

INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE

Minutes of an Informal Meeting of Planning Council Members

Malta

3 January 1976

The Meeting took place at the International Ocean Institute, Malta, on 3rd January at 6.00 p.m.

The following Members were present:

Elisabeth Mann Borgese, Chairman,
Edwin Borg Costanzi
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Also present were Sidney Holt and Fox Vanderbilt.

The following agenda had been circulated in advance:

- I. Adoption of agenda
- II. Adoption of minutes of tenth session and matters arising therefrom
- III. An assessment of Pacem in Maribus VI
- IV. Amendments to the Statement by the Planning Council proposed in Okinawa at the end of Pacem in Maribus VI
- V. Project for an Ocean Yearbook
- VI. The Project on the New International Economic Order and the Law of the Sea
- VII. Pacem in Maribus VII
- VIII. Membership of the Planning Council

Item I: Adoption of Agenda

Three items were added to the agenda, namely, "Proceedings and Publications", "Associates to IOI", and "Running costs of IOI Library". With these amendments, the agenda was adopted.

Item II: Adoption of minutes of tenth session and matters arising therefrom

The minutes of the 10th session were not available for comment. However, it was agreed to circulate the draft minutes of this session and discuss them informally the following day.

Item III: An assessment of Pacem in Maribus VI

In discussing this item, Holt commented that the level of discussion at PIM VI certainly revealed that money spent to bring a select and active group was better spent than on arrangements for a larger but more random group of participants. The disappointing contribution from Hawaii was also discussed. It was generally felt that the reason for this was the last minute inability of both Bardach and Craven to

attend PIM V, as well as the fact that there were no good background papers for discussion of island problems in the Pacific. It was agreed that the Pacific Project based on Hawaii should be dropped but consideration of leadership from some other Pacific Island group should be looked into. Holt suggested Fiji, the base of the University of the South Pacific. The political implications of holding PIM VI at Ocean Expo were also discussed. With regard to the publication of the Proceedings of PIM VI, Borgese informed the group that they should be ready for printing by mid-February.

Item IV: Amendments to the Statement by the Planning Council proposed in Okinawa at the end of Pacem in Maribus VI

This statement (Appendix 1) had been written primarily by Richardson, with the assistance of Borgese and Bručan. As it was not possible to complete this by the end of PIM VI, it was later circulated by post with a request for comments from the Planning Council members. Two substantial comments were received: LaQue expressed concern that there was no mention of a reduction in the complexity or competence of the Seabed Authority; Bručan raised the problem of offending developing countries over the issue of the development of the Economic Zone. In addition to these comments, Bruce informed Borgese that he had no objections to the Statement and Pannikar strongly endorsed it. Borgese had revised the Statement to take account of the comments by Bručan and LaQue and this was presented to the members for further comment. Holt and Borg Costanzi made suggestions and it was agreed to re-circulate another revised version, incorporating these to the members of the Planning Council, requesting final comments to be sent to Borgese at CSDI by the end of January 1976. The final form would then be printed and distributed to all UN Missions, made available for the March session of the Law of the Sea Conference in New York, and to the seminar to be held at CSDI early in February and included in the Proceedings of PIM VI.

Item V: Project for an Ocean Yearbook

At PIM VI the idea of an Ocean Yearbook was revived by F. Auburn of the Law Faculty of the University of Auckland. Borgese agreed that this was the right time to embark on such a project and with the assistance of Pardo and Auburn, a draft outline had been drawn up (Appendix 2). This was discussed with the World Bank, Swedish Government, and Canadian Government with very favourable reactions. Auburn, however, in a letter to Borgese (Appendix 3) suggested that proposed Editorial Board be eliminated. Holt disagreed with this, feeling that with such a large scope to be covered by the Yearbook, an Editorial Board would be very necessary. Holt also suggested several other additions to the outline. Under the rubric of Services, a sub-rubric entitled Ocean Data should be included. Rubric V should not only cover marine activities of intergovernmental organizations but also marine activities of international non-governmental organizations. Holt pointed out that there was no computer contract

in the budget and suggested the addition of \$20,000 for the first year, which would include setting up the computer programme, and \$10,000 for successive years. As to the responsibilities of the Editorial Board, it was agreed that this would include choosing which papers were to be commissioned and from whom, as well as insuring continuous updating, high quality of commissioned work, and decisions on format. The Board members would be chosen on the basis of their individual competence in the subjects to be covered. Emphasis would not be placed on equal geographical distribution. It was suggested that the Editor-in-Chief should not only be responsible for establishing the necessary contacts with the U.N. Agencies listed but should also contact World Bank, IUCN, and any other international organizations that can contribute.

Possible candidates for the post of Editor-in-Chief were discussed and it was generally agreed that Auburn would not be suitable. Eatwell was suggested and it was agreed that he might be a good candidate, especially since he was located at Cambridge where there are available the necessary computers. It was agreed that Borgese would look for more possible candidates and this would be discussed at a later Planning Council Meeting.

