

EUROGRAPHICS General Assembly

The eleventh General Assembly of the EUROGRAPHICS Association was held at the Maison des Congres, Montreux, Switzerland, on Thursday 6 September 1990, at 16.50. The Chairman, R.J. Hubbard, welcomed the 63 members present.

The agenda for the meeting was published in Computer Graphics Forum, Vol. 9, No. 3, p. 297 (1990).

1. Minutes of the Tenth General Assembly

The minutes of the tenth General Assembly, published in Computer Graphics Forum, Vol. 8, No. 4, pp. 383-392 (1989) were approved.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman noted that his term of office ends on 31 December 1990 and reported that Dr J. Schönhut, currently a Vice-chairman, would take over the Chairmanship on 1 January 1991.

The Chairman also reported the resignation of Professor D.B. Arnold as Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Publications Board and the resignation of W.A.J. Prior as Chairman of the Conference Board and also as a member of the Executive Committee.

The Chairman thanked Professor Arnold and Mr Prior for the excellent work each has done for the Association.

4. Board Reports

4.1. Conference Board

The Chairman, Dr R.J. Hubbard, gave this report. Mr Prior has had a very much increased pressure in his job and indicated his wish to resign as Conference Board Chairman because he has no longer the time to carry the heavy load associated with the Conference Board chairmanship. Thanks were expressed to Mr Prior for the work he has done in setting up a programme of events through to 1993, in which the Association can have confidence.

Attempts are still being made to recover the money owed to EUROGRAPHICS by API from the EUROGRAPHICS '86 event. There are signs that this may be resolved and a special General Assembly of API is taking place in October to consider the matter further. The situation is being monitored closely to ensure that the legal costs involved remain within sensible bounds.

It is believed that the EUROGRAPHICS '89 accounts

are now finalized and there will be a benefit to EUROGRAPHICS of about 109K DM. At the time of the General Assembly, the money had not been transferred to the EUROGRAPHICS account.

EUROGRAPHICS '90 was close to the target participation levels and substantial savings appear to have been made in expenditure. However, the Chairman noted that it would not be profitable to predict the outcome at this stage.

Future events are planned as follows:

- 91 Vienna
- 92 Cambridge
- 93 Barcelona
- 94 Oslo
- 95 Netherlands

The decisions on EUROGRAPHICS'94 and '95 were made during the Executive Committee meeting in Montreux. The choice of the Netherlands for 1995 is subject to a satisfactory proposal being finalized. It has been agreed that no final decision will be taken on sites for the events beyond 1995 prior to September 1992.

Problems have been experienced with conference monitoring. The Conference Board has done an excellent job in selecting conference sites, but the existing structure has too many levels for monitoring and coordination to be effective. The Executive Board has studied the problem and it has been agreed by the Executive Committee that the Conference Board should be amalgamated with the Executive Board, augmented with a number of Conference Officers (to be defined). It has not been possible to find a replacement for Mr Prior and two other Conference Board members have indicated a wish to resign due to other pressures. The new structure will help to spread the load of decision making on conferences amongst a number of senior people in the organization.

4.2. Professional Board

Professor Duce gave the report on behalf of Professor Encarnacao.

Affiliation Agreements have been concluded with the Swiss Computer Graphics Association and the Nicograph Association. Members of these associations will receive a 20% discount on the EUROGRAPHICS membership fee and vice versa.

Discussions are also taking place with Yugraph, the Computer Graphics Chapter of the Yugoslavian computer society, ETAN and with ACM Siggraph.

Under the Graphics and Interaction in Esprit activity, a workshop on User Interface Management Systems and

Environments was organized at INESC in Lisbon in June 1990 and a Eurographic Seminars series book is nearing completion. Graphics and Interaction in Esprit sessions were organized at EUROGRAPHICS '90.

A working conference on Computer Graphics and Education is being organized in Spain in April 1991 as a cooperative venture between IFIP WG 5.10, ACM SIGGRAPH and EUROGRAPHICS.

