MEETING OF OFFICERS OF ICSU

26-27 February 2007

ICSU Secretariat
Paris, France

DECISIONS

Present: Ana María Cetto (Agenda items 1-5 and 7.1), Hernan Chaimovich, Roger Elliott, Goverdhan Mehta, Khotso Mokhele, Thomas Rosswall (ex officio)

Secretariat: Tish Bahmani Fard, Leah Goldfarb (Agenda item 20), Carthage Smith

Apologies for absence: Jane Lubchenco

1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting

All of the Officers attended the meeting with the exception of Jane Lubchenco from whom apologies for her unavoidable absence were received.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Although some items on the Agenda were taken in a different order, these Decisions follow the order of the Agenda as distributed.

Decision
To adopt the Agenda with one addition (a carbon neutral ICSU) under Agenda item 20, Any Other Business.

3. Decisions of Officers July 2006 meeting and matters arising

The Decisions of the July 2006 Meeting of the Officers were approved by e.mail and had been posted on the ICSU website. All matters arising from the meeting were dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda with the exception of the items below.
3.1 Move to new building

The Hôtel de Noailles was sold at the end of October 2006 and an Agreement was signed by the new owner, the French authorities and ICSU allowing ICSU to stay until 31 August 2007.

Members of the Secretariat had had several meetings with both the Rectorat and the architects who had been hired to undertake the renovation of the building in rue Auguste Vacquerie and the basic plans had been agreed and approved by the Architect des Bâtiments de France. Building permission had very recently been received, as had tenders to undertake the work. However, according to the architects' present estimates, the work, if all that was proposed were to be done, would come in at approximately €100 000 (before VAT) over budget and thus areas where work could be undertaken in a second phase, or not at all, had been provisionally identified.

3.2 Subvention

At the time of the Officers meeting no written confirmation had been received from the French authorities regarding the annual subvention of €500 000, nor had any response been received to the President's letter of 8 December addressed to François Goulard, Deputy Minister for Higher Education and Research (who stated at the Symposium on 4 July 2006 that this subvention would be accorded). (After the meeting a letter dated 5 March was received from François Goulard confirming the subvention of €500 000 per year for ten years and the rent free attribution of the building at 5 rue Auguste Vacquerie.)

**Decision**

To note status of negotiations with French authorities regarding new building and French subvention.

4. Decisions of 94th Meeting of Executive Board, October 2006

The Decisions of the 94th Meeting of the Executive Board were approved by the Board and had been posted on the ICSU website.

4.1 Policy Committee on Developing Countries (PCDC)

The Officers expressed concern about the lack of a clear role and focus for the PCDC and felt that perhaps the Committee needed to be reshaped in order to address the importance and high expectations accorded to it. In particular, it was suggested that the Chairs of the Regional Committees should play a more prominent role in order to build important discussion items on experiences gained from their work. They agreed that the PCDC should be informed of these concerns in order that they might be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

**Decisions**

To note the Decisions; and
to inform PCDC of Officers' concerns.
5. **Report of CSPR Meeting and Strategic Plan Implementation Matrix**

The CSPR met on 10-12 February and its Chair reported. He highlighted three major issues among the many discussed by the CSPR:

- how to strengthen involvement of social sciences in ICSU as a first step in the follow-up to the resolution of the ICSU 28th General Assembly;
- the urgency of carrying out a review of SCOPE, although the CSPR recognized that this would be dependent upon the Secretariat's time and resources;
- the review of the grants programme.

An updated implementation matrix was provided for information to the Officers and it was stressed that in order for new activities to be started, others must be stopped. The Secretariat had been asked to prepare a written report for the April meeting of the Executive Board but the Officers agreed that if the information given in the matrix for the period 2008-2011 was more complete, a detailed cover tab would suffice instead.

**Decisions**

To agree to delay the reviews of IGBP and WCRP, and postpone private sector interface, IPR International Observatory and science education; to note progress in implementing ongoing activities in the ICSU Strategic Plan 2006-2011; and to agree that a full, written mid-term progress report was not necessary.

