The 12th International Ibsen Conference in Fudan University, Fudan, Shanghai

14 - 20 June 2009

The General Meeting of the 12th International Ibsen Conference (IIC) took place Saturday 20th June 2009. The meeting was announced in the programme. The Minutes from the meeting in Oslo 2006 and the IIC By-laws were available.

Agenda:

1. Election of new members to The International Committee (IIC)
2. The 13th International Ibsen Conference in 2012, suggestions for venue
3. Proceedings of the 12th International Conference
4. Election results
5. Other Business

Minutes:

1. Elections

The chairman of the International Ibsen Committee, Professor Joan Templeton (USA), called the meeting to order and informed the meeting about the composition and function of the Committee. She asked its other current members to stand—He Chengzhou (China), Kamaluddin Nilu (Bangladesh), and Mark Sandberg (USA)—to stand, and noted the absence of the remaining member Anne-Marie Stanton-Ife (Greece). She called for nominations to replace two members of the IIC whose terms of office were expiring, Mark Sandberg and herself. Nominations were made by voice from the floor.

2. The 13th International Ibsen Conference 2012

Professor Templeton asked Professor Frode Helland, Director of the Ibsen Center, to speak about possible venues for the next conference. Professor Helland announced that he was currently discussing with Professor Lisbeth Værp the possibility of holding the 13th International Ibsen Conference at the University of Tromsø in June 2012. There was general agreement that this would be a wonderful venue.

3. Proceedings of the 12th International Ibsen Conference

Professor Frode Helland also announced that this conference’s participants will shortly receive an e-mail announcement regarding the proceedings.
4. Election results
Professor Templeton announced the election results for the two vacancies on the IIC: Professor Sun Jian, China (two terms) and Professor Julie Holledge, Australia.

5. Other Business
On behalf of all the participants, Professor Templeton thanked the conference organizers in general and chief organizer Professor Sun Jian in particular, for the “wonderful academic, social, and gustatory success of this excellent conference.” The conference participants responded with a standing ovation. Professor Sun then thanked the International Ibsen Committee and the congress participants and asked Dean Huang Youngman of the College of Foreign Language and Literature to stand as he thanked him for his crucial financial and emotional support.

6. Adjournment
The business meeting was adjourned, and the participants were reminded of the closing banquet at 5:45 PM.

Joan Templeton
Chairman of the IIC

Astrid Sæther
Secretary of the IIC