

MINUTES
of the IX Congress of the International TRIZ Association
September 12, 2015

OPENING OF THE CONGRESS

A biennial meeting of the International TRIZ Association Congress was held in COEX Convention and Exhibition Center, Seoul, South Korea on September 12th, 2015. The meeting convened at 2:30 p.m.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

MATRIZ President Dr. Ikovenko proposed to elect Dr. Mark Barkan as Chairman of the Congress. Dr. Barkan was elected as Chairman of the IX Congress of the International TRIZ Association by unanimous vote. Ms. Deborah Abramov was appointed Secretary.

ELECTION OF RETURNING BOARD

Dr. Barkan made the motion, seconded by unanimous vote, to retain Oleg Abramov as Chairman of the Returning Board. Dr. Abramov appointed Leonid Chechurin and Oleg Feygenson as members of the Returning Board.

REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ROSTER CALL

Regional Organization Members in attendance: 32 (including by proxies). Regional Organization Members not in attendance: 9.

VOTE ON BY-LAWS

Dr. Barkan remarked on a violation of one of the International TRIZ Association by-laws, specifically:

“4.3.2. ... Only a representative of member organization, who is a certified Level 4 TRIZ expert or TRIZ Master can be elected a Member of the Presidium.”

Dr. Barkan noted that two of the Presidium members do not (or did not when elected) meet this requirement. It was proposed that these members be allowed to remain in the Presidium at present but without voting powers. Furthermore, both of these members are on the current ballot for the Presidium. Dr. Barkan proposed that, if re-elected to the Presidium, these members be allowed to remain, without voting power, on condition that by the end of the two years they obtain the required certification.

Dr. Barkan reminded the members of the Congress that only member organizations in good standing may vote today. Members with more than one proxy vote were noted as follows:

S. Ikovenko – 9; Y. Sun – 7; M. Barkan – 5; Y.W. Song – 2.

Voting result: The members voted unanimously for the proposal to keep the members in question on the ballot at the present, and if re-elected, without voting powers until they secure the required certification.

LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE NEXT PRESIDUM

Dr. Barkan presented a list of 11 candidates and reminded the members that they can vote for only nine candidates.

Simon Litvin proposed to add Valeri Souchkov to the ballot. Mr. Souchkov agreed, and his name was added to the ballot.

Name	Country	Vote
Robert Adunka	Germany	20
Mark Barkan	USA	26
Leonid Chechurin	Russian Federation	9
Christoph Dobrusskin	The Netherlands	21
Yury Fedosov	Russian Federation	26
Oleg Feygenson	Russian Federation	26
Sergei Ikovenko	USA	26
Tuomo Kässä	Finland	5
Jun-Young Lee	South Korea	23
Simon Litvin	USA	23
Yongwei Sun	PR China	21
Valeri Souchkov	The Netherlands	4

VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

Leonid Chechurin, Vice president, University Relations

Yuri Fedosov, Chairman, Council on Expertise and Methodology

Simon Litvin, Chairman, International TRIZ Association TRIZ Master Certification Council; and Chairman, R&D Council

Anatoly Guin, Vice President, School Education

(Mr. Guin's report was presented by Dr. Barkan.)

Alexander Kudryavtsev, Vice President, International TRIZ Association Activities in Russia

(Mr. Kudryavtsev's report was presented by Dr. Barkan.)

Robert Adunka, Vice President, International TRIZ Association Activities in Europe

(Dr. Adunka's report was presented by Dr. Ikovenko.)

Dr. Youngwei Sun, Vice President, Industrial Relations

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sergey Ikovenko, President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Barkan, Executive Director; and Vice President of Information

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Elena Gredinarova Chairwoman of Auditing Committee

(Valeriy Prushinskiy translated.)

Voting result: The President's and the Auditing Committee's report were approved by unanimous vote.

OTHER ITEMS

- Dr. Barkan proposed employing an outside company to run the accounting operations for the International TRIZ Association, and to select a CPA firm to perform an audit. If proven not feasible, continue the current process and to approve Elena Gredinarova as the Chair of the Auditing Committee.

Voting result: The proposal was approved by unanimous vote.

- Dr. Barkan proposed that any member of the Presidium who misses three meetings in a year must vacate the position.

Voting result: The proposal was approved by unanimous vote.

Further action: The presidium will develop a procedure on how to fill the vacant position.

- Yuri Lebedev was awarded a certificate of TRIZ Master. Minsoo Kim was not available to receive his certificate so it was agreed to give it to him at a later time.

ELECTION OF THE NEW PRESIDUM OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIZ ASSOCIATION

Ballots listing 12 candidates were distributed to the voting members of the Congress. Dr. Barkan reminded the members that they could choose only 9 candidates. Members of the Returning Board collected the ballots and tallied them. Results are as follows:

Voting: Of the 32 ballots received, 6 ballots were invalid (more than 9 names checked or names added). Total valid ballots: 26

The following 9 candidates were elected to the new International TRIZ Association Presidium.

1. Robert Adunka, Germany (20 votes)
2. Mark Barkan, USA (26 votes)
3. Christoph Dobrusskin, The Netherlands (21 votes)
4. Yury Fedosov, Russia (26 votes)
5. Oleg Feygenson, Russia (26 votes)
6. Sergei Ikovenko, USA (26 votes)
7. Jun-Young Lee, South Korea (23 votes)
8. Simon Litvin, USA (23 votes)
9. Yongwei Sun, PR China (21 votes)

Members unanimously approved the election results.

ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIZ ASSOCIATION

Dr. Ikovenko was proposed by the new Presidium to the position of President. Dr. Ikovenko stated that this would be his third, and therefore last, term as President.

Voting results: The members re-elected Dr. Ikovenko by unanimous vote.

CLOSING

President Sergei Ikovenko closed the Congress. In his closing remarks, Dr. Ikovenko stated that the next year's conference will most likely take place in PR China in late summer or early fall.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



Chairman

September 22, 2015

Date of approval

Deborah Abramov

Secretary

September 22, 2015

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