Dr Schönhut and Professor Duce have resigned from the Board due to pressure of other activities in the Association. The new composition is Professor Encarnacao (Chairman), Dr Bono, Miss Coquillart and Mr Toppe.

4.3. Workshops Board

Mr Herman gave his Board's report. Workshops were held during the year on: Relation of Page Description Languages and Graphics Systems, Scientific Visualization, Intelligent CAD IV, Object Oriented Graphics, User Interface Management Systems, Photosimulation Realism and Physics, Advances in Computer Graphics Hardware, Animation and Simulation.

Workshops planned for the next year include: Graphics and Communications, Scientific Visualization, Photo-realism, Object Oriented Graphics, Multimedia.

In addition to the workshop programme, there are a number of very active Working Groups, many of which held meetings during EUROGRAPHICS '90. A number of activity reports have appeared in Computer Graphics Forum.

4.4. Publications Board

Professor Arnold gave this report. The supply of papers for Computer Graphics Forum is being maintained, but members were urged to continue soliciting and submitting papers. Payment is now being made for the materials costs involved in the production of camera ready copy for the journal and the meeting recorded thanks to CWI for their support of the process.

The new cover of the journal is a far from faithful reproduction of the award-winning entry in the competition and the matter is being pursued with the publisher.

The royalty income from the Eurographic Seminars series was less than hoped for. This is because fewer new titles appeared in the series during the year than anticipated. It is hoped that 6 new volumes will appear in 1991. Many of these are either already with the publisher or are about to be despatched to the publisher.

Professor Arnold thanked the Board members for their work during the year.

He indicated that a new EUROGRAPHICS Technical Report Series has appeared during the year, and consideration is being given to making the conference proceedings available to all members, possibly as an additional issue of

the journal.

Professor Arnold indicated that after six years as a Chief Editor of Computer Graphics Forum, and in the face of an increasing workload, he had decided to resign at the end of the current year. Dr P.J. Willis of the University of Bath, UK, will be taking over for the next volume. L. Kjell Dahl of the University of Stockholm will take over from Professor Arnold as chairman of the Publications Board.

Professor Arnold was thanked for his outstanding contribution to the Association in his time as Chief Editor of the journal and Chairman of the Publications Board.

4.5. Promotions Board

Dr Hubbold, the Board's Chairman, gave this report.

The Board has prepared EUROGRAPHICS promotion kits, which event organizers are urged to use. The kits are available by writing to Dr Hubbold.

The Board is planning to become more proactive in some areas by issuing regular Press Releases.

A Newsletter is being planned which will be sent to all members directly and will be made available to local chapters, affiliated societies and the Press. This will be used for publicising EUROGRAPHICS events and activities.

All ideas for promotional material and activities are welcomed by the Board.

4.6. Operations Board

Mr Vandoni, the Secretary, gave the first part of the report. The Central Secretariat has run well during the year and a number of procedures associated with financial monitoring and control have been streamlined.

The number of Individual Members in the Association is 885, compared with 883 last year. The number of Institutional Members has increased by 6. Taking into account the Institutional Member contact persons, there are now 1060 individuals in the Association.

The Executive Committee has approved a number of revisions to the membership renewal procedure. The aim of these is to simplify the work of the Secretariat and encourage early renewal of membership. The new procedure is:

- (1) invoices will be issued in mid-November;
- (2) reminders will be sent out in mid-February to those who have not yet paid;
- (3) notices of cancellation will be issued in mid-May to those who have not paid by that date. Memberships which have not subsequently been renewed by 30 June, will be cancelled on 1 July as required by the present Bye-laws.

The Executive Committee recommended to the General Assembly, a change to the Bye-laws concerning the membership fee payable by Student Members. Professor Arnold proposed the following change, seconded by Mr Morrow:

change Rule 41(c) to:

Student Members, one half of the Individual Ordinary Members fee, defined in Rule 41(a).

