

MINUTES
iNEER Board Meeting, 2-20-02
and
iNEER/ICEE-ISC Retreat
Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.
February 19-24, 2002

Board members in attendance: Win Aung, Wayne Johnson, Vaclav Roubicek, Luiz Scavarda, and C.H. Wei (Chair). Guests: William Van Buskirk (representing Saul Fenster), and Vic Ilic.

1. Win Aung reviewed the status of iNEER programs, including: iNEER support for program development and abstract submission to ICEE-2002; abstract submission status (397 as of 2/15/02 but has since grown to 484; 48 countries); cash and in-kind sponsorship system for iNEER; iNEER Awards; new proposals for ICEE-2005 and beyond.
2. The Board expressed grave concern about the non-payment of funds collected for iNEER by organizers of ICEE-2001. This was discussed at length and the various options were considered. Of particular concern are: What happened to the funds collected for iNEER?
3. MOUs need to make clear the the 25% iNEER share is fee for service, not donation. Win Aung will update the MOU to reflect the reality that ICEEs are a partnership enterprise between iNEER, ICEE-ISC and the hosting institutions, and include joint participation by people nominated by iNEER in the conference committees and session leads. The mandatory payment of 25% share to iNEER (starting with the closing of pre-registration) should also be made clear. A jointly developed, coordinated abstracts and papers submission system, to be used in parallel between the iNEER website and that at the hosting institution, should also be considered in order to increase abstract and paper submission rates.
4. Formation of five iNEER Committees is approved and members nominated: Awards; Finance; ICEE Site Selection; Marketing ; and Nominations.
5. iNEER Resolution 02-01 is adopted.
6. iNEER By-Laws are circulated and discussed. Win Aung invited additional comments by e-mails. Adoption at the August Board meeting is planned.
7. On 2-21-02, the Board participated in a retreat attended by the following individuals in additions to Boards members listed above: J. Chen, V. Rao, W. Wendler, L. Morell, R. Farana, M. Yen,
 - a. Win Aung gives an update on iNEER as a new approach to international cooperation; he also provides an update concerning iNEER activities, formation of new committees, and the need to update iNEER MOUs with hosting institutions to reflect more accurately the partnership role of iNEER in planning and implementing ICEE conferences.
 - b. Vic Ilic discusses iNEER's blueprint for international cooperation.
 - c. V. Roubicek and R. Farana give a presentation on potential iNEER linkage with European partners based on the Bologna Declaration, while L. Morell and L. Scavarda discuss the strategies to increase regional partnerships between iNEER and educators in Latin America.
 - d. W. Wendler, Max Yen, W. Van Buskirk, V. Roubicek, R. Farana and V. Rao lead a discussion on the strategy of using university-based research centers to drive international cooperation. C.H. Wei, Juh Chen, Joe Yang, H.S. Yan present plans to increase interaction between iNEER and insitutions and educators in Eas Asia.
 - e. William Van Buskirk leads a discussion on mechanisms to increase participation by influential heads of institutions; and Rao and Arivuoli jointly outline the suggestions for increasing the linkage with South Asian educators and institutions.
 - f. As follow-up, Win Aung is completing a paper based on his presentation. He invites other presenters to send him the notes they use at the Retreat so a report can be prepared. Please send him your contributions by April 5, 2002 to: waung@ineer.org.
 - g. Next Retreat: To be announced.