

Minutes of the First Business Meeting
19th General Meeting of IMA
Kobe, Japan
Tuesday 25th, July
International Conference Center, Main Hall

Hour: 17H00-18H00

IMA Council

Present: Ian Parsons, President in the chair
 Takamitsu Yamanaka, First Vice-President
 Nicolai Yushkin, Second Vice-President
 Maryse Ohnenstetter, Secretary,
 Robert Downs, Treasurer
 Alain Baronnet, Kari Kojonen, Marcello Mellini, Walter Maresch, Councillors.
 Excused: Tony Naldrett, Past-President, Ian Campbell, Councillor

National Delegates

	National Society	Balloting power	Delegates
1	Mineralogical Association of Argentina	1	
2	SGGMP : Specialist Group of Geochemistry, Mineralogy and Petrology (SGGMP) (Geological Society of Australia)	3	William BIRCH Dermot HENRY Stuart MILLS
3	Mineralogical Association of Austria	3	Ekkehart TILLMANN Volker HOECK Herta EFFENBERGER
4	Mineralogical Union of Belgium	1	Frédéric HATERT
5	Mineralogical group (Brazilian Society of Geology)	1	
6	Bulgarian Mineralogical Society	1	Yvan BONEV
7	Mineralogical Association of Canada	4	Joel GRICE Robert MARTIN Jeanne PAQUETTE Elena SOKOLOVA
8	Chinese Society of Mineralogy, Petrology and Geochemistry	3	Anhui Lu Rucheng WANG Zhuming Yang
9	Croatian Mineralogical Association (Geological Society of Croatia)	1	Vladimir BERMANEC
10	Mineralogical group (Czech Geological Society)	1	Milan NOVAK
11	Mineralogical Society of Denmark	1	
12	The Mineralogical Society of Egypt	1	
13	The Mineralogical Society of Finland	1	
14	French Society of Mineralogy & Crystallography	4	Georges CALAS Christian CHOPIN Patrick CORDIER Laurence GALOISY
15	German Mineralogical Association	5	Juergen KOEPKE Andrew PUTNIS Depmeir WULF
16	Committee of Economic Geology, Mineralogy and Geochemistry (Geological Society of Greece)	1	
17	Mineralogical and Geochemical Section of the Hungarian Geological Society	1	Tamas WEISZBURG
18	Mineralogical Society of India	2	
19	Mineralogical group (Israel Geological Society)	1	
20	Italian Mineralogical and Petrological Society	3	Giovanni FERRARIS Stefano MERLINO Simona QUARTIERI
21	Mineralogical Society of Japan	4	Kiyoshi FUJINO Yasuhiro KUDOH Miyata TAKESHI
22	Mineralogical Society of Korea	1	
23	Mineralogical Group (Royal Geological and Mining Society of the Netherlands)	1	Ernst BURKE
24	The Mineralogical Society of New Zealand	1	

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Attached document: one appendix

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25	Mineralogical Group (Norway geological Society)	1	Gunnar RAADE
26	The Mineralogical Society of Poland	2	Marek MICHALIK
27	Mineralogy Group (Geological Society of Portugal)	1	
28	Mineralogical Society of Romania	1	Corina IONESCU
29	Mineralogical Society of Russia	5	Askhab M. ASKHABOV Nicholay BORTNIKOV Tatiana L. EVSTIGNEEVA Stanislav K. FILATOV Nicolay SOBOLEV
30	Mineralogical Society of Slovakia	1	
31	Mineralogical Association of South Africa	2	Sabine VERRYIN
32	Spanish Society of Mineralogy	2	
33	The Swedish Mineralogical Society	1	
34	Swiss Society of Mineralogy and Petrology	2	
35	The Ukrainian Mineralogical Society	2	
36	Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland	4	Mark WELCH Ben HARTE
37	Mineralogical Society of America	5	Barb DUTROW George HARLOW Charles PREWITT S REDFERN Joseph SMYTH
38	Mineralogical Society of Uzbekistan	1	Koneyev RUSTAM

1. Welcome by President Ian Parsons and Approval of the agenda

Delegates were welcomed by the President of IMA for their attendance at the first IMA Business Meeting.

The different councillors presented themselves briefly.

The following final agenda was approved by the delegates :

1. Opening and Approval of the agenda
2. Obituary
3. Approval of the minutes of the Business Meeting in Florence, 2004
4. Plans for the Kobe official events and meetings
5. Progress reports for the 2004-2006 period
 - 5.1 President's report
 - 5.2 Treasurer's report
 - 5.3 Secretary's report
6. Changes in the Council
 - 6.1 Change in the constitution: Communications Officer position on Council
 - 6.2 Proposed list of IMA Councillors
7. Commissions and Working groups reports
 - 7.1 Merging of CNMMN and CCM
 - 7.2 List of Officers of IMA Com/WG
8. Meetings
 - 8.1 2008 - 33rd IGC in Oslo, Norway (5-14 August)
 - 8.2 2010 - 20th IMA General Meeting in Budapest (August)
 - 8.3 Other meetings
9. Strategic plan for the IMA
10. Funding formula of IMA and method of collecting dues

List of documents provided to National Representatives up to July 2006.

1. President's 2006 report for Kobe
2. 2005 IUGS report
3. Publication in Elements
4. Minutes of the Florence first and second Business Meeting, August 2004
5. IMA Official events and Timetable in Kobe
6. Delegates and Alternates to the Business Meetings
7. List of IMA Officers up to July 2006
8. List of IMA Councillors to be elected in Kobe
9. List of IMA National Representatives
10. IMA Commissions and Working Groups 2005 Reports
11. Proposals of merging CNMMN and CCM

12. Proposed list of Officers of Commissions and Working Groups
13. Information on the Budapest 20th General Meeting

Attached document : One Appendix relative to items 4, 5.1, 5.2, 6.1, 7.1, 7.2, 9.2, 10.

