MINUTES
FOR A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE TRIZ MASTER CERTIFICATION COUNCIL OF MATRIZ
ON GRANTING THE TRIZ MASTER CERTIFICATION

CALL TO ORDER
The 11th annual meeting of the TRIZ Master Certification Council (TMCC) of MATRIZ was held at IHK Heilbronn-Franken (Heilbronn Chamber of Commerce and Industry) in Heilbronn, Germany, on September 14th, 2019, and was open to the public. The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m., with Chairman Dr. Simon Litvin presiding, and Dr. Oleg Feygenson, Academic Secretary, assisting.

ATTENDANCE
Over 50 TRIZ specialists from Belgium, China, Czech Republic, Germany, India, Korea, Poland, Netherlands, Russia, Ukraine, United States, and other countries, were in attendance.

The TRIZ Master Certification Council members in attendance were:
1. Dr. Simon Litvin, Chairman, USA
2. Dr. Oleg Feygenson, Academic Secretary, South Korea
3. Dr. Oleg Abramov, Russia
4. Dr. Robert Adunka, Germany
5. Dr. Sergei Ikovenko, USA
6. Mr. Alex Lyubomirskiy, USA
7. Dr. Oliver Mayer, Germany
8. Mr. Valeri Souchkov, Netherlands

ELECTION OF RETURNING BOARD
A motion was made by Dr. Feygenson to retain Mr. Lyubomirskiy as Chairman of the Returning Board, and to retain Dr. Abramov and Dr. Ikovenko as members of the Returning Board. The motion was approved by the unanimous vote.

SECRETARY
The secretary of the meeting was Ms. Deborah Abramov from the USA.
APPLICANT
The TMCC considered just one application for TRIZ Master Certification:

Mr. Anton Kozhemyako – Thesis Defense

PROCEDURE
Dr. Feygenson explained the defense and voting procedures.

• The time allowed for:
  1. Applicant’s presentation – 30 minutes. If necessary, five minutes may be added to the presentation time, but will be subtracted from the time allotted for questions and discussion);
  2. Scientific Advisor’s speech – 5 minutes;
  3. Opponents’ speech – 5 to 10 minutes;
  4. Questions and discussion – no more than 30 minutes;
  5. Council deliberation, voting and tallying votes – no more than 10 minutes.

• Members of the Council are each permitted to ask the applicant no more than two questions at the conclusion of the applicant’s presentation. If any time remains once the council has finished its questions, members of the audience may then ask the applicant questions.

The procedure was unanimously approved by the TRIZ Master Certification Council.

THESIS DEFENSE
Mr. Anton Kozhemyako
Mr. Kozhemyako, who had submitted all documents required for the defense, presented his thesis entitled “Features of TRIZ Applications for Solving Organizational and Management Problems”.

Mr. Kozhemyako’s presentation was translated by Mr. Valeri Souchkov, who was also his Scientific Advisor.

Scientific Advisor’s Opinion:
Mr. Valeri Souchkov recommended in favor of the applicant’s work.

Opponents’ Opinions:
• The opinion of Dr. Ilya Ilyin, who was not present, was summarized by Dr. Abramov. Dr. Ilyin recommended, despite some drawbacks in the applicant’s work, in favor of certification.
• The opinion of Mr. Mikhail Rubin, who also was not present, was translated and summarized by Dr. Ikovenko. Although Mr. Rubin noted some flaws in the applicant’s work, he recommended in favor of certification.
Questions and Discussion:
Questions were asked by Council members Dr. Abramov (2), Mr. Lyubomirskiy (2), Dr. Ikovenko (2), Dr. Feygenson (1), and Dr. Litvin (2); and by audience members Dr. Mark Barkan and Dr. Yury Fedosov. Dr. Barkan also noted that the applicant’s slides for his defense presentation were in Russian and that they should have been written in English or, at least, in both English and Russian.

Voting:
The Council voted on whether to grant Mr. Kozhemyako the certification of TRIZ Master. The Returning Board tallied the votes and Mr. Lyubomirskiy announced the results:
Seven votes were cast, and of those
  4 votes in favor
  3 votes against
In order to pass, the applicant must receive at least 5 votes of 7. Therefore, by decision of the Council, Mr. Kozhemyako was not certified as TRIZ Master.
REJECTED

CLOSING
Chairman Simon Litvin closed the TMCC Session.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Dr. Simon S. Litvin
Chairman, TRIZ Master Certification Council of MATRIZ

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Dr. Oleg N. Feygenson
Academic Secretary, TRIZ Master Certification Council of MATRIZ

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Ms. Deborah Abramov
2019 Meeting Secretary, TRIZ Master Certification Council of MATRIZ