



MINUTES OF THE IT STAR SPRING 07 MEETING

(Draft)

27 May, 2007
Genzano di Roma, Italy

List of Participants

Bulgaria	Luben Boyanov
Czech Rep	Julius Stuller
Hungary	Balint Domolki
IT STAR	Plamen Nedkov
Italy	Giulio Occhini, Giovanni Franza
Romania	Vasile Baltac, Dan Michalca
Slovakia	Igor Privara, Branislav Rován
Slovenia	Niko Schlamberger

Apologies: Austria, Croatia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Serbia

The following **Agenda** was proposed:

1. Welcome
2. Order of meeting
 - 2.1. Attendance and Apologies
 - 2.2. Approval of Agenda
 - 2.3. Approval of Bratislava 2006 Minutes
3. Organization
 - 3.1. Membership issues, including new applications
 - 3.2. Activities
 - 3.2.1. 1st IT STAR WS in Bratislava '06 - Follow-up
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4. New Initiatives
5. Strategy
 - 5.1. Recommendations of the Statutes Committee
 - 5.1.1. Draft Strategy Document
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8. Other business

1. Welcome

Mr. Occhini opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

2. Order of Meeting

2.1. Attendance and Apologies
[See list of participants above.]

2.2. Approval of the Agenda
The proposed Agenda was adopted.

2.3. Approval of the Bratislava 2006 Meeting Minutes
The Bratislava Minutes were adopted.



Mr. Schlamberger felt that Mr. Dukic should be reminded of the outstanding task regarding IT STAR New Initiatives (see item 4.3 of the Bratislava Minutes) in order to move this activity forward.

Mr. Privara recalled that there was an action in which he was involved to assemble a list of member society publications (newsletters, journals) published in English.

3. Organization

3.1. Membership issues, including new applications

Mr. Nedkov reported there were two expressions of interest in IT STAR membership from the President of the Progress & Business Foundation (Krakow, Poland) and from LIKTA- the Latvian Association of Inf. and Comm. Technology via Mr. Borzovs who was a speaker at the 2nd WS. LITKA needs more time to coordinate this matter with the other Baltic societies. In the case of the Polish organization there had been previously an invitation to PIPS.

Mr. Schlamberger wondered whether representatives of PIPS, ECDL-Bosnia and Herzegovina, and TCS were informed about the events in Genzano. **Mr. Nedkov** responded that they were sent the WS circular.

Several representatives felt that it would be important to define the geographical region that IT STAR should cover before more active initiatives for further members are considered.

Decisions:

1. PIPS to be invited to submit application and to participate at the next meeting. Alternatively, to invite IS section of the Progress and Business Foundation.
2. Branislav Rovani to prepare a paper for the next meeting with further thought on defining the IT STAR geographical region.

3.2. Activities

3.2.1. 1st IT STAR WS in Bratislava '06 - Follow-up

The meeting took note that all actions related directly to IT STAR were successfully implemented.

The book with the proceedings was published and the meeting congratulated the editors for the excellent work.

3.2.2. 2nd IT STAR WS in Rome '07 - Assessment and Follow-up

The participants noted that the organization of the 2nd WS in Genzano was perfect and extended their grateful thanks to all who contributed to this major success.

Actions:

1. All representatives and societies to provide wide visibility to the WS declaration with their own accompanying commentaries as appropriate.
2. Publish the Declaration and further information re. the 2nd WS in the next issue of the Newsletter.
3. Plan to publish the proceedings of the 2nd WS.

3.2.3. IT STAR Professional Pool Database

Messrs. Schlamberger and Franza presented the status of activities so far. It was felt that many of the documents were prepared long ago and need a general update.

Action:



1. Mr. Schlamberger to organize a general review and update of the documents for sending to IT STAR members before the next IT STAR meeting with concrete instructions about expectations and commitments.

4. New Initiatives

Mr. L. Boyanov suggested that IT STAR should consider some form of formal endorsement of its members activities and projects within the EU programs and further.

Some felt that this would require a detailed peer-review process, which would be hard to organize. It was felt that a more specific proposal needs to be developed so as to specify the concrete activities and forms of endorsement.

5. Strategy

5.1. Recommendations of the Statutes Committee

5.1.1. Draft Strategy Document

The meeting took note of the Strategy Paper and recommendations (*see Attachments that were circulated before the Genzano meeting*).

5.1.2. IT STAR Registration

Mr. Occhini informed that he had investigated the possibility of registering IT STAR in Italy. AICA would be pleased to cover these expenses.

5.2. Changes to Statutes

The meeting agreed that all decisions of the Bratislava fall meeting (and in particular these related to item 3.2.) should be incorporated in the Minutes.

With respect to the other items in the proposal, the Statutes Committee was requested to consider the issue again, in particular with regard to individual and other forms of membership and to prepare a new recommendation for decision. It was recommended Mr. Stuller to participate in this activity.

On that basis member societies will be asked to decide on registration.

Mr. Schlamberger felt there is no reason to wait further with respect to a decision on IT STAR's Seat and proposed AICA's Headquarters in Milan to be the Seat of IT STAR.

This was unanimously agreed.

6. IT STAR Publications

6.1. IT STAR Newsletter

Mr. Baltac opined that the NL was IT STAR's best visibility platform. The meeting extended its congratulations to the Editor.

6.2. Publication of the Bratislava WS (*see article 3.2 of these Minutes*)

7. Future meetings

The next meeting will be held on 6 October 2007 in Timisoara, Romania. Given the heavy schedule it was agreed not to convene a Workshop in Timisoara.

8. Other business

The meeting expressed its grateful thanks to AICA and to Mr. Occhini for the generous arrangements and organization of the events in Genzano.