2. Obituary

The President reported with sadness the death of Councillor Werner Schreyer, who had given wise advice to Council for many years.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Business Meeting in Florence, 2004

The minutes of the First and Second Business Meetings were accepted.

4. Plans for Kobe Official events and meetings

The beginning of the second Business Meeting on Thursday was moved to 18:00 to permit some people attending the Com/WG business meetings earlier in the afternoon to be present for the 2nd IMA Business Meeting.

There was also an announcement on the venue of an informal meeting for the Councillors and chairs of IMA Com/WG, which is planned for the evening. Departure is fixed at 7:00 to-day (see appendix, p.1).

5. Progress reports for the 2004-2006 period

5.1 President's report - Most of the information was already given during the open ceremony (see appendix, p. 2 & 3).

5.2 Treasurer's report - IMA currently has \$111,285.01 US in its bank account (Bank of America) stored in three different accounts.

Certificate of Deposit (CD): \$76407.33

Savings: \$20051.75

Checking: \$14825.93

The CD will bring in about \$3000 this year in interest.

IMA has received \$6030 in dues from various societies so far this year.

If all societies paid their dues, IMA would receive \$8400 from dues for a total income of about \$11,400 this year.

This year IMA has spent \$1734 on wire transfers (\$100) and website development (\$1634). (see appendix, p.4)

5.3 Secretary's report - The secretary has worked on most of the items presented in the agenda and at developing communication. The IMA website " www.ima-mineralogy.org" has the following characteristics :

- Size : 242 Mb
- Total number of files and folders : 652
- 179 files to download
- Directory of more than 100 meetings, workshops and short courses dedicated to mineralogy.
- More than 100 links to the websites of amateur and professional mineralogists

In addition, 1512 e-mails were received since 2005, and 769 were sent.

6. Change in the council

6.1. Change in the Constitution: Communications Officer position on Council. - The proposed modification of the constitution was sent in due time to the National representatives (see appendix, p. 5 and 6). The full text proposed by the IMA President and approved by the Council is reported in the appendix.

The proposal consists of amendments to Article 4B (a) of the Constitution (new or changed words underlined):

The Council consists of the President, the First and Second Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, The Treasurer, a Communications Officer, five ordinary Councillors, and the retiring President. The first six of these will hereafter be referred to as the Officers.

The President, Secretary, Treasurer and Communications Officer form the Executive Committee. A person occupying..... [No further changes].

6.2. Proposed list of IMA Councillors - R. Downs replaced C. Klein in November 2005. Following the death of W. Schreyer there was the designation of W. Maresch early in 2006. E. Tillmanns will organize the 20th General Meeting of IMA in Budapest and as a consequence he will get the position

of First Vice-President. Two other councillors, Joel Grice and Anhuai Lu, were proposed by the Council prior to Kobe 2006 to replace A. Baronnet and Ian Campbell, respectively, who have resigned.

N°	Position	Name
1	President	Takamitsu Yamanaka
2	First Vice-President	Ekkehart Tillmanns
3	Second Vice-President	Nicolai Yushkin
4	Past-President	Ian Parsons
5	Treasurer	Robert Downs
6	Secretary	Maryse Ohnenstetter
7	Councillor	Joel Grice
8	Councillor	Kari Kojonen
9	Councillor	Anhuai Lu
10	Councillor	Walter Maresch
11	Councillor	Marcello Mellini

7. Commissions and Working Groups reports

7.1. Merging of the CNMMN and CCM - The major reason to merge CNMMN and CCM was to increase efficiency in the naming and classification of minerals. The way to proceed involved the dissolution of the CCM and the reorganization of the CNMMN, because no merging process exists in the constitution (see appendix, p.7). The merging was accepted by a high proportion of representatives from the two commissions, as well as by the Council.

7.2. List of officers of IMA Com/WG - The list of officers for the period 2006-2008 was shown (see appendix, p.8) with the names of new officers underlined.

If the merging process is accepted, two vice-chairmen will be elected in the reorganized commission having a new name : Commission on New Minerals, Nomenclature and Classification (CNMNC).

8. Meetings

The agenda of the first Council Meeting had not been completed on Sunday, and there was no decision taken on the location of the next council and business meetings. There was a question from a delegate on the existence of other meetings organized in the frame of IMA. It was answered that not all the meetings to which IMA or its Com/WG had contributed were listed (M&M; ICAM; EGU).

9. Strategic plans for the IMA

9.1. Medals - It was recalled that IMA has no medal, in contrast to most of the societies that are members of IMA, or to other international organizations. The principle of an IMA medal for Excellence has been proposed by the Councillors, to be awarded every year. There is an overall acceptance in the IMA Council that proposals could be made by individuals as well as by national societies.

9.2. Mineral databases - The Council had a long discussion on the creation of a database in the frame of IMA. This database should involve the CNMMN. The project was initiated by Bob Downs and would be funded by Mike Scott, founding president of Apple Computers. This project would involve the creation of a steering committee, which would look after the development of the project (see appendix, p.9).

10. Funding formulae and method of collecting dues

There had been a discussion in the Council concerning the way IMA is funded (see appendix, p.10). This was the reason that exact membership numbers of societies/groups adhering to IMA had been requested earlier in order to consider adjusting the respective dues of societies, based on one or two dollars per capita.

11. Closing by President Ian Parsons

The president thanked again the Delegates present at the meeting and closed the first business meeting of IMA.

End : 18H.