



## UNION INTERNATIONALE DE LA BOULANGERIE ET DE LA BOULANGERIE-PÂTISSERIE

### Minutes

#### of the Presidium's meeting of March 31, 2008, Paris, France

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Participants: Bert Kolkman, president  
Peter Becker, 'elected' vice-president  
Antonio Ordóñez Árias, CIPAN (not nominal)  
Lorenzo Alonso, Spain ('co-opted' member)  
Renaldo Nanzer, secretary-general  
Yuri Katsnelson, secretary  
Henri Wagener, treasurer

and Elena Beizerova, Russia  
Jean-Pierre Crouzet, France  
José Maria Fernandez del Vallado, Spain

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#### 1. Welcome and introduction

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The Presidium is guest of the French baker association and the organizers of the Europain, together with the iba the biggest baker fair in Europe. President Bert Kolkman thanks president Jean-Pierre Crouzet and vice-president Christian Vabret for the excellent support and organization in Paris.

Jean-Pierre Crouzet welcomes the presidium. He shortly informs about the situation in France: During the last years, the number of bakery strongly diminished (from 40 000 to 33 000). Jean-Pierre Crouzet thinks that the decline is not already finished and that another 5000 bakeries will disappear. Quality should be the first objective, the beginning mechanization will also have positive influence on the baker trade and a restructuration on all levels will be necessary.

#### 2. Approval of the presidium's meeting minutes of September 3, 2007 in Budapest, Hungary

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Resolution: The minutes are approved with thanks to the author.
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#### 3.1 Secretariat-general, transfer to Spain

Due to the retirement of secretary-general Renaldo Nanzer—he will be discharged in São Paulo—the secretariat-general must be resettled. The Spanish association is interested in taking over this work from January 1, 2009 and to the services of José Maria Fernandez del Vallado as secretary-general. One important reason is a better and closer coordination between the UIB and the CEBP. The Spanish secretary José Maria Fernandez del Vallado is already treasurer of the CEBP and in its board. Lorenzo Alonso and he were in January in Bern and got an insight into the works. The taking over of the secretariat by the Spanish association is directly connected to the increase of the dues. Another area will be the maintenance of the exchange systems newly integrated in the secretariat-general.

Resolution: The transfer of the secretariat-general to Spain and José Maria Fernandez del Vallado as secretary-general from January 1, 2009 is unanimously proposed to the board. Renaldo Nanzer is to support in 2009 the new secretary-general. Engagement and pay are to define.

The handing-over will be realized end of 2008.

#### 3.2 Organizing handbook

The organization of the UIB is extensive. Renaldo Nanzer presents an organizing handbook in which all areas and works are listed. It is to serve all presidents and delegates to know and the better understand the coordination duties of the UIB.

Resolution: All presidents go through the handbook and submit their remarks, supplements, etc **by May 31, 2008** to the secretariat-general. This is also an order to the presidents of the commissions. The individual areas must concretely be defined.

It is also necessary to prepare concrete preconditions for the scopes of duties and the professional competition under the patronage of the UIB (preconditions for the patronage).

#### 3.3 Future vice-presidents

Discussion about the 'appropriate' size of an efficient and fit presidium: The today's automatic filling of offices is antiquated and the presidium proposes the board to nominate now four vice-presidents and one treasurer as well as a co-opted member of the presidency. The filling of the offices will be discussed and elections will always be held at the annual assembly. This reorganization of the by-laws will be regulated in October—after an intensive analysis in the member countries. Aim is that the members of the presidium are president of a commission. The necessity of a treasurer is assumed; a secretary is not necessary. The secretary-general takes this work over.

Resolution: The board is requested to think about the revision. Before the congress in São Paulo an application for a corresponding modification of the by-laws is sent to the presidents.

For an improvement of efficiency the meeting intervals must be analyzed: a board meeting in spring and a general meeting (congress) in fall. So the balance sheet can pass every year. Furthermore, double work can be avoided (today every two years the same items are dealt in the board meeting and the congress by the same delegates).

### **3.4 Resolution grain market development**

In the run-up to this meeting a discussion with the fedima and the CEBP took place. Recently, the situation of the raw material grain and the bread production worsens strongly. The bakers are much worried about the growing demand for food and its increasing shortage. The crude oil prices go up that much that the production of Ethanol by denaturing grain and especially bread grain becomes interesting. Today, some countries support this kind of fuel in a large scale. Especially two problems result of it: The food grain and bread will run short. The prices increase, the bread production and the supply of the population with bread is jeopardized. In many countries bread is and should remain the basic food. Therefore, it's now for the governments to ensure the grain production to manufacture bread. UIB and CEBP agreed to a resolution to take all this aspects in account. This common demarche shall help all UIB member countries to apply to their governments and to call their attention to this problem. The definite resolution is in work and will in April be settled and realized with the members. The board will be informed. All delegates shall be urged to let the secretariat-general their remarks and suggestions know by the end of April 2008.