Some felt that the proposed change was contrary to the desire to encourage student members. It was pointed out that when the student membership category was introduced, the ordinary membership fee was 70 Sfr and the student fee of 35 Sfr was deliberately set at one half of this.

The proposed change was approved by 37 votes to 6 with 7 abstentions.

Professor Duce, the Treasurer, then presented the accounts for the financial year 1 July 1989 to 30 June 1990. He explained that two sets of accounts would be presented, the accounts prepared by the Operations Board to manage the running of the Association and the official accounts prepared by the accountant. The internal accounts were presented first. Income and expenditure fall into three categories: income and expenditure on behalf of membership services (for example membership fees, Board expenditure, Computer Graphics Forum), income and expenditure carried over from the previous year (the Suspense Account) and income and expenditure for conferences (mailing costs, some travel costs, advances) which is subsequently reimbursed in full. The separation is reflected in the accounts below, which separate membership, suspense and rechargeable conference accounts.

Membership Account

	Actual	Budget
<i>Income</i>		
Membership fees	98862.61	95400.00
Conference surplus	1882.10	75000.00
Royalties	15356.20	20000.00
Bookshop	10942.50	10000.00
Bank interests	8272.20	3000.00
	<u>135315.61</u>	<u>203400.00</u>
<i>Less Expenditure</i>		
Executive Board	15714.86	10500.00
Professional Board	7596.42	10250.00
Conference Board	3768.94	5250.00
Workshop Board	3196.98	10000.00
Operations - Secretary	52421.97	48000.00
Operations - Treasurer	22665.29	26000.00
Promotions Board	19112.62	24033.00
Publications Board	50450.14	62000.00
Bookshop	1213.00	2000.00
	<u>176140.22</u>	<u>198033.00</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	-40824.61	5367.00

- (1) Note that conference surplus of 109K DM for EURO-GRAPHICS '89 has not yet been received. This is the reason for the large deficit on this account.

Suspense Account

	Actual	Budget
<i>Income</i>		
Royalties	22582.15	20500.00
EG88	61284.40	63800.00
	<u>83866.55</u>	<u>84300.00</u>
<i>Less Expenditure</i>		
Taxation	18186.00	18186.00
Promotion	10167.15	8200.00
Reimbursements	1451.75	3000.00
	<u>29804.90</u>	<u>29386.00</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	54061.65	54914.00

Repayment Conference Accounts

	Cumulative	89/90	Budget
EG89 income	19756.00	19756.00	88000.00
EG89 expenditure	22001.08	9619.33	68000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	-2245.08	10136.67	20000.00
EG90 income	0.00	0.00	4000.00
EG90 expenditure	46624.44	15933.56	4000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	-46624.44	-15933.56	0.00
EG91 income	0.00	0.00	0.00
EG91 expenditure	7379.58	3389.14	6000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	-7379.58	-3389.14	-6000.00
EG92 income	0.00	0.00	0.00
EG92 expenditure	4563.32	2781.57	2000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	-4563.32	-2781.57	-2000.00
EG93 income	0.00	0.00	0.00
EG93 expenditure	310.55	310.55	0.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	-310.55	-310.55	0.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>-61122.97</u>	<u>-12278.15</u>	<u>20000.00</u>

- (1) The column labelled 89/90 is the income and expenditure on each event in the financial year 1989/90.
- (2) The column labelled Cumulative is the overall income and expenditure on each event over this and previous financial years.
- (3) The large deviations from the budget are due to the fact that the repayment conference account budgets were constructed incorrectly. There is now a much better understanding of how to budget these accounts.

There is also an account for the Graphics in Esprit UIMS Workshop and some miscellaneous items of income. The UIMS Workshop account will be completed in the next

financial year. The workshop was not envisaged when the budget was presented to the General Assembly in 1989, for this reason the budget has been shown as zero here.

