



## INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

CIGR Section V: System Management  
CIGR V Section Board  
Chairman: **Prof. Remigio Berruto, Italy**  
Vice Chairman: **Dr. Dionysis Bochtis, Greece**  
Secretary: **Assoc. Prof. Elisabeth Quendler, Austria**

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Palermo, 13.06.2017

### MINUTES OF THE V<sup>TH</sup> SECTION OF CIGR MEETING ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017 AT UNIVERSITY OF PALERMO, ITALY

#### Participant

##### Members:

A. Bechar, IL (Board member)  
H. Bernhardt, DE (Board member)  
R. Berruto, IT (Chairman, B)  
D. Bochtis, GR (Board member)  
G. Bourges, AR (Visiting member)  
P. Catania, IT (CIOSTA President 2017)  
T. Juliszewski, PL (Honorary Chair, Board member)  
K. Heitkämper, CH (Visiting member)  
J. Karttunen, FI (Board member)  
N. Kasumov, RU (Visiting member)  
U. L. Opara, ZA (Visiting member, incoming CIGR President)  
E. Quendler, AT (Secretary, Board member)  
C.G. Sørensen, DK (Board member)  
T. Romanelli, BR (Board member)

##### Absent Members:

R. Bartosik, AR (Board member)  
P. Piccarolo, IT (Past President)  
L. Nozdrovicky, SL (Board member)  
S. Shirokov, RU (Board member)

#### 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Chairman R. Berruto** opens the meeting at 18.00 in room 10. He is pleased to welcome the members to the meeting in Palermo, Italy.



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### 2. SPEECH OF THE INCOMING PRESIDENT 2017-2019 (L. OPARA)

**Prof. Linus Opara**, incoming president of CIGR, thanks for the invitation. He works at the Stellenbosch University at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences in Nigeria, he spent 15 years in New Zealand and had many international relationships.

During his presidency he lies the focus on the organisation of CIGR. CIGR was founded in the Thirties with the vision to have an international network for Agricultural Engineering, a proper organisation for Agricultural Engineering. Therefore, the aim of the next period is to focus on the organisation of CIGR, its management to make CIGR within the discipline stronger, especially to better fulfil the society challenges. For that, it is necessary to start a conversation and enlarge it over different level, from the presidium to the regions (to the various organisation levels), by use of ICT. The conversation will start at the CIGR World Congress in Kyrenia, Cyprus. **L. Opara** will manage the task, based on his experiences as an Editor in Chief and international fellow, gained for example during his stay in New Zealand, during that time the Institute of Agricultural Engineering was closed down. It is important to look and improve the management of an organisation, also at the different levels. In the case of CIGR, it means, makes CIGR within the discipline stronger and let it better fulfil society challenges. The overall aim is to make CIGR better that it can survive in the future.

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING IN AARHUS, DENMARK

The minutes of the Board Meeting in Denmark are mentioned by **R. Berruto**. He also deeply thanks Prof. Elisabeth Quendler for her job as a secretary of the CIGR V Board. There are no comments, and the minutes are approved.

### 4. NEWS FROM THE TECHNICAL BOARD MEETING AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

**C.G. Sørensen** informs about the next CIGR World Congress in Kyrenia, Cyprus in April 2018 and the CIGR e-journal. The journal has a new editor and probably will get an impact factor in the near future. Initiatives are investigated to ensure that CIGR can be known by the younger generation, by exploiting new information technologies. The new secretary of CIGR starts next year, it will be Fedro Zazueta, and the secretary general will be located in Gainesville, FL, USA.

### 5. INFORMATION FROM THE ACTUAL CONFERENCE CIOSTA (P. CATANIA)

Prof. Pietro Catania illustrates the data about ongoing CIGR V – CIOSTA Conference in Palermo. The conference is well organised here as the participant numbers show.

### 6. XXXVIII CIOSTA-CIGR V CONFERENCE, 2019, GREECE

**D. Bochtis** introduces that the next CIOSTA conference place, it will be Greece and will be organised by his institute. The location will be selected in the next couple of months, searching for a proper place started already. There should also be done a webpage for CIOSTA that shows the relation to CIGR. In this Conference, the papers are published in a journal with impact-factor. Another way would be, experts look for best papers for publishing it in a journal with impact factor. The Congress will be in May or September 2019, at this time no exams at university. **K. Heitkämper** means, the Congress should still be in June, it is a tradition, and we



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should keep on it. **R. Berruto** adds, it is also important to have an efficient way, not only to have a fixed date. The 2-days formula proposed in Palermo allows maintaining lower the subscription fees because reduce expenses for both conveners and organisers.

### 7. WEB PAGE FOR WG LOGISTICS – CURRENT STATUS

There exists a new web page for CIGR-Logistics working group. Everybody can contribute information to logistics and related topics through the web page. The web page is accessible at the link: <http://cigrlogistics.org>. The purpose of this website is to insert new knowledge, ideas, projects related to the logistic in agri-food and biomass sector. It should be new insights, can be from a particular region, for example. Based on new ideas there members could collaborate with other colleagues, both at European or at the local level.

On the web page is already announced the CIGR V Board Meeting with the Agenda. There is also space for reports to be added.

The steps for putting information on the platform are the following: 1. User registration, 2. insertion of organisational data, 3. contact of person, 4. adding of documents and project information. Everybody could modify information inserted by other, but could only delete his own data and records.

Only people of the working group and partly people of CIGR can have an access here for the moment. After one year of experimentation phase, we can move forward and perhaps enlarge the participation.

If the domain is ready, TB members will be informed via mail for the registration process. It is a platform for sharing information. On the mobile phone, it looks different. The financing of it is done by CIGR.

For next year is planned to add staff/persons to events and announce conferences. It can be expanded flexibly. Easy sharing of information is possible, related to Section V and logistics. There can be added papers or reported about new topics.

Communication should run over short descriptions of your activities and most important keywords.

**T. Juliszewski** mentions the need to participate in the communication and discussion process of CIGR Presidium next year.

**T. Romanelli** refers to the importance of research exchange, even comparing and checking of curriculums together is important. There should be used the connections to improve joined investigation and teaching, even over video-conferences. We can provide more internationalisation over this way. For example, having lecture videos from other colleagues to teach our own students that support internationalisation of special knowledge. For that also can be used the Logistics website. **L. Opara**, incoming president of CIGR, fully support that.

**R. Berruto** points out that everybody should work on it (lecturing in cooperation) because these innovative methods are growing in importance among high-ranking universities. **T. Romanelli** adds that even a project helps to benefit from each other. Same method but other data create quickly another paper.

For the next meeting, we should collect relevant information and share it over this platform.



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**G. Bourges** suggests Argentina for the CIOSTA-congress 2021. **R. Berruto** supports this idea. The decision should be made with the next TB meeting in Cyprus. First preparations can start.

### **8. 7. MISCELLANEOUS**

There are no issues to be discussed under this topic, so the meeting is terminated at 19:00.

The CIGR V Chair  
Prof. Remigio Berruto

The CIGR V Secretary  
Prof. ass. Elisabeth quendler



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**R. Berruto** closed the meeting at 19.10.

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