6. **75th Anniversary of ICSU: Global Scientific Challenges - Perspectives from Young Scientists**

At the Executive Board meeting in October, it was reported that the date of this Conference had been fixed at 4-6 April in Lindau. Members had been requested to submit nominations of young scientists to attend and asked to sponsor these. Additional sponsorship was also being sought to help support developing country participants.

In November, the Planning Group held its second meeting and finalized the agenda, including some of the speakers, and agreed on the process for identifying additional speakers from the Member nominees. ~50% of all Members and IBs had now submitted nominations, with the majority also agreeing to fully or partially sponsor their nominees. The initial estimate for total attendance was 200 persons but 156 persons were now expected to attend.

The response to requests for additional sponsorship had been ‘mixed’, with some support being obtained from Veolia and L’Oreal, as well as the DFG. However, in the absence of substantial confirmed support, it was decided not to solicit additional nominees from other young scientist networks (Pugwash, WAYS, etc.) and the Regional Offices unless nominees could be identified who could come with their own sponsorship. It was also decided to limit the number of invited guest speakers and focus on selecting good speakers from member nominations.

In summary, the event was likely to be more modest than originally envisaged by the Planning Group but had nevertheless mobilized over 50% of the ICSU membership and
would include young scientists from all regions. The majority of participants would be in the 30-40 years age range and had been selected by members as potential future scientific leaders. Thus, the ingredients were in place for a successful meeting that could have a significant long-term impact on and for ICSU.

**Decision**
To note progress

### 7. Regional Offices

#### 7.1 Regional Office for Africa

The final reports from the four planning groups have not yet been received. They would, however, be available for the 5th meeting of the Regional Office for Africa which would take place in the Seychelles on 5-6 March. Unfortunately the dates were changed rather late, so the Executive Director could not attend.

Further discussions of a confidential nature took place and are recorded separately.

#### 7.2 Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

The 3rd meeting of the Regional Committee would take place in Tehran on 6-7 March. The Regional Office had initiated planning for the three priority areas: (i) energy, (ii) hazards; and (iii) ecosystem approaches in water, food and health research. Reports would be available for discussion at the 2nd Regional Consultation, which would be hosted by Thailand in Chiang Mai in November 2007.

**Decision**
To note developments.

#### 7.3 Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Regional Office was being established at the Brazilian Academy of Sciences (ABC) and agreements had been reached between ABC and the Brazilian Government regarding the funding of $160,000 per year for an initial period of three years. The MoU between ICSU and ABC had been signed on 26 February 2007. The Executive Director would visit the Regional Office in conjunction with his participation in the annual meetings of IGBP and IHDP in March.

The inauguration of the Regional Office would take place on 18 April in conjunction with the 2nd meeting of the Regional Committee and the 4th meeting of the PCDC. It was unfortunately not possible for the President to attend the inauguration, but ICSU would be represented by the Vice-President for External Relations and the Executive Director.

**Decision**
To note developments.

#### 7.4 Regional Office for the Arab Region
When the Secretary General visited Lebanon in December, she met with Wajih Owais, the Rector of the Jordan University of Science and Technology. Wajih Owais was the representative of the Arab Region to COSTED. He expressed keen interest in hosting a Regional Office at his University. The Executive Director would visit Amman on 9-10 May for follow-up discussions. Informal consultations had continued in Tunisia as a fall-back position.

It was planned to organize the first Regional Consultation in the second half of 2007. If Amman was a likely site for the Regional Office, the meeting could probably be hosted in Tunisia.

**Decision**
To note continued consultations.

**8. Procedure for Appointment of Committees**

The letter from the GeoUnions had expressed concern over the procedure for appointment of various ICSU Committees despite the existence of guidelines recently decided on by the EB. Concern had also been expressed about transparency and it was suggested that all nominations should be posted on the website. In the response from the Executive Director, the proposal for an appointment process was not accepted. However, it was stated that the CVs of appointed members should be posted on the website. This should be implemented soonest but it was not advisable to post the names or CVs of individuals not selected.

In follow-up discussions with the President and Secretary-General of IUGS it was also clear that they consider that “their nominations” were never accepted. Similar sentiments had also been expressed by France and Russia. The Secretariat had currently no overview of how many of National and Union Members submit nominations and how “successful” they had been. Such a compilation could be prepared to be used as one source of information, when there were several excellent candidates and a choice had to be made.