## **4. Members**

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### **4.1 Auxiliary membership fedima, cooperation**

In Brussels, the president and secretary-general had a forward-looking discussion with the president of the fedima. It was especially about to settle the auxiliary membership and to prepare the coordination meeting UIB/fedima having taken place yesterday.

The presidium agrees to analyze and discuss several topical problems in different areas of the grain market, the shortage of raw materials, their denaturing, the factor health of the bread, the bread additives etc. in cooperation with the umbrella organization of the European ancillary industry.

An auxiliary membership is not realized in order to ensure the necessary neutrality and autonomy and to continue the cooperation as equal partners. The UIB will go on to strengthen its position as the worldwide umbrella organization of the bread production and—by this—to safeguard the interested of the bakers.

A determination of positions between the UIB and the fedima schedules in a first phase the setting up of two working groups which will attend the grain and flour problems, the reduction of salt content, the vitaminizing and the consumption. The board will be informed about this resolution.

## **5. Finances**

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### **5.1. Dues, state**

***The dues have not been paid by:***

2006/2007	Turkey (3700 Euro)
2007	Bulgaria (1850 Euro)
2007	Romania (925 Euro, ½ year)

In São Paulo must be decided about the expulsion of members not paying the dues. Renaldo Nanzer informs about his conversation with the Romanian president. They haven't got the money to maintain their membership.

### **5.2 Balance sheet 2007**

Renaldo Nanzer presents the balance sheet 2007. The auditors audited it and think it is good. With proceeds of 38 614.18 Euro and expenditure of 41 912.25 Euro it shows a negative result of 3298.07 Euro. Reason for the loss is the cancelling of unpaid dues and the provision for doubtful debts.

If all dues would effectively be paid balanced annual accounts would be possible. The present-day situation is now longer tenable. The Swiss association didn't charge all expenditures. An increase of the dues must be analyzed. The board is informed correspondingly.

### **5.3 Adjustment dues**

For more than ten years the dues didn't change. The today's financial situation allows no longer to fulfill the statutory duties and to finance the prescribed, planned and necessary works. During the last few years more and more spheres of work were added. The Internet and maintenance of the website became more and more expensive.

The presidium analyzes the possibilities and proposes the next congress an increase of the dues to 3000 Euro.

Resolution: The board is asked to think about an increase and to present other possible proposals (item in São Paulo).

## **6. Commissions**

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### **6.1 Reorganization Commission Formation**

### **6.2 Reorganization Commission Marketing**

The revision of the organizing handbook and the by-laws will be topics in São Paulo.

### **6.3 Surveys**

The French association—under the direction of Christian Vabret—collects in a survey basic data of the baker trade. Till now, twelve countries answered. In principle first the commission should discuss the evaluation and then submit it to the board. The presidium will allow Christian Vabret to present it at the board meeting.

### **6.4 International Professions Certificate**

The International Professional Certificate circulates for already more than ten years. Renaldo Nanzer proposes an expansion. It is demanded by experts of the baker profession willing to continue their education in other countries and to impart the excellent training in the UIB countries. Renaldo Nanzer applied to extend the use of it and to give other countries the possibility to issue it. In a document all possible vocational questions—foundation of the professional certificate—are listed. Interested member countries—not issuing it yet—analyze the possibility of their education and the fulfillment of the requests. At the congress in São Paulo the countries now authorized to issue the certificate will be presented.

Resolution: The board is applied to ask the countries not issuing yet the International Professional Certificate to think about the requests of Renaldo Nanzer they will receive **by the end of April 2008**. They will especially check which areas they fulfill and inform the secretariat-general **by the end of June 2008**.

### **6.5 International Professional competitions, views UIB**

Resolution: In the organizing handbook the preconditions of the competitions and the requests for the use of the UIB patronage must be better defined.

## **7. Information, suggestion, discussion**

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For lack of time this item is cancelled.

## **8. Miscellaneous**

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### ***Dates***

#### **Congress October 15 to 17, 2008, São Paulo, Brazil**

The Brazilian delegation informs about the preparations and distributes the scheduled program.

#### **Board from April 5 to 6, 2009, Switzerland**

The Swiss association invites. Information about the place will follow.

#### **Board fall 2009, Düsseldorf, Germany**

President Peter Becker invites during the iba.

#### **Board spring 2010**

Invitation of the Greek association to Athens

#### **Congress, September 2010, Breslau, Poland**

Invitation of the Polish association

### **Closing words**

Bert Kolkman thanks his colleagues and especially Jean-Pierre Crouzet for their attention and the active taking part. He invites the assembly to visit the European and reminds the Coupe du monde de la boulangerie taking place at the moment. All presidents are invited to the closing ceremony.

With his thanks to the French association, the translators and the secretariat-general Bert Kolkman closes the board meeting.

For the minutes



Renaldo Nanzer, secretary-general