	Actual	Budget
Miscellaneous income	1356.25	0.00
Miscellaneous expenditure	0.00	0.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	1356.25	0.00
UIMS Workshop income	0.00	0.00
UIMS Workshop expenditure	2308.82	0.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	-2308.82	0.00

The Auditor's Report, audited accounts and balance sheet are reproduced at the end of these minutes.

- (1) the assets of the Association show a substantial increase on the previous year. The reason for this is that the previous accounts did not take full account of the EUROGRAPHICS investment in repayment conference accounts and only considered sums falling in the current financial year.
- (2) Provision has been made in the accounts for a part of the payment outstanding from EUROGRAPHICS '90.

Professor Duce proposed that the audited accounts be approved. Dr Krammer seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Professor Duce proposed that Antoine Richard be appointed auditors for the financial year 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1991. Dr Purgathofer seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. Budget and Forward Look

Professor Duce presented the budget for 1990/91 and forward look until 1994/95.

Membership Fees

	90/91	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95
Ord. Mem. fee (Sfr)	110	110	125	125	150
Inst. Mem. fee (Sfr)	1000	1000	1250	1250	1500
<i>Income (KSfr)</i>					
Ord. Mem.	82.0	83.0	105.0	106.3	129.0
Inst. Mem.	35.0	36.0	46.3	47.5	58.5
Total	117.0	119.0	151.3	153.8	187.5

Membership Account

Income	90/91	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95
Membership fees	117.0	119.0	151.3	153.8	187.5
Royalties	12.0	14.0	25.0	17.0	10.0
Conference surplus	0.0	75.0	85.0	85.0	85.0
Bookshop	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Interest	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
	145.0	224.0	277.3	271.8	298.5

Expenditure	90/91	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95
Exec. Brd.	11.0	11.6	12.0	13.0	14.0
Prof. Brd.	10.5	5.8	6.1	6.4	6.7
Conf. Brd.	5.5	5.8	6.1	6.4	6.7
Workshops Brd.	10.5	11.0	11.6	12.1	12.7
<i>Operations</i>					
Secretary	63.0	58.0	61.0	64.0	77.0
Treasurer	19.0	20.0	21.0	22.1	23.2
Taxation	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Promotions Brd.	17.0	19.8	19.0	22.0	21.0
Publications Brd.	61.9	73.7	93.3	106.8	107.9
Bookshop	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4
	212.4	219.8	244.3	267.1	283.6
Surplus/(Deficit)	(67.4)	4.2	33.0	4.7	14.9

Suspense Account

Income	90/91
Spanish Chapter	1.0 (1)
EG89 surplus	93.5 (2)
Membership income	12.0 (3)
	106.5
<i>Expenditure</i>	
	0.0
Surplus/(deficit)	106.5

- (1) Payment of this invoice has now been received.
- (2) Payment is awaited.
- (3) Some transfers from Affiliated Societies who collect membership fees on behalf of EUROGRAPHICS were delayed at the end of the last financial year. These monies have now been transferred to EUROGRAPHICS.

Repayment Conference Accounts

	90/91	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95
<i>Income</i>					
EG90	56.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG91	0.0	70.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG92	0.0	0.0	60.0	0.0	0.0
EG93	0.0	0.0	0.0	64.0	0.0
EG94	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	68.0
Total income	56.0	70.0	60.0	64.0	68.0
<i>Expenditure</i>					
EG90	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG91	33.0	29.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG92	32.0	17.0	11.0	0.0	0.0
EG93	0.0	34.0	18.0	12.0	0.0
EG94	0.0	0.0	36.0	19.0	13.0
EG95	0.0	0.0	0.0	38.0	20.0
EG96	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.0
Total expenditure	75.0	80.0	65.0	69.0	73.0
Surplus/(Deficit)	-19.0	-10.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0

- (1) The data for EUROGRAPHICS '90 and '91 are taken from agreed conference budgets. The budgets for future conferences are still under negotiation and the data in the table are based on the cash flow profile of the EUROGRAPHICS '90 repayment account. The increasing outlay in conferences over time was noted.