The GeoUnions were also concerned that expectations were not fulfilled. This had also been the focus of letters from Australia and IUFRO. The Executive Director had discussed this with the President of the Australian Academy of Sciences. The Academy went through a very thorough process to nominate a candidate for ISPRE. However, a nomination of an Australian from one of the Unions had also been received. The Union nominee was appointed based on the information in the nomination forms. The Australian Academy of Sciences had to go back to their constituency and explain why, despite their extensive consultations, another Australian scientist had been appointed.

**Decisions**
To include a preamble in the guidelines for the appointment of committees; and to restate in every call for nominations the criteria used for the final selection.
9. Communication with National and Union Members - the role(s) of the Board and Secretariat

Following informal discussions at the last Board meeting, those Board members who had been nominated by National Members agreed to propose a mechanism for closer liaison with National Members. Subsequently a draft letter was developed by this group to go to all National Members and this was sent to all EB members for comment. It was clear from the subsequent comments that the letter raised several issues which merited further consideration, re effective and consistent communication between ICSU and its National Members.

In the last session, with the previous Board, the Union-nominated Members had a similar discussion about their individual roles with regard to communication with the Unions. In contrast to the National Members, the Unions already had a forum where they all came together between General Assemblies and the Union-nominated EB members played a key role in organizing this Unions' meeting (see item 13). No specific additional communication role had been identified for the Union-nominated EB Members.

Regional meetings of ICSU National Members were organized between General Assemblies (Regional Consultations initiated by the Regional Committees, annual European meetings, and meetings involving selected National Members in Eastern Europe). These meetings might be considered as a parallel to the Unions' meeting, with regard to their role in building a closer relationship between the ICSU Executive Board and National Members. It was agreed that it would be appropriate for a member of the EB, generally but not necessarily one of those nominated by the National Members, to attend such meetings as well as representatives of the Secretariat. It had also been noted previously that many ICSU National Members were also members of IAP, which had its own General Assemblies, and there was concern amongst some Members as to the number of similar international gatherings.

A very substantive effort had gone into improving communication with Members over the past five years. Much of this was based on electronic and/or traditional paper-based communications. However, considerable effort had also been put into increasing the number of visits to individual Members or groups of Members. The Officers had played an active role in participating in the General Assemblies and scientific meetings of Unions and staff had visited many National Members individually. Such interactions were generally very much appreciated by Members but it also had considerable resource implications.

From the Secretariat perspective, it was important that any additional mechanisms that might be developed for communication that directly involve individual EB members and staff with National or Union Members, take into account the following:

1. The reporting of all meetings of the EB, Officers and ICSU Policy Committees must be consistent. The conduct of, and discussion at, these meetings was ‘in confidence’ and the formal decisions were those that were noted in the final meeting report, which was agreed by all members and made publicly available. Alternative reports of these meetings might cause confusion amongst the membership.
2. The Secretariat was normally contacted at some stage either directly or indirectly about any communications between ICSU’s governance structures and its Members. Thus it was important that the Secretariat was fully aware of any communications involving EB members.

3. Activities sometimes developed very quickly and the ICSU Secretariat was normally best placed to provide the latest information on developments concerning ICSU.

4. Many Members complained that they got too much information from ICSU and also too many requests to submit information to ICSU. Others complained that they did not get enough. Maintaining an appropriate balance was not easy and tailoring to individual preferences and requests could be very resource intensive.

Decision
To agree that any special action required from individual Board members in communicating with the ICSU membership should be discussed by the Executive Board.

10. ICSU Policy on International Years

Over recent years ICSU Unions had been involved in a number of ‘International Year’ initiatives. These had sometimes been endorsed by the UN. ICSU had been asked to sponsor or support several of these Years and to assist in obtaining UN support.

