

MINUTES
OF THE 12TH MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
OF THE BALKAN UNION OF METALLURGISTS

*Held on September 27, 2006 in Zlatibor, Serbia,
during the 4th Balkan Conference on Metallurgy*

The Agenda of the Meeting:

1. Discussion on report, which has been submitted by the president at the BUM General Assembly and main directions of future activities of BUM.
2. Reports of members of Administrative Boards about completing the plan for period 2003-2006 and plan for future work of BUM from 2006 to 2009.
3. Financial report
4. Establishing of the list of Administrative Board members—three from each national organization
5. Election of honorable members of BUM
6. Election of new members of BUM
7. Election of new president of BUM
8. Miscellaneous

Members of Administrative Board of BUM, present at the meeting:

1. Avram Avramov – Bulgaria
2. Mile Georgievski – Macedonia
3. Dragoljub Blečić – Montenegro
4. Milisav Lalović – Montenegro
5. Kemal Delijić – Montenegro
6. Borivoje Misković – Serbia
7. Toma Banović – Republika Srpska
8. Sorin Dimitrii – Romania
9. Dimitrios Panias – Greece.

The following participants were also present at the meeting:

1. Branko Djurić – Serbia
2. Zeljko Kamberović – Serbia
3. Karlo Raic – Serbia
4. Tatjana Volkov – Serbia.

The president Prof. Dr. Borivoje Misković opened the 12th meeting of the Administrative Board of the Balkan Union of Metallurgists (BUM). He expressed his wishes to all participants for a pleasant stay in the well-known tourist resort Zlatibor and

welcomed the members of the Administrative Board, particularly the honorable president A. Avramov. After this, the meeting proceeded according to the agenda.

Ad. 1.

The report on the activities of the BUM was completed by the president of the BUM and sent to all members of the Administrative Board of BUM 20 days before the 12th meeting. All the problems and achieved results in the period between the 3rd and 4th conferences of BUM were presented. Special attention was paid to the activities between 11th and 12th meeting of the Administrative Board and to the further work of the BUM.

- A. Avramov, S. Dimitriu, and M. Georgievski took part in the discussion and gave some very useful proposals. Based on this, the following conclusions were agreed:

Conclusion 1.

The earlier submitted report on the activities of the Balkan Union of Metallurgists in the period between 3rd and 4th conferences is accepted (Appendix 1).

Conclusion 2.

The report on the activities of the Administrative Board between the 11th and 12th meetings is accepted (Appendix 1, part 5).

Conclusion 3.

The suggestions about the future activities of the BUM, specially the ones concerning expansion of the BUM and formation of the Union of metallurgical engineers of southeast Europe, were accepted (Appendix 1, part 6).

Ad. 2

The following materials were considered:

- Working plans for the period 2003-2006, which showed the annual manifestations of the national engineering organizations, members of the BUM;
- Fulfillment of the national organizations' plans;
- Activities foreseen by the national organizations for the period 2007-2009.

These materials were submitted earlier by the national organizations of metallurgical engineers of Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia, and Romania. The other national associations did not submit the relevant reports (Albania, Greece, Republika Srpska).

Consequently, the following conclusions were drawn (Appendices 2/1, 2/2, and 2/3):

Conclusion 4.

The reports for the period 2003-2006 and proposals for the future period 2007-2009 of the national associations of Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia, and Romania were accepted.

Conclusion 5.

The national associations of metallurgical engineers of Albania, Greece, and Republika Srpska are asked to submit the reports for the period 2003-2006 and proposals for the future period 2007-2009 till December 1, 2006.

Conclusion 6.

All members of the Administrative Board are requested to submit the titles and dates of symposia/conferences to be held in 2007, 2008, and 2009. This is necessary for completing the working plan of BUM's manifestations in the mentioned period.

In the frame of this agenda point, A. Avramov, after consultation with B. Miskovic and S. Dimitriu, proposed to create the publication *Balkan Metal*—an informative handbook on metallurgy of southeastern Europe. All members of the Administrative Board have received a copy of the proposal, which contains the aims for starting this publication, which institutions should be included, their exact addresses, and relevant data they should submit. The publication should contain the following chapters: metallurgical industry, production and trading enterprises, government bodies concerned with metallurgy, science, research, education, and metallurgical associations. Also, a form containing relevant questions has been attached. These materials are given in Appendices 3, 3/1, 3/2, 3/3, 3/4, and 3/5.

On the basis of submitted material, oral explanations by A. Avramov, as well as discussions by other members, the following conclusions are made:

Conclusion 7.

The idea and proposal to initiate the publication of the *Balkan Metal* information handbook, its content and chapters, are accepted.

Conclusion 8.

