

1 Welcome

At 7 pm CEST Johannes von Mulert, member of the Executive Board, opens the 10th General Assembly (GA). He gives thanks to all members attending the GA in Zürich and online for showing their strong interest in the IBCS Association.

Johannes von Mulert suggests Lars Schubert and Markus Wolff as the vote counters. Is anyone against it or are there any other suggestions? No – ok. They are elected as vote counters with 100% of the votes.

In total there are 41 members present (38 onsite + 3 watching online), of which 31 are active members (with the right to vote). See also pdf from 29. Juni 2023.

2 Minutes of the GA of June 26, 2022 - Berlin

The minutes from the last General Assembly 2022 are posted online. Are there any remarks or questions so far? No.

We have to vote and accept the minutes from last year.
The GA accepts the minutes without discussion.

3 President's Annual Report

President Rolf Hichert informs about the development of the IBCS community in the past 12 months: As for June 29, 2023, here are the figures about the numbers of active and passive members:

Total number of members of the IBCS Association: 9 844 (PY 7 148*, +38%)
*PY 8 315 corrected down to 7 148 because of "suspect downloads".

IBCS Association KPIs

	PY	AC
Number of members*	7 148	9 844
Number of countries	139	140
<i>Germany</i>	26%	28%
<i>USA</i>	10%	9%
<i>Switzerland</i>	6%	6%
<i>Poland</i>	5%	6%
Active members	236	245

Active members = attendees of the certification course and other experts approved by the board.

Further development of the Standards

Who drives the process? Today it's mainly Rolf, Jürgen, Edyta and the software vendors.

What is your opinion? Shall we stop or go further on? At the moment, there are no plans for a new version of the Standards. Is it needed? Are there enough rules?

Inputs from members:

Holger: We need solutions for the questions of our customer.

Rolf: The association is responsible for this process.
As an example we need a rule how to compare FC1 with FC2

Alex Pröm: The problem is the missing time for IBCS topics.

Markus Wolff: We would like to do more, but the time is missing. Maybe over sponsorship

Alex Pröm: Mostly there is no budget for IBCS so there is no time for giving

Finally, Rolf reminds us, that we can continue this discussion after the topic ISO Standardization.

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IBCS Association and ISO International Organization for Standardization

Jürgen Faisst informs the members what is going on in this topic: It started 1 year ago. Diego Berea was attending an IBCS Certified Analyst course. He had the idea of making IBCS an “official” ISO standard. First, Jürgen was reluctant because there have already been discussions with the DIN organization. A DIN Spec would cost around 30 kEUR, which is only the first step towards an international standard.

Diego knows how to convert a proven methodology into an ISO Standard as he has been part of an ISO Work Group converting ITIL. He started a request at the ISO program management and they suggested to introduce the IBCS idea to ISO TC37 “Language and terminology” Work Group 11 “Plain language” which works on rules for making text (e.g. legal or technical documents) easier to understand. Jürgen became an associate DIN member and started taking part in ISO TC37 WG11 meetings and the IBCS Association became an A-liaison of TC37. Jürgen and Diego already created a draft for a new work item proposal and discussed it in Work Group 11. Jürgen presented the topic at the ISO TC37 conference in Brussels in June 2023 and was encouraged to apply for a new work item. TC37 is even open to broaden their current scope in order to add IBCS to their list of work items.

The intellectual property rights of the IBCS rules being converted into an ISO standard (mainly UNIFY) will be transferred to ISO. The Board of the IBCS Association already agreed to transferring the knowledge and the corresponding rights to ISO. Once transferred, the future development of the standards is in the responsibility of ISO. Members of the IBCS Association should join the corresponding ISO work group to get this job done.

The scope of the new work item proposal is not fixed yet. There are two options: Just the semantic rules of UNIFY such as “solid, outlined, hatched” or the whole SUCCESS formula.

There have been some questions:

Lars: At the moment IBCS is published under a Creative Commons license – is that still possible?

Jürgen: I think the IBCS standards as is will stay Creative Commons, however the new ISO standards would be under ISO license.

Lars: What are the consequences?

Jürgen: Everyone can apply ISO standards (e.g. the three-letter codes for currencies) for free. Just the ISO documents are sold under a license agreement.

Alex: What about IBCS Certified Consultants and IBCS Certified Software?

Jürgen: IBCS Institute has to decide the way. Hold everything in the IBCS Institute or even apply for an accreditation to be able to certify consultants according to the new ISO standard.

Diego: ITIL still exists – and you can become an ITIL certified Consultant. ISO 20 000 is in line with ITIL. If you want to be certified you can still do this – so also IBCS can stay alive parallel to the ISO.

Jürgen: This was just a first information. Let’s discuss this topic in more depth during the conference.

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Election of Executive Board

Jürgen Faisst, Managing Director of the IBCS Association, organizes the vote.

Rolf Hichert is reelected for President with 100% (31) of the votes (onsite: 28 + online: 3).

Rolf abstained: 1

Johannes von Mulert is reelected for Accountant with 100% (31) of the votes (onsite: 28 + online: 3). He helped a lot organizing this event.

Johannes abstained: 1

Beat Honegger is reelected for Secretary with 100% (31) of the votes (onsite: 28 + online: 3).

Beat abstained: 1

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Miscellaneous

Alex: Why is there no list about the participants on the internet anymore?

Answer: Data protection law constrains.

Alex: Why is the conference at the beginning of the German holidays?

Answer: What would be a better time? Let’s run a poll on that.

As there are no further interventions, Johannes closes the General Assembly at 8:01 pm CEST.

Beat Honegger, June 29, 2023