

**The Annual General Meeting of the International Association of Broadcast
Meteorology was held at Artico room of San Lorenzo del Escorial at 19:00 on
Wednesday 3rd October 2007**

Proxy votes:

John Teather
Bill Giles
John Kermond
Enric Agud
Jofre Janué Miret
Daniel Corbett
Evelyn Cusac
Dietert Walsh
Michael Whelsh
Monica Lopez
Claire Martin
Francesc Mauri
Albert Barniol

Attendants

Inge Niedek
Gerald Fleming
Tomas Molina
Jay Trobec
Arne Spekat
Francis Wilson

1.- Secretary's report

This has been a difficult year for the association with the cancellation of Monterrey. The committee had already put a lot of work into the preparations. Our attention then turned to trying to find an alternative solution to holding a conference. This work still continues.

It has been particularly difficult for the committee to meet during the year. All of the committee have been very busy with their careers coupled with the difficulty in funding those members who are unable to get their employers to meet travel and accommodation costs. This situation is not set to improve in the near future as the funding of the association has been particularly challenged during the period this report covers. On a personal note I have now ceased to draw the small honorarium from the end of March. I hope this will help.

I have continued to produce the association magazine 'Up Front' however, the number of issues was far below what the committee would have wished as funding was not available and without the generous financial support of the Chairman and Treasurer no issues would have been published at all.

During the year I re-designed the web site to provide a brighter and more modern look. Hits to the site still show a considerable world-wide interest in the association and its work.

Membership levels have remained fairly level throughout the year, with any losses being made up by new members.

I apologise for being absent at the AGM - but it simply comes back to the real and continuing funding issue that plagues our association. These will be a priority for the new Chairman and committee.

2.- Chairman Report

Dear colleagues:

This year has been a quite "white year" as we say in Catalunya.

Our Monterrey did not happen. We had great expectations in this event. As you know our Second World Conference has been cancelled because of economical restrictions at the Forum Monterrey Organization. This cancellation broke our economical expectations, so our UP FRONT magazine was only one time in mailboxes at home.

By the way, as every year, we were presents at the Executive Council of WMO in Geneva.
Some members participated as facilitators at the Madrid WMO Conference on Socioeconomical Benefits of Meteorological and Hydrological information.

Some European members were also present at the first meeting of the now called Climate Broadcaster Network – Europe. A new network created by the European Commission to increase the awareness on Climate Change in Europe.

As for the future, we are now working again in new possibilities for our second world conference. This may happen in Shanghai in 2010 for the Universal Expo.

We need to keep in touch with the Universal Forum headquarters for next editions of the event.
This is my last report, as chairman, because I have arrived to my third election as it is written in our rules.
Claire Martin will be next chair. I will help her as much as I can to reach all the goals she will mark, but specially the economical ones and the Conference.

3.- Treasurer's report

We have lived on the conference 2.000 in Geneva, and 2004 Barcelona economic remaining. The income coming from the membership was not enough for the expenses this year.

We need to find an easier way to pay a part from Paypal. We can not afford to have 3 up front a year and the administration cost with the actual income.

4.- Election of new committee.

Chairman Claire Martin
Vice-chairman Tomas Molina
Secretary John Teather
Treasurer Gerald Fleming
Membership secretary
Ordinary directors

Jay Trobec propped, and Inge Niedeck seconded
It was approved unanimously.

There were no motions from the membership and no other matters were raised and the session was closed at 20:15