Summary

Summary	90/91	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95
Membership A/C surplus	-67.4	4.2	33.0	4.7	14.9
Conference A/C surplus	-19.0	-10.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0
Suspense A/C surplus	106.5				
Total surplus	20.1	-5.8	28.0	-0.3	9.9
Cash at bank	199.0				
	219.1	213.3	241.3	241.0	250.9

Professor Duce proposed and Professor Arnold seconded, the following change to the Bye-laws:

that Rule 41(a) be changed to:

Individual Ordinary Members, Constitution Article 4(1) 110 Sfr, with a discount of 10 Sfr for payments received before 15 January.

that Rule 41(b) be changed to:

Institutional Members. The fee payable is based on the benefits desired.

Contact persons	2	4	6
Discounted Registrations	3	5	7
Library copies of journal	2	4	6
Fee (Sfr.)	1000	1600	2200

These changes to take effect for memberships for the calendar year 1991.

During discussion, the following points emerged:

- (1) It was stressed that the major perturbation in the forward look is the unknown cost of the journal beyond the present contract which expires in 1991.
- (2) It was stressed that approval would be sought for the 1990/91 budget, not the complete forward look. In particular, the figures at the end of the five year period are very provisional.
- (3) The Treasurer pointed out that it was not possible to compare the assets of the Association at the end of this financial year with the previous financial year because of the different ways in which repayment conference accounts have been treated. The cash in hand at the end of this financial year was 10K Sfr more than at the end of the previous financial year. Inflation is eroding this.
- (3) The membership was informed at the previous General Assembly that an increase in membership fee to 100 Sfr was likely to be proposed for 1991. The

Operations Board considered it wise to seek an increase to 110Sfr to offset the effects of inflation and to create a buffer against likely price rises over the next few years. A discount of 10 Sfr is proposed for those taking advantage of early payment.

The motion was put to a vote. The motion was carried: 39 votes for, 4 against, 7 abstentions.

Professor Duce proposed that the budget for 1990/91 set out above be approved. Mr Hewitt seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Executive Committee Elections

6.1. Results of 1990 Elections

The results of the elections for the Executive Committee were presented. 309 ballot forms were returned.

	Region	Votes	
Encarnação	2	224	<i>Elected</i>
Hubbold	1	203	<i>Elected</i>
ten Hagen	3	202	<i>Elected</i>
Vandoni	5	199	<i>Elected</i>
Bono	7	170	<i>Elected Region 7</i>
Kansy	2	128	<i>Elected</i>
Post	3	125	
Toppe	4	108	
Bergeron	7	99	
Morrow	1	99	
Grinstein	7	89	
Skala	6	79	<i>Elected Region 6</i>
Richter	6	66	
Krammer	6	63	
Suznjevic	6	51	

The composition of the Executive Committee from the close of the General Assembly is:

Until 1991 Brunet (5), Duce (1) Gnatz (2), Herman (3), Kjell Dahl (4), Post (3), Purgathofer (2),

Until 1992 Arnold (1), Coquillart (5), Falcidieno (5), Hewitt (1), Hopgood (1), Schonhut (2), Strasser (2).

Until 1993 Bono (7), Encarnacao (2), ten Hagen (3), Hubbold (1), Kansy (2), Skala (6), Vandoni (5).

The numbers in brackets after each name indicate the region to which the member belongs. There will be a vacancy for Region 4 in 1991.

6.2. Appointment of Nominating Committee

The General Assembly appoints two members to a Nominating Committee whose function is to nominate candidates for the Executive Committee elections. The Executive Committee has appointed D.B. Arnold and P.J.W. ten Hagen.

M.R. Gomes was proposed by H. Kuhlmann, seconded by J. Rix and P.J. Willis was proposed by T.