There was currently no established policy on either the mechanism or criteria for making decisions on ICSU’s involvement with International Science Years. Several requests had been recently been considered by the Board, Officers or ICSU President. De facto, the ICSU position had been to be supportive of all ‘Years’ but not to formally co-sponsor any unless they had been developed by ICSU itself (IPY, which was not a UN Year). The rationale for this was that the ‘Years’ had been mainly based in single or closely related disciplines, whilst ICSU’s own focus was on interdisciplinary initiatives, such as the International Polar Year. Moreover, the ICSU Executive Board had been reluctant to formally co-sponsor activities over which it had little or no influence. However, this had led to some criticism of ICSU, particularly in relation to the International Year of Planet Earth, for not being more supportive of initiatives of its Union Members.

It was likely that new requests for support and/or sponsorship of International Years would be put to ICSU by its Members in the future and it was important to clarify the ICSU policy in order that Members were realistic in their expectations.

Decisions
To agree on three categories of support for International Years 'endorse, support, sponsor); and to ask the Secretariat to circulate a brief proposed definition of each category (e.g. degree of support accorded, use of ICSU logo or not) to the Officers for approval by e.mail.
11. Closed Session


The ICSU Annual Report was prepared by the Secretariat but was formally the responsibility of the Executive Board. As in previous years, the Officers were now asked to consider the outline contents list for the 2006 report. It was proposed that the format be similar to that adopted since 2003.

**Decisions**

To agree on the contents of the Annual Report 2006; and to agree that one full page should be accorded to the Regional Office for Africa since this had been in operation for the entire year, whereas the two other Regional Offices had only recently been established.

13. Unions' Meeting

A preliminary draft agenda for the Unions meeting in April had been considered by the Executive Board in October 2006. A revised draft had been developed after further consultation with the four Union-nominated Board members and this had been circulated to all Unions for input. Several Unions had responded and their comments were fed back to the four Board members who had agreed on a revised agenda, which was now before the Officers for consideration.

**Decision**

To agree on the final agenda for the Unions’ meeting.

14. 29th General Assembly

The local organizers plans for the Assembly appeared to be progressing well, and the President of Mozambique had announced the General Assembly at the meeting of Heads of State of the African Union in January. Members of the Secretariat would make a site visit in late March together with staff from the Regional Office.

14.1 Preliminary suggestions for membership of Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee consisted of the President and six other members and was appointed by the Executive Board. Although the Statutes only stipulated that the Nominating Committee be appointed one year in advance of the General Assembly, it was preferable that this be done earlier in order that the call for nominations could be sent out in sufficient time to allow Members a reasonable consultation period. The Officers were asked to reflect on possible members of this Committee, which should be appointed at the Board's April meeting. Two meetings of the Committee would be necessary, one after 20 April 2008, when nominations must be received, and one at the Assembly. Members of the Nominating Committee were not eligible for election.
Decisions
To agree to send proposals for membership of the Nominating Committee to the Assistant Executive Director; and to ask the Secretariat to circulate the list of proposed members, together with suggested alternates, to the Executive Board.

15. Secretariat

15.1 Science Officer

Over 200 applications had been received for a replacement for Laurie Geller, who will leave ICSU at the end of May. The Executive Director informed the Officers that a short list of six persons to invite for interview had been established.

Decision
To note progress.

15.2 Science Communications Officer

Thirty-six applications had been received and four persons would be invited for an interview.

Decision
To note progress.

15.3 Additional staff

After consultation with the Secretary General and Treasurer, the Executive Director had appointed Frédérica Kostadinoff as Administrative Officer (75%) from 1 February 2007. On the remaining 25%, Frederica would be the gardienne paid by the French Academy of Sciences. Frédérica would have a small apartment in the new building on rue Auguste Vacquerie.

The President and the Secretary General had proposed that an additional staff member be hired with responsibility for the Regional Offices as a part of their job remit. It was concluded that an additional Science Officer should be hired and that consideration should be given to selecting two of the candidates from the current search for a replacement of Laurie Geller. The specific tasks for staff members are decided on by the Executive Director in consultation with staff.

The planning for office allocation in the new building had taken a possible additional staff member into account.

Decisions
To approve that an additional Science Officer position be added to the Secretariat; and to request the Executive Director to include this in preparing a revised budget for 2007.
16. Institute for Catalan Studies

In November last year the Officers had been asked for their opinion concerning a potential application from the Institute for Catalan Studies for admission as a National Member of ICSU. If this application were received, the Secretariat would need advice on how to deal with it. The Officers agreed that although there had been some anomalies in the admission of National Members in the past, this could not be used as a reason to continue to do so.

