



BALKAN UNION OF METALLURGISTS

MINUTES

OF THE 11th MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE BALKAN UNION OF METALLURGISTS

Held on May 27, 2005 in Belgrade during the 2nd International Conference on Deformation Processes and Structure of Materials

The Agenda of the Meeting is enclosed in the Appendix 1.

Participants at the Meeting:

- A. Avramov – Bulgaria
- N. Cato – FYR Macedonia
- S. Dimitriu – Romania
- S. Miljanovic – Republika Srpska
- B. Miskovic – Serbia and Montenegro

The representatives of the associations of metallurgical engineers from Albania, Greece, and Turkey did not attend the Meeting: president of the Albanian Association because of financial problems, president of the Greece Association because of a business trip, and the representative of the Turkish Association did not explain the reason.

Also present were:

- Z. Chiser – Romania
- V. Popesku – Romania
- A. Djuric – Serbia and Montenegro
- Z. Kamberovic – Serbia and Montenegro
- K. Raic – Serbia and Montenegro
- S. Markovic – Serbia and Montenegro
- M. Tasic – Serbia and Montenegro
- M. Korac - Serbia and Montenegro

1. Before starting the meeting, the president of the Balkan Union of Metallurgists B. Miskovic welcomed all the participants, particularly the honorary president A. Avramov. He expressed his wishes to all participants for a pleasant stay in Belgrad and successful work of the 2nd International Conference.

2. The Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Main Board of the BUM was earlier sent to the participants. Since there were no remarks or comments, the conclusion (1) was to accept the Minutes.

3. The activities of the Balkan Union of Metallurgists between 10th and 11th meeting of the Main Board were expounded in the president Miskovic's written report. The activities were directed toward accomplishing the conclusions of the 10th meeting. The Report is enclosed in Appendix 2.
It is concluded (2) that the Report contains the analysis of the BUM activities between 10th and 11th meetings, and the unresolved questions are considered at the 11th meeting.

4. The activities of the national associations of metallurgical engineers in 2004 (and 2005) were described in the reports of the associations, which were also orally presented by A. Avramov, N. Cato, S. Dimitriu, S. Miljanovic, and K. Raic. (Appendixes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7).
It was concluded (3) that all national associations have accomplished their primary activities in 2004. This pertains particularly to the associations of Bulgaria, Romania, and Serbia and Montenegro.
It is also concluded (4) that associations of the metallurgical engineers of Greece and Turkey should submit information about activities of their associations in the period 2004--2005.

5. Under point 3 of the Agenda the activity of BUM centers was examined. N. Cato, S. Dimitriu, and Z. Kamberovic presented the relevant reports, which are enclosed to these Minutes under Appendixes 6, 7, and 8.
The report of the Turkish Association of Metallurgical Engineers about the work of the Center for casting was not submitted.
The conclusion (5) is that except for the Center for Coordination of Scientific Research (Serbia and Montenegro) and Center for Forecast and Development (Romania), activity of other centers is stagnating. It is necessary to suggest to the management of these centers to increase their activity.

6. Under point 4 of the Agenda the organization of the 4th Conference of Balkan Metallurgists was considered. M. Tasic and Z. Kamberovic presented the report about the activities performed up to date. The First Announcement and conference poster were shown to the participants of the meeting—Appendixes 8 and 9.

It was concluded (6) that the Association of Metallurgists of Serbia and Montenegro has performed the main tasks necessary for the successful organization of the 4th Conference of Balkan Metallurgists, which will be held in the well-known tourist resort Zlatibor, in September 2006.

7. The point 5 of Agenda was devoted to the important question for the Balkan Union—publishing of the “Balkan Metal” journal (preliminary title). A. Avramov, the Editor-in-Chief of the future journal, explained the importance of publishing this journal and informed details about organization and financing. The need to form as soon as possible the Advisory Committee of the journal was emphasized. It would comprise 1-3 representatives from every country, possibly managers or owners of large metallurgical enterprises. This Committee would give the basic support to the journal and provide financing. One of them would be the president of the Advisory Committee. Accepting this and wishing to speed up the publishing process, it was concluded (7) that the Editor-in-chief prepared till October a detailed information about all elements concerning the importance of publishing the “Balkan Metal” journal.

Also, it was concluded (8) that till the end of the year the representatives of the national associations of metallurgical engineers, owing to their authority and activity, find at least two members--donators (at managerial level) for the Advisory Committee.

8. Under the point 6 of the Agenda, the associations of metallurgical engineers of Bulgaria, Romania, and Serbia and Montenegro submitted proposals for electing honorary members of the Balkan Union of Metallurgists. It is concluded (9) that the following candidates be awarded honorary membership of the Balkan Union of Metallurgists:
 - Prof. Dr. Eng. Petre Moldovan, former dean of the Materials Science and Engineering Faculty, University Polytechnics of Bucharest, Romania.
 - Dr. Ivan Grujev, dean of the Faculty of Metallurgy, Sofia, Bulgaria.
 - Dr. Aleksandar Zlatarski, vicepresident of the Bulgarian Association of Metallurgical Engineers, Sofia, Bulgaria.
 - Dr. Zeljko Kamberovic, Ass. Prof., Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro.

The diplomas will be formally awarded at the 4th Conference of the Balkan Union of Metallurgists 2006.

9. A. Avramov, N. Cato, S. Dimitriu, S. Miljanovic, and K. Raic submitted reports on the steel industry in the Balkan countries. Written reports were submitted earlier and are enclosed in the appendixes to this Agenda—Appendix 10 (Macedonia), Appendix 11 (Bulgaria), Appendix 12 (Romania), and Appendix 13 (Serbia and Montenegro). S. Miljanovic from Republika Srpska informed that there is no steel production in this country. Associations of metallurgical engineers of Albania, Greece, and Turkey did not submit the reports.

It was concluded (10) that in countries which submitted reports an optimistic production had been achieved in privatized firms. The production is stable and of good quality; there is an expressed tendency to further increase the production. Achieved good results are caused, under others, by the shortage of steel in the world and its high price.

10. The financial matters were not considered. It is expected that all associations of metallurgical engineers will fulfil their financial obligations by paying the fee for 2005 (Turkey and Republika Srpska for 2004 as well).

It was concluded (11) that all members of the Balkan Union of Metallurgists should cover their duties as soon as possible and pay the membership fee Albania and Republika Srpska 200 EUR, other countries 300 EUR. Serbia and Montenegro cover 50% of the expenses—1600 EUR.

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