

IMarEST acting as Secretariat to:

## *WMTC Steering Committee*

*Minutes of WMTCS No.1  
Monday 19 January 2004  
at the IMarEST, 80 Coleman Street, London EC2R 5BJ UK*

### Present

AINE	Mr Miguel Moreno
ASNE	Mr Fred Brunson
CEMT	Mr Peter Gee
DSNAME	Mr Hans Otto Kristensen
IMarE India	Mr Vijay Jain
IMarEST	Mr Keith Read
	Mr Graham Hockley
RINA	Mr Trevor Blakeley
SNAK	Mr Jin-Tae Lee
SNAME	Mr Tom Mackey
	Mr Bruce Rosenblatt
	Professor Alan Rowen
STG	Professor Hans Meier-Peter
	Professor Holger Watter
Secretariat	Miss Kathy Goodrich

### Apologies

CIMarE	Mr David Simpson
HKIE	Dr A S K Chan
SNAJ	Mr Tanakazu Kubota
SOBENA	Mr Agenor Cesar Juneira Leite

#### **1. Welcome**

Tom Mackey, as acting Chairman for the WMTC welcomed all attendees to the meeting and thanked IMarEST for hosting the meeting.

#### **2. Membership of WMTCS**

It was suggested that in addition to those already invited to join the WMTCS societies from Australia and Russia be invited.

**ACTION: GH**

### 3. *Chair of WMTCS*

The committee approved the nomination of Tom Mackey, as Chairman of the WMTC 2003 Organising Committee, as Chairman of WMTCS.

### 4. *WMTCS Terms of Reference*

The draft terms of reference were discussed and an amended version is attached to these minutes. Any further amendments should be sent to the Secretariat by Friday 27 February 2004 and this document will be tabled for approval at the next meeting. **ACTION: ALL**

### 5. *Brief on WMTC 2006*

Keith Read, Chair of the WMTC 2006 Organising Committee briefed the attendees on the progress to date of WMTC 2006. WMTC 2006 will be held at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London from 6-10 March 2006 and is envisaged to consist of 6 streams with 180 papers over 3 days.

The organizing committee will comprise an Executive Committee and a Papers Committee. The Executive Committee is chaired by Graham Hockley, IMaEST and will be responsible for the organisation of the event including issues such as advertising/PR, social programme, exhibition and sponsorship. The Papers Committee is chaired by Professor Chris Hodge FREng and is responsible for the technical content of the event. Each WMTC stream will have its own Conference Organising Group (COG) which will set and approve the call for papers, review abstracts and invite selected papers, initiate the peer review process and set the final programme for that stream. The Chairman of each COG will sit on the Papers Committee and the COG

It was agreed that Rob Tagg would be approached to act as Vice Chair of the Papers Committee.

**ACTION: KR**

The committee were asked to consider high profile figures to open the conference and act as keynote speakers – any suggestions should be forwarded to the Secretariat by Friday 27 February 2004.

**ACTION: ALL**

### 6. *Support of WMTC 2006 and Future WMTCs*

The hosting of future WMTC was discussed and it was agreed that all organizations interested in hosting WMTC 2008/09 would be asked to present their intentions at a meeting of the WMTCS in Spring 2005. The committee would vote to determine the next host taking into account the presentations and the fact that location of WMTC is intended to move progressively around the world. It was noted that both IMaE India and SNAMES had already expressed an interest in hosting this event.

## 7. *Ownership of WMTC*

It was agreed that the ownership of WMTC lies with the WMTCS. SNAME reported that they had trademarked the name WMTC in the US on behalf of the WMTCS and it was agreed that all other participating organizations would investigate the trademarking WMTC within their own countries on behalf of the WMTCS.

It was agreed that there should be one umbrella website for WMTCS linking to each of the conference webpages. Alan Rowen agreed to forward host details of the site [www.worldmaritimetechnology.org](http://www.worldmaritimetechnology.org) to the Secretariat and investigate how the site [www.wmtc2006.com](http://www.wmtc2006.com) and the WMTC 2003 details could be linked into this site.

**ACTION: AR**

It was agreed that SNAME would forward all information on trademarking to the WMTCS members via the Secretariat.

**ACTION: AR/ KG**

## 8. *International Federation of Naval Architects, Marine Engineers and Ocean Engineers*

Bruce Rosenblatt presented the idea of forming an International Federation with the goals:

- To promote improved communication and understand in the world community of naval architecture, marine and ocean engineering, and related marine science and technology.
- To encourage research and the application of knowledge.
- To disseminate information.
- To promote collaboration between the members.
- To enhance the public image of the profession.

This created much discussion and it was agreed that many of these goals were also the goals of the WMTCS. WMTCS was therefore the ideal forum to consider this initiative and IMarEST agreed to draft a document detailing the advantages and disadvantages, both administratively and financially, of both developing WMTCS to discuss international affairs and forming an International Federation.

**ACTION: GH**

This document will be sent to all participants for comment by Wednesday 31 March 2004 and will be tabled at the next WMTCS meeting.

**ACTION: ALL**

## 9. *Next Meeting*

It was agreed that the next WMTCS meeting should take place to discuss the way ahead for WMTCS International affairs activities and to be updated on the progress of WMTC 2006 and would probably be held in Autumn 2004. The date and format for this meeting will be set once responses to 8 above are received and collated.