

IC NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025

Dear IC members, dear colleagues, and friends,
Please find the latest information for the activities of the IC in the following newsletter:

General Assembly of the IC

The general assembly (GA) of the IC will take place during the IC conference in Pardubice. The GA is scheduled for the 4th of September in the afternoon at 17:00 hrs. Check for the exact time that will be announced in the conference program.

Agenda:

1. Activity report by the IC Chair, Anastasios Politis, for his term of office 2021-2025
2. Vote on the new IC Charter
3. Election of the new chairperson 2025-2029
4. Election of the IC Board for the term 2025-2029
5. Any other subject

1. Activity report by the IC Chair, Anastasios Politis, for his term of office 2021-2025

Report on the annual conferences, virtual Drupa 2021, Drupa 2024 etc.

2. Vote on the new IC Charter

A new Charter for the IC will be presented at the GA. Participants – representatives of the members of the IC - will be asked to vote on the new Charter which has been prepared by Anastasios Politis and Gunter Huebner. The Charter will be sent to the representatives in advance of the GA. The changes in the Charter are intended to reflect the current situation of the IC.

Colleagues - representatives of an IC member institute - that will be present at the general assembly can vote physically during the assembly.

For those IC member representatives that will not be present at the conference, there will be a possibility to vote remotely via a digital platform. A link will be provided.

Important!! To receive the link, these representatives must send an email to Gunter Huebner (huebner@hdm-stuttgart.de) prior to 4 September 2 pm local (Pardubice) time.

The digital platform will then be open during the GA.

The results will be announced during the GA.

3. Election of a new Chairperson for the term 2025-2029

As announced earlier, the current Chairperson, Prof. Dr. Anastasios Politis is retiring from this position. Therefore, a new Chairperson has to be elected. Information on the two candidates is given below.

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3.1 Letter of candidacy and short biographies

For the Chairperson position, there are two candidates nominated:

- **Prof. Charles Weiss, Clemson University, USA**
- **Enn Kerner, EUR Ing, Estonian Association of Engineers, Estonia**

Candidate 1: Prof. Charles Weiss



Dr. Charles Weiss is currently a professor of graphic communications at Clemson University in Clemson SC, USA. He has been teaching graphics and photography in higher education for more than 25 years and continues to love teaching in the classroom.

He has also served as President of the International Graphic Arts Education Association (IGAEE), the President of the Graphic Communication Education Association (GCEA), and the Vice President of publications for IGAEE.

He is currently serving on the Board of the Technical Association of Graphic Arts (TAGA) and on the Board of the Print Graphics Scholarship Foundation (PGSF).

His research interests are very diverse, and he has presented at International Circle conferences in the past as well as other conferences in the United Kingdom, Spain, and the United States. He was also just honoured to be a plenary speaker at GRID, held last year in Novi Sad, Serbia. In 2022 he also spent a semester teaching at HdM as a guest lecturer in Stuttgart, Germany. He has extensive experience serving on various Boards and Committees and feels strongly he would be a great Chairman of IC.

Candidate 2: EUR. Ing. Enn Kerner



From his application letter:

Here is in writing to express my interest in the position of International Circle of Educational Institutes of Graphic-Media Technology and Management (IC) Chair. With extensive experience in international cooperation, engineering strategy, and digital printing innovation, I am confident in my ability to contribute effectively to the development and visibility of the IC among academic and industrial world.

In recent years, I have worked to build strong networks between European, American, and Asian institutions, including Yamagata University, Japan and promoted forward-looking topics such as digital printing technologies, inkjet research, and skill development. I have also actively supported WorldSkills International efforts to introduce new competencies in printing and packaging — aligning closely with IC mission to foster research, education, and industrial collaboration.

To contribute to the integration of new digital and AI-based pedagogical theories and trends into engineering education, I successfully organized several Charity Cloud Printing Competitions. This has provided a platform for young talents in our printing and packaging society, who will carry our mission forward in the future. This represents one of the key strengths of the multinational cooperation I can offer to IC network.

My commitment to bridging research, policy, and industry is matched by a drive to explore new, sustainable cooperation models while maintaining harmony with national members. I believe iarigai and IC must continue evolving as platforms for meaningful impact - especially on EU legislation, worldwide engineering education and industrial engagement.

Short biography:

Serving the 30 years of entrepreneurship, as CEO of the engineering company for the printing and packaging industry.

Awarded with title of EUROPEAN ENGINEER (EUR ING) issued by ENGINEERS EUROPE, since 2021 <https://engineerseurope.com/>.

Auditor of Fogra Process Offset & Flexo Standard printing, Executive board member of ENGINEERS EUROPE and VP of Estonian Association of Engineers, and member of advisory board of IC.

4. Election of the IC Board for the term 2025-2029

According to the new Charter, the Board of the International Circle consists of the following seats:

- The Chairperson,
- Up to three Vice-chairpersons (VPs), with the following tasks:
 - VP1: Policy and strategy of the IC
 - VP2: Communication, Website, Membership
 - VP3 International relations, Participation at and organization of events (eg. drupa)
- The Editor of the IC Journal/IC Circular

After the election of the Chairperson, the GA will be asked to vote for the new IC Board, based on the new Charter. The procedure is the same as for topic 2.

5. Any other subjects

Other subjects will be discussed such as the location of the 2026 IC conference, various activities, as well as any other subject to be introduced by the Board.

Prof. Dr. Anastasios E. Politis, Chairman of the IC
Oropos, Greece