Morrow and seconded by W. Purgathofer. There being no further nominations, Gomes and Willis were duly appointed.

7. Revisions to the Bye-laws

Professor Duce pointed out that the current definition of the electoral regions in the Bye-laws includes the Federal Republic of Germany in Region 2 and the German Democratic Republic in Region 6. Professor Duce proposed and Mr Herman seconded, the following motion:

that the composition of Regions 2 and 6 be changed to reflect the reunification of the F.R. Germany and the German D.R. Change the composition of Regions 2 and 6 defined in Rule 30(1) to the following:

2. Germany, Austria.
6. Yugoslavia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria, USSR, Romania, Greece, Turkey, Albania.

the change to come into effect on the date at which reunification takes place.

Germany will be replaced by the name given to the reunited country.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Executive Committee wished to seek approval from the General Assembly for a revision to the composition of the Committee which would make the Chief Editors of Computer Graphics Forum members of the Committee. Professor Duce proposed and Mr Hewitt seconded, the following motion:

add to Rule 20 of the Bye-laws:

- d) the Chief Editors of Computer Graphics Forum, the journal of the Association. Each shall be appointed

by the Executive Committee to serve for a period of not less than three years in the first instance.

The motion was carried nem con. There was one abstention.

8. Executive Board 1991

The Chairman reported the composition of the Executive Board for 1991.

Chairman	J. Schonhut
Vice-Chairs	L. Kjeldahl P. Brunet
Treasurer	D.A. Duce (assisted by T. Morrow)
Secretary	C.E. Vandoni
Executive Board	J. Schonhut
Operations Board	C.E. Vandoni
Workshops Board	I. Herman
Publications Board	L. Kjeldahl
Promotions Board	R.J. Hubbold
Professional Board	J.L. Encarnacao

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5 September 1991 in Vienna, Austria.

10. Any Other Business

On behalf of all the members of the Association, Professor Duce thanked Dr Hubbold for the excellent work he has done for the Association during his time as chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 18.10.

Antoine Richard

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REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO
THE GENERAL MEETING OF
EUROGRAPHICS ASSOCIATION
GENEVA

As auditor of your Association, I have examined the accounts for the year ended June 30th, 1990, in accordance with the provisions of the law.

I have come to the conclusion that :

- the balance sheet of profit and loss account are in agreement with the books
- the books of account have been properly kept
- the financial position and the results or operations are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Based on the result of my examination, I recommend that the accounts submitted to you be approved.

Geneva, August 31st, 1990

Antoine RICHARD



Enclosures : Balance sheet
Profit and loss account

EUROGRAPHICS ASSOCIATION, GenevaBALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30TH, 1990

<u>ASSETS</u>	Fr.
Cash	19'146.64
Bank	91'475.03
Short term deposit	100'000.--
Federal withholding tax	682.65
EG'90 account	46'624.44
EG'91 account	7'379.58
EG'92 account	4'563.32
EG'93 account.	310.55
Accounts receivable	59'340.41
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LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	17'447.44
Fortune	312'075.18
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	329'522.62
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EUROGRAPHICS ASSOCIATION, GenevaPROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

(from July 1st, 1989 until June 30th, 1990)

INCOME

	Fr.
Subscription	106'658.05
Royalties	15'356.20
EG'89	46'498.42
Bank interests	823.50
Short term deposit interests	5'013.90
Repayment on book sales	11'107.80
Conference surplus	1'882.10
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EXPENDITURE

Executive Board	16'172.11
Professionnal Board	7'596.42
Conference Board	3'130.26
Workshop and Books Board	3'196.98
Secretariat	50'787.92
Treasurer	18'375.22
Promotion Board	19'382.66
Publications Board	50'450.14
Bookshop	1'213.--
EG'88	911.37
Exchange difference	1'782.08
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RESULT

Profit for the period	14'341.81
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