

MOTION

The IEC moves that a Study is conducted to analyse the overall structure of AIM and Pre-AIM, with respect to increasing efficiency, and improving the working environment of the meetings.

The Study would be developed by a specifically appointed Working Group, who will work under the supervision of IEC.

The Study would review the work previously accomplished by other cisvers on the matter and generate three alternative models to our current system. With each alternative, there would be detailed information on costs, advantages, disadvantages and recommendations from the Working Group, who will consult with IFC on matters relating to costs and budget.

The results would be presented by the group coordinator at MWM 2006. A report inclusive of the 3 alternate models would also be delivered at AIM 2006, along with IEC recommendations.

The Trustees, IEC, and EEC would be able to review the models and start considering whether we should continue with our present system or adopt one or part of the newer models.

The study should include:

- **Impact of committees meeting elsewhere**
- **Impact of reducing the numbers of observers attending AIM**
- **Impact of excluding workshops at AIM**
- **Exclusion of the AIM tour**
- **Convenience of hosting IJBC and AIMS at the same time**
- **The possibility of having some of the issues debated at AIM, done in regional meetings**
- **The possibility of having some of the decisions taken at AIM through electronic ballot throughout the year**

RATIONALE

1. For many years, IEC has received concerns from committees regarding the difficulties in working when they rarely meet and few members can afford to pay to attend the AIM. Over the past two years, the Board has been willing to consider alternative funding proposals for committee travel. The IEC has also encouraged committees to review their meeting needs and costs to consider whether it would be more helpful for them to have committee members at AIM or, instead, to request funding for meetings away from AIM.

2. The IEC has taken into account the views expressed by recent AIM hosts, the information contained in the evaluation forms submitted by recent AIM participants, as well as feedback from EEC and committee members. We believe that there is a need to conduct a more in-depth study in order to assess and make effective recommendations on the overall structure of AIM and pre-AIM and how to increase efficiency and enhance the working environment of our meetings.
3. The Board has expressed their concern regarding the expense of hosting and attending the AIM. Although a motion was accepted to monitor the costs of AIM, additional study would indicate the costs needed to provide adequate facilities for the AIM.
4. This proposal is in accordance with the MWM05 Minutes (Sub-sections [O.01] G and H). It is presented by the IEC as a motion and, if passed, the supervision of the proposed study will be incorporated into the IEC's plans for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
The IEC