

MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 2009 – FEBRUARY 2010

At the previous meeting in Hyderabad, the draft recommendations emanating from the Report of the Task Force on Sections were discussed and provisionally approved pending some minor corrections. The paper has been submitted to Council for discussion in Cape Town.

As reported at the meetings in Hyderabad, the Bursaries Task Force (BTF) had awarded 78 bursaries to applicants from 56 countries that had submitted a bursary request. The BTF was able to increase the number of bursaries to 83 recipients due to a favorable exchange rate and lower than expected airline tickets. However, a few individuals had to cancel their attendance, the number of countries has dropped from 56 to 54 countries. The current distribution by region (in percentage) of the bursaries awarded is:

REGION	
Africa	31 (37%)
Asia	16 (19%)
Europe/CIS Countries	22 (27%)
Latin/South America	14 (17%)
TOTAL	83

A detailed final report will be presented to the MSC meeting in Vienna when all of the Congress fees have been paid and travel expenses have been reimbursed to the bursary recipients.

In Cape Town, the MSC will be considering, among others, the following:

- Reports from ICA 2010 and ICA 2014 Congress organizers
- Discuss the location of ICA 2018
- Discuss the future of the MSC

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