**Decision**

To note that since a definite territory could not be defined which would not lead to a double vote for some Members, the application should be declined if received; and to ask the Executive Director to inform the Institute of Catalan Studies accordingly.

17. Procedure for Requests for Nominations for Prizes

The Secretariat received many calls for nominations for prizes and, although this had been discussed at previous meetings of the Board, no clear guidance had been given as to how to proceed with these.

**Decision**

To agree that the Secretariat should only inform the Executive Board if they felt that a nomination should be made.

18. Interaction with Partners

18.1 UNESCO

The Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director had met with Marcio Barbosa, Deputy Director General, and Walter Erdelen, Assistant Director General for Natural Sciences to start a discussion on the next Framework Agreement. ICSU had also submitted an analytical report on activities under the current Framework Agreement and received comments on this report from UNESCO.

The discussion focussed on three possibilities for collaboration within the context of the Framework Agreement:

1. A revised grants programme that would focus on collaboration between ICSU Unions and Interdisciplinary Bodies with UNESCO. Such a programme should be funded 50-50 by the two sponsors and decisions should be made jointly. Any such consideration must take into account the review by CSPR of the grants programme;

2. Funding for joint initiatives, such as DIVERSITAS. ICSU stressed that any such initiatives must be central to the ICSU Strategic Plan and ICSU will have relatively little opportunity to start activities in the period 2008-2011 not foreseen in the current Strategic Plan. In addition to DIVERSITAS, such joint activities might include expansion of the current work on follow-up of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, where ICSU, UNESCO and UNU have jointly appointed a Committee. The Hazards and Disasters Planning Group might conclude that ICSU should seek
other sponsors, e.g., UNESCO, for a new programme. However, it was too early to define such opportunities and further considerations could only be made in conjunction with review and consideration of reports from the ongoing planning.

3. It was assumed that part of the funding would be used for regional collaboration. There were already good contacts between UNESCO and ICSU Regional Offices in the three regions, and this should be strengthened by using modest sums of funding from the Framework Agreement.

Of these three options, the likely outcome was 1+3 or 2+3, since the money available would not be sufficient to cover all three.

The Steering Committee for the World Science Forum 2007 met in Budapest in November 2006. ICSU could unfortunately not participate in this meeting. In the preliminary outline it was expected that ICSU and UNESCO would jointly organize one session. No discussions had yet been held with UNESCO.

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<td>To ask the Executive Director to continued discussions on the UNESCO-ICSU Framework Agreement 2008-2013 with a preferred option of 1+3 above; to agree that human and financial constraints did not allow ICSU to organize a session at the Budapest World Science Forum in 2007 either jointly with UNESCO or alone.</td>
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18.2 IAP

The Executive Director attended the IAP General Assembly in December, where the IAP Strategic Plan was adopted. The Executive Director made a plenary presentation of the ICSU Strategic Plan, which was received with great interest.

The Officers noted that representation at the IAP General Assembly was at the highest level of Member Academies and that this was not always the case for ICSU General Assemblies.

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<td>To agree to attempt to ensure high level representation from National Members at the 2008 ICSU General Assembly; and to note the IAP Strategic Plan.</td>
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18.3 IAC

Goverdhan Mehta represented ICSU at the IAC Board as an Observer and gave a brief report.

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19. Dates and Places of Next Meetings

The Officers agreed that in view of the move of the Secretariat it would not be possible to hold a second meeting this year but agreed to meet on 13-14 January 2008, starting with lunch on the Sunday and finishing in the afternoon of Monday.

Future meetings of the Board and related meetings are:

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Decision
To agree to meet on 13-14 January 2008.

20. Any Other Business

20.1 ESSP

The Chairs and Directors of the four Global Environmental Change Research Programmes met in November 2006 and decided to approach ICSU for the establishment of an Earth System Science Partnership Scientific Committee. ICSU had now received a request to appoint four members to this Scientific Committee and proposed ToR for this new Committee. The CSPR considered the proposal from the ESSP and had recommended approval of the ToR and the following members for the SC:

Rik Leemans (Chair, Netherlands)
Angela Cropper (Trinidad & Tobago)
Daniel Kahneman (Israel) (alt. Anantha Duraiappah, Kenya; member of the MA follow-up committee)
Jerry Melillo (USA) (alt. Tom Dietz; member of the MA follow-up committee).

