

IASSID Finance Committee

Recommendations for Council Action

15 December 2008

- I. Reformation of the Finance Committee for 2008-2012
 - a. The Treasurer proposes the following composition for the 2008-2012 Finance Committee:

Standing Members

P. Davidson (Treasurer)
N. Ross (WebMaster, Correspondent, IASSID Europe Bank Account)
M. Janicki (Past Treasurer)
R. Davis (SIRG VP)
G. Weber (Council Member)

Called upon when needed

Joseph Klarberg, AG Edwards (Financial Consultant)

- II. Option to open a Multicurrency option
 - a. Background. Bank of America has an option within the Business Banking service to which we subscribe to carry out payments in foreign currencies with minimal exchange charge. Bills are paid from US Dollars by paper bank draft. Checks in foreign currencies are exchanged at very close to par and deposited in the main Treasury account in US Dollars.
 - b. Rationale. Transactions involving foreign exchanges now cost IASSID substantial bank charges. This option would reduce costs and facilitate transactions.
 - c. If adopted, this option would enhance and somewhat consolidate some other forms of individual bank transfers executed now by the IASSID Treasurer.

Action: Committee Approved Plan. Function established with BoA 20 November 2008

- III. Relation between IASSID Europe and IASSID
 - a. Background. IASSID Europe was created in 2000 to serve as a financial management vehicle for the 12th Congress in Montpellier. It is registered as a not-for-profit organization in the Republic of France. The officers of the organization are the same as the IASSID, with the exception that IASSID Europe has devolved an ad hoc “Assistant Treasurer” who (1) reports to the IASSID Europe Treasurer; and (2) has signing authority on the IASSID Europe Treasury checking account at Banque Populaire in

Paris. There is no formal agreement between IASSID and IASSID Europe regarding either treasury issues or organizational relations.

- b. Rationale. There are several reasons for IASSID to maintain a financial structure that includes correspondence between the IASSID Treasury and IASSID Europe, including availability of an option to settle obligations in Euros, and the potential for obtaining funds from the EU. But there is a need to develop more formal guidelines for financial arrangements between IASSID Europe and the IASSID Treasurer. One important consideration is that the Treasurer of IASSID and the Treasurer of IASSID Europe should not and, functionally, cannot be the same individual.
- c. Recommendation. The IASSID should define the relationship between IASSID and IASSID Europe and formalize links between the governance structures of the two organizations. Attachment I is a draft agreement that we believe addresses the issues that need clarification.

IV. Relation between SIRG and Academy Treasuries and the IASSID Treasury

- a. Background. In February 2007, IASSID adopted a new policy for disbursement of funds to SIRGs, which appears to also cover the Academy. This policy holds that funds are allocated to SIRGs from the dues collected by IASSID and held until evidence can be supplied by SIRGs that those funds have either been spent or obligated or actually spent. In the case of the Academy, funds are allocated by the Executive Council but held until obligated or spent. This practice extends the role of the IASSID Treasurer to include acting as the surrogate Treasurer for the SIRGs and the Academy, complicates relations between the IASSID and SIRGs and the Academy, and has not worked well.
- b. Rationale. A modification to this practice (Attachment II) was proposed by the 2008-2012 IASSID Treasurer but not acted upon.
- c. Recommendation. The IASSID President should charge a committee co-chaired by the Vice President (SIRGs) and the IASSID Treasurer and comprised of appropriate representation to review the revised policy and recommend a course of action to the Council.