ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, April 08, 2006, 13:30 until 15:10, Hotel Krone Unterstrass

Minutes of the Meeting
Reported by Walter Steiner

1. Welcome by President
The president Donald Tillman welcomes 12 members and 1 guest (became member after the meeting) to the Annual General Meeting. The members had been invited by postal mail 20 days in advance as stated in the by-laws.
George Yadigaroglu is elected as vote counter. Due to the absence of our Secretary Josué Sznitman (USA) the minutes are recorded by Walter Steiner.

2. Report on past activities
Donald Tillman reports on the successful event to the Neuroinformatics Lab at Uni Irchel with 26 participants on January 26, 2006 and on today’s visit to the Traffic Control Centre with 17 participants. Some good rhythm of activities has been achieved and more events are planned.
The board held one physical meeting and one by conference call.

3. Membership
The secretary Josué Sznitman reports in a letter that at present there are 105 members. The list of members has been clarified so far. But the process of sending out mail and invoices yet has to be improved.

4. Financial Status
Our Treasurer, Hans Herriger, presents the Profit/Loss Statement and the Balance Sheet for 2005. The club is in good financial shape, with cash assets as targeted of CHF 9’700. In 2005 donations of CHF 1’500 have been made to MIT, compared to CHF 3’000 in 2004.

5. Report of Auditor
Our Auditor, Hans Hagenbuch, has audited the accounts. He suggests improving our system of tracking dues of members, which at present does not give transparency as required. Assuming these improvements will be tackled, he recommends accepting the accounting. In the voting, the members accepted the financial statements for 2005 with unanimity and discharge is given to the Board.

The Budget for 2006 is presented by the new Treasurer as of 2006, Hans Hagenbuch. The profit and loss statement is balanced and a donation of CHF 2’500 to MIT is anticipated. This donation however can also be adapted according to the actual needs of the Club and will be determined by the Board. The budget is accepted by 11 yes and 1 abstention.

7. Website
Alysa Kodisch reports on the Website, which has been amended with the name of the Vice-President. In order not to attract unwanted and not registered guests at the MIT Clubs events,
8. **By-Laws**

The new by-laws were developed by a group headed by Hans Herriger. The by-laws were also circulated to the board and the members of last year’s AGM, and their input was considered in the final proposal. The main revisions compared to the current by-laws of 1989 are:

- Discontinuation of the categories inactive members and honorary members
- Board consisting of 5 board members instead of 4, and up to 3 appointed members for assigned tasks
- Members will be considered resigned when the annual dues are not paid for 2 consecutive years despite reminders.

During the meeting the following items were discussed and decision has been taken:

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In the closing vote the new by-laws were accepted with 11 yes and one abstention. The required two third majority was therefore reached and the new by-laws are accepted.

9. **Varia**

- The next event will be the bike tour around Lake Genève, which was already announced. The organization of the event on the Boston BIG-DIG at ETH Hönggerberg with Prof. Einstein causes some problems in finding a suitable date; maybe it will take place in November or December 2006. Also the Cinematheque event in Lausanne is delayed due to renovation work of the location.
- Four events per year are considered good. For informal in-between gatherings a short term announcement could be made.
- Lee Johnson recommends protecting our web-site from abuse.
- At present there are too many different lists of members. The coordination with the MIT database is very difficult. For the next AGM a consolidation of our members’ database will be done by the secretary and the treasurer.

10. **Closing**

Donald Tillman thanks all who worked for and participated in the club. Especially he thanks all members of the board, the members with special tasks and the working group for the by-laws. Christian Kim thanks the Board and the President for the work carried out during the last year. The meeting was closed 15:10.

For the minutes:
Recording Secretary: Sig Walter Steiner
President: Donald Tillman