Decisions
To approve the ToR for the Earth System Science Partnership Scientific Committee; and
to invite A. Cropper, D. Kahneman, R. Leemans (Chair) and J. Melillo to serve on the ESSP Scientific Committee (1 January 2007 - 31 December 2009); and
to note the urgency of setting up this Committee so that it can have its first meeting in parallel with the second meeting of the ESSP Review Panel.
20.2 IHDP

Due to the resignation of Paul Vlek (Netherlands/Germany) and the inability of Carl Folke (Sweden) to attend three IHDP Scientific Committee meetings in a row, the IHDP had been left with only 9 SC of a possible 15 members for its upcoming meeting in March. To address this situation, IHDP was proposing the appointment of two new SC members: Ernst Ulrich von Weizsaecker (Germany/USA), and Leena Srivastava (India). IHDP was also seeking term renewals for Sander van der Leeuw (Netherlands/USA) and Hebe Vessuri (Venezuela).

The Executive Director informed the Officers that some difficulties had been experienced in the negotiations for the agreement of the United Nations University to become a third sponsor of IHDP and the move of the IHDP Secretariat from the University of Bonn to the UN campus in Bonn.

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<td>to appoint E.U. von Weizsaecker and L. Srivastava to the IHDP SC (1 January 2007-31 December. 2009); and</td>
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<td>to note that the Executive Director is acting on behalf of ICSU and ISSC in the negotiations concerning an agreement for the United Nations University to become a third sponsor of IHDP in addition to ICSU and ISSC.</td>
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20.3 Joint ICSU-ISSC Symposium in Celebration of the Bicentennial of Darwin

The bicentennial for the birth of Charles Darwin was on 12 February 2009. Clearly he was one of the most important figures in the history of science and for several disciplines. In recent discussions on strengthening Social Sciences in ICSU (see report on 13th meeting of CSPR), the President of the International Social Science Council (ISSC), Gudmund Hernes, pointed out that Darwin also played an important role for the social sciences - Karl Marx wanted to dedicate "Capital" to him (but Darwin, probably sensing he had enough troubles already, wisely declined the honour). Darwin's influence on the social sciences had been enormous - and in many social science disciplines also (including the perversions in "Social Darwinism"). Clearly selection theories played an important role in fields like economics and sociology. Darwin's last big book, The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals (1872), which one can argue is as much social as biological science, spanned body language, communication, etc. Hernes proposed a joint conference between ICSU and ISSC on a founding father for both organizations with "Darwin and the Descent of Disciplines" as a working title. He stressed the importance that ICSU and ISSC find areas where they can work together on substance, and the above could prove an interesting possibility.

It should also be pointed out that a previous Chair of the then ICSU Standing Finance Committee, Richard Keynes, was the great grandson of Darwin.
In general, the Officers felt that as this was a discipline-oriented proposal, it would be better handled by the Unions. They agree, however, that it was important to organize an event of some nature with the ISSC as a part of ICSU’s efforts to strengthen its links to social sciences.

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20.4 A carbon-neutral ICSU

The Officers noted that the Young Scientists conference would be carbon neutral and felt that the possibility of ICSU itself becoming so should be investigated.

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<td>To ask the Secretariat to investigate the different possibilities for a carbon-neutral ICSU and report to the Executive Board.</td>
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Inform UNESCO that ICSU cannot organize session at 2007 WSF  TR  Done

18.2 IAP
Ensure high level representation from NMs at t2008 GA  TR

20.1 ESSP
Inform ESSP of Officers' decisions  LG  Done

20.2 IHDP
Inform IHDP of Officers' decisions  LG  Done

20.3 Joint ICSU-ISSC Symposium on Bicentennial of Darwin
Inform ISSC of interest in organizing joint event but not this  TR

20.4 A carbon-neutral ICSU
Investigate different possibilities for carbon-neutral ICSU and report to EB  LG  April