

**The Annual General Meeting of the Internation Association of Broadcast
Meteorology was held at Artico room of San Lorenzo del Escorial at 19:00 on
Wednesday 3rd October 2007**

Proxy votes:

John Teather
Bill Giles
John Kermond
Enric Agud
Jofre Janué Miret
Daniel Corbett
Evelyn Cusac
Dietert Walsh
Michael Whelsh
Monica Lopez
Claire Martin
Francesc Mauri
Albert Barniol

Attendants

Inge Niedek
Gerald Fleming
Tomas Molina
Jay Trobec
Arne Spekat
Francis Wilson

1.- Secretary's report

This has been a difficult year for the association with the cancellation of Monterrey. The committee had already put a lot of work into the preparations. Our attention then turned to trying to find an alternative solution to holding a conference. This work still continues.

It has been particularly difficult for the committee to meet during the year. All of the committee have been very busy with their careers coupled with the difficulty in funding those members who are unable to get their employers to meet travel and accommodation costs. This situation is not set to improve in the near future as the funding of the association has been particularly challenged during the period this report covers. On a personal note I have now ceased to draw the small honorarium from the end of March. I hope this will help.

I have continued to produce the association magazine 'Up Front' however, the number of issues was far below what the committee would have wished as funding was not available and without the generous financial support of the Chairman and Treasurer no issues would have been published at all.

During the year I re-designed the web site to provide a brighter and more modern look. Hits to the site still show a considerable world-wide interest in the association and its work.

Membership levels have remained fairly level throughout the year, with any losses being made up by new members.

I apologise for being absent at the AGM - but it simply comes back to the real and continuing funding issue that plagues our association. These will a priority for the new Chairman and committee.

2.- Chairman Report

Dear colleagues:

This year has been a quite "white year" as we say in Catalunya.

Our Monterrey did not happen. We had great expectations in this event. As you know our Second World Conference has been cancelled because economical restrictions at the Forum Monterrey Organization. This cancellation broke our economical expectations, so our UP FRONT magazine was only one time in mailboxes at home.

By the way, as every year, we were presents at the Executive Council of WMO in Geneva.
Some members participated as facilitators at the Madrid WMO Conference on Socioeconomical Benefits of Meteorological and Hydrological information.

Some European members were also present at the first meeting of the now called Climate Broadcaster Network – Europe. A new network created by the European Commission to increase the awareness on Climate Change in Europe.

As for the future, we are now working again in new possibilities for our second world conference. This may happen in Shanghai in 2010 for the Universal Expo.

We need to keep in touch with the Universal Forum headquarters for next editions of the event.
This is my last report, as chairman, because I have arrived to my third election as it is written in our rules.
Claire Martin will be next chair. I will help her as much as I can to reach all the goals she will mark, but specially the economical ones and the Conference.

3.- Treasurer's report

We have lived on the conference 2.000 in Geneva, and 2004 Barcelona economic remaining. The income coming from the membership was not enough for the expenses this year.

We need to find an easier way to pay a part from Paypal. We can not afford to have 3 up front a year and the administration cost with the actual income.

4.- Election of new committee.

Chairman Claire Martin
Vice-chairman Tomas Molina
Secretary John Teather
Treasurer Gerald Fleming
Membership secretary
Ordinary directors

Jay Trobec propped, and Inge Niedeck seconded
It was approved unanimously.

There were no motions from the membership and no other matters were raised and the session was closed at 20:15

**International Association of Broadcast Meteorology
Income / Expenditure for 2006 (In Euro)**

Carried Forward from 2005 **€744**

Income

Interest earned	13		
Corporate Subscriptions	3,253		
Individual Subscriptions	2,549	5,815	€6,559

Expenditure

<i>Audit and Accounts (3 years)</i>	1,633	1,633		
<i>Companies Office – Fees (3 years)</i>	135	135		
<i>Website</i>				
<i>Registration Fees / Maintenance</i>	145	145		
<i>Editorial (10 months)</i>	3,750	3,750		
<i>Bank Charges</i>	81	81	5,744	€5,744

Excess of income over expenditure **71**

In account, Jan 1st 2007 **€815**

Made up as follows:

Current Account (€371)	372
Deposit Account (US\$333)	257
UK Account (£124)	186

N.B. Compiled using the following exchange rates: €1.00 = US\$1.307 = £0.667

Notes to the accounts:

1. The accounts are shown in Euro with the appropriate conversion rates to US Dollars and Pounds Sterling.
2. The IABM holds two bank accounts in the Republic of Ireland; one denominated in Euro and the other in US Dollars. It also has a further account in Pounds Sterling in the UK. This is to facilitate the collection of fees through the PayPal system.
3. The opening amount shown for the year has been adjusted to allow for the variation in exchange rates from 2005 to 2006. This amount is shown as €761 in the 2005 accounts, but carries forward as €744.
4. Mr John Teather is paid a monthly honorarium of £250 for editing the website and Up Front.
5. The major items of expenditure were connected to the preparation of accounts to cover three years (2004 / 05 / 06). This needed to be achieved to ensure the continued sound legal identity of the organisation.
6. In 2006 we took in about €6,000 in subscription income and spent just a shade less on our day-to-day activities. Obviously we need to increase our membership significantly, and recover the annual subscription fees more effectively from our existing membership. Alternatively we need to identify another source of funding. We have an aspiration to produce four editions of Up Front each year, as well as to represent the membership effectively at all the relevant international fora. In my view, we would need an annual income of circa €20,000 in order to discharge these responsibilities effectively.

Gerald Fleming
Treasurer
30th September 2007