The coordinator of all activities linked with publishing of the information handbook will be A. Avramov. He will push the initiative and communicate with the members of the Administrative Board in order to realize this useful publication for the metallurgical community of southeastern Europe.

Ad. 3.

The financial report of the Balkan Union of Metallurgists for the period 2003-2006 was sent to the members of the Administrative Board together with the invitation to the meeting. It was emphasized that the member countries did not pay the annual fees for 2005 and 2006, intended for covering the administrative costs. The Association of Metallurgical Engineers of Serbia and Montenegro covered all costs. This situation has to be mended and consequently the following conclusions were drawn:

Conclusion 9.

It is unacceptable for the members of the Balkan Union of Metallurgists not to pay the fee for the administrative expenses of BUM. The members of the Administrative Board are asked to urge their associations to fulfill their financial obligations according to the previously accepted agreement. All member countries have to pay annually 300 Euro, except Albania, Republika Srpska, and Montenegro, which pay 200 Euro.

Conclusion 10.

The efforts of Serbian Association of Metallurgical Engineers to bear all the administrative costs of BUM are acknowledged.

Ad. 4.

The process of establishing the list of the new Administrative Board members—three from each national organization—has not been finished. Up to now only the members from Serbia (Zeljko Kamberovic, Branko Djuric, and Borivoje Miskovic) and Montenegro (Drago Blecic, Milisav Lalovic, and Kemal Delijic) are known. The other organizations of metallurgical engineers should submit the names of their representatives till November 15, this year.

Accordingly, the following conclusion was drawn:

Conclusion 11.

The associations of metallurgical engineers of Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Macedonia, Republika Srpska, and Romania are asked to appoint each three members to the Administrative Board of BUM till November 15, 2006. One of them should be pointed out as the member of the inner circle of the Administrative Board.

Ad. 5.

The associations of metallurgical engineers of Bulgaria, Romania, and Serbia have proposed eminent individuals to be elected as honorable members of the BUM. The proposals have been accepted as cited in the following conclusion.

Conclusion 12.

The following outstanding metallurgists have been elected as honorable members of the Balkan Union of Metallurgists:

- Prof. Dr. Eng. Petre Moldovan
- Dr. Ivan Gusev
- Dr. Aleksandar Zlatarski
- Dr. Zeljko Kamberovic.

The president B. Miskovic congratulated the new honorable members, expressing his wishes for their further successful activity in the frame of BUM.

Ad. 6.

The president of the BUM announced that the Engineering Chamber—Department of Chemistry, Technology, and Metallurgy—of Montenegro had expressed its wish to join the Balkan Union of Metallurgists. The president of the mentioned department explained the reasons for their intention to join BUM. The main one is because Montenegro separated from the Serbia and Montenegro union and became an independent country. After this explanation, the Administrative Board unanimously reached the following conclusion.

Conclusion 13.

Members of the Administrative Board are pleased to accept the proposal and explanation of the Engineering Chamber—Department of Chemistry, Technology, and Metallurgy—of Montenegro to become regular member of the Balkan Union of Metallurgists.

Ad. 7.

Since the term of acting President B. Miskovic and Vice President M. Georgievski had expired, this agenda point was devoted to the election of the new president and vice president of the Balkan Union of Metallurgists.

After consultation with some Administrative Board members, B. Miskovic proposed the new president and vice president for the period 2007-2009 and presented appropriate recommendations.

For the new president, B. Miskovic proposed Prof. Dr. Eng. Sorin Dimitriu, and portrayed him as an outstanding scientist and educator, economic expert and political authority.

For the new vice president B. Miskovic proposed Dr. Eng. M. Lohja, an active member of the Administrative Board of the Balkan Union of Metallurgists with high professional and knowledgeable competence.

On the basis of these proposals, the Administrative Board unanimously reached the following conclusion.

Conclusion 14.

The members of the Administrative Board accept with great pleasure the proposal for Sorin Dimitriu to become president and Mhmedin Lohja vice president of the Balkan Union of Metallurgists.

After the election, Sorin Dimitriu expressed his pleasure for being entrusted by the members of the Administrative Board to take the presidency of the BUM in the forthcoming period. He emphasized the high contribution and results achieved by B. Miskovic in the previous period and appreciated B. Miskovic's readiness to offer his experience and support to the new president and the Administrative Board. Having this in mind, S. Dimitriu proposed the following conclusion.

Conclusion 15.

The Administrative Board unanimously decides to elect the former president of the BUM B. Miskovic as honorable president of the BUM.

Ad. 8.

The Administrative Board accepts the information that the Engineering Chamber of Turkey cannot further take part in the work of the Balkan Union of Metallurgists.

With this, the 12th meeting of the Administrative Board of the Balkan Union of Metallurgists had been concluded.

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President of the BUM
Prof. Dr. Borivoje Miskovic