It was agreed that no one author would necessarily deal with the same subject each year.

The goal of the Yearbook would be to provide regularly a comprehensive series of comparative statistics with commentary on world values and resources. The real value of this would be showing the inter-relationships between the various subjects to be covered.

It was then agreed that there would probably be no objection by Planning Council Members to this project and so Borgese should proceed toward putting this project into action. Holt offered to take the idea of the Yearbook up with FAO with the view of getting its cooperation and assistance with regard to Fisheries data, and the methods of compilation.

Items VI and VII: The Project on the New International Economic Order and the Law of the Sea; and Pacem in Maribus VII

The Chairman reported that the Pardo-Borgese study of the New International Order and the Law of the Sea had now been completed and was being printed in the Netherlands as Occasional Paper 4. The Chairman also reported that a seminar was being held at CSDI in Santa Barbara in early February dealing with this subject. Holt and Pardo would be attending. It was also suggested that the relation between the New Economic Order and Law of the Sea should be the main subject for PIM VII, which shall also consider Mediterranean problems and of course review the progress in LOS negotiations.

It was suggested that PIM VII to be held in Algeria and it was agreed that Borgese would investigate the possibility of this when she would be in Algeria in late February. The date suggested was early October 1976. It was noted that it was important that the dates should not overlap those of the Joint Oceanographic Assembly (13-24 September) in order to ensure the participation of several significant delegates. Holt suggested that some of the students at the Mediterranean Students Meeting should be invited to PIM VII. This was agreed and the suggestion made that the students should be informed of the desire for their participation in PIM VII at an early date and they should be invited to prepare a paper for the Convocation.

Item VIII: Membership of Planning Council

The Chairman reported that Frances McAllister had resigned from the Planning Council. Upon reviewing the present members of the Council it was agreed that the vacancies should be filled. It was agreed that Ruivo would be allowed to serve on the Council, as well as on the Board. Other candidates for the Council were T. Busha of IMCO and Jorge Vargas of the University of Mexico. Borg Costanzi pointed out that there was no North African on the Council and suggested that this should be remedied. Borgese agreed to investigate possible Algerian candidates when she met with Yaker of the Ministry of International Commerce in Algeria in February.

It was agreed that the candidates would be approached and the reaction of the Planning Council solicited. If no objections were raised, the candidates would be invited to the next Planning Council meeting in Italy in early March and voting would take place at that time.

Item IX: Proceedings and Publications

The Chairman reported that the first half of the Proceedings of the Convocation of Pacem in Maribus V were still not complete. However, Prof. Charlier had agreed to complete this job in the shortest possible time.

With regard to the financial aspect of publications, Borg Costanzi reported that it was now absolutely necessary that the publication debt be cleared. At present the debt stood at \$6500 for PIM I, \$1100 for PIM III, bibliographies, and Occasional Papers, and the bills for printing PIM IV had still not been issued. Borgese agreed to send \$3000 to Borg Costanzi with specific instructions that the money was to be used to pay the printing debt of PIM IV and III, and any surplus to go toward the payment of the PIM I debt. Once this is done, it will be possible to go on with the printing of PIM V.

In addition to these publications, Borgese reported that the Occasional Paper 4 was being printed in Holland with the costs being covered by the Dutch grant. It was agreed that 200 copies of this volume would be sent to IOI for sale and exchange. It was also agreed to go ahead with the printing of 100 or 200 copies of Proceedings of PIM II to meet standing orders and have a small stock in hand. The Chairman

also reported that the second PIM anthology, "Tides of Change", was now published and copies of this would be sent to IOI for sale. Every effort should be made to encourage the sale, especially as on the sale of this volume, the IOI received royalties.

Item XI: IOI Actions in Malta and budgetary implications

Holt reported that Prof. P. Serracino-Inglott was still very interested in assisting the work of IOI as an Associate of the Institute but the scope of this association had never been clarified or formalized. Borg Costanzi reported that there were no funds to pay Associates of IOI and agreed that Prof. Serracino Inglott, Louis Saliba and Prof. Ganado, should be approached officially to be an Associate of the IOI but with the understanding that although funds were not available now, there would be some remuneration later.

Holt reported that when he returned to Rome he would arrange that any rebate from his RUM/FAO contract be returned to the University, and that account settled.

It was agreed that Miss Vanderbilt should proceed with the arrangements for the 1976 Summer School, it being understood that it would be financed jointly by IOI and Ceres.

Item XII: Running costs of IOI

Under this item the discussion involved the problem of finding funds for subscriptions and books, in order to keep the IOI library alive and up to date. Borg Costanzi requested that he be sent a list of the most immediate needs and he would try to find funds.

The meeting ended at 8.10 p.m.

6th January 1976.