration	Munro-Lafon Jerome
Tyufekchiev Julian	Bulgaria	AEBTRI	Munro-Lafon Jerome
Vilhar Matija	Slovenia	DRC	Munro-Lafon Jerome
Winghart Jean-Antoine	France	ASFA	Demarre Michel
Alain Dupont	France	Colas	Jean-Claude Roffe

Appologies

Damen Peter	Australia	ARRB Group
Karimov Buri	Russia	Institute of Radar Meteorology
Tsaplina Anna	Russia	RADOR