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## Report on the Foundation of the INTERNATIONAL MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION

### A. Preliminaries

At a meeting of the *International Union of Crystallography* held in Montreal from July 10<sup>th</sup>—20<sup>th</sup>, 1957, delegates from 14 countries (Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, U.S.S.R., United Kingdom, United States) met on July 16 to consider the desirability of founding an *International Mineralogical Association* (I. M. A.). It was agreed to proceed with this scheme and a provisional committee was elected to carry out the preparatory work and to draft a constitution for the proposed Association. The provisional committee was composed as follows:

<i>Chairman</i>	Dr. Claringbull (Great Britain)
<i>Vice-Chairman:</i>	Prof. Laves (Germany)
<i>Secretary-Treasurer:</i>	Prof. Amoros (Spain)
<i>Councillors:</i>	Prof. Berry (Canada)
	Dr. Guillemin (France)
	Prof. Fornaseri (Italy)
	Prof. Wickman (Sweden)
	Prof. Grigoriev (U.S.S.R.)
	Prof. Buerger (U.S.A.)

On December 10<sup>th</sup> 1957 a first circular was sent by the provisional committee to all mineralogical societies inviting them to send delegates to an *Inaugural Meeting* to be held in the week beginning April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1958 at *Madrid*. The circular also contained the provisional committee's proposals as to what commissions should be set up by the I. M. A. to cope with various problems and difficulties besetting mineralogists in all countries and therefore calling for international co-operation. Circulars with further details of the agenda and programmes of excursions to be carried out before and after the inaugural meeting were sent in February and March 1958 to the various mineralogical societies.

## B. Inaugural Meeting

On Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1958 at 10.00 a. m. in the Salon de Juntas of the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas in Madrid, delegates from 14 nations assembled for the purpose of formally founding the I. M. A. The meeting was presided over by Professor F. Laves. The following delegates were called and found to be present. (Those whose names are in italics were entitled to vote):

Austria:	<i>Dr. A. Preisinger</i>	Japan:	<i>Prof. T. Ito</i>
Belgium:	Dr. R. van Tassel		Dr. N. Katayama
Canada:	<i>Prof. L. G. Berry</i>		Dr. I. Sunagawa
Finland:	<i>Prof. T. G. Sahama</i>	Netherlands:	<i>Prof. F. E. de Wijs</i>
France:	<i>Mlle S. Caillère</i> Dr. C. Guillemin	Spain:	<i>Prof. J. L. Amoros</i> Prof. V. Aleixandre
Germany:	<i>Prof. F. Laves</i> Prof. F. Leutwein Prof. H. Winkler	Sweden:	<i>Prof. F. E. Wickman</i>
Great Britain:	<i>Prof. C. E. Tilley</i> Dr. N. F. M. Henry	Switzerland:	<i>Prof. R. L. Parker</i>
Italy:	<i>Prof. E. Onorato</i> Dr. M. Fornaseri Dr. G. Fagnani	U.S.A.:	<i>Prof. M. J. Buerger</i> Prof. C. Frondel
		U.S.S.R.:	<i>Prof. D. P. Grigoriev</i> Prof. Vlassow

By a unanimous vote of the delegates it was resolved to found the Association and to name it the *International Mineralogical Association*. Its aim shall be to further international co-operation in Mineralogical Science.

The draft statutes and bye-laws prepared and submitted by the interim committee were then discussed in detail and agreed to in amended form. The statutes as finally adopted are appended to this report.

It was suggested by the chairman that commissions be set up to deal with the following subjects: museums, abstracts, new minerals.

The meeting thereupon adjourned.

This session was opened at 16.00 on Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1958 by Professor Laves who on behalf of the interim committee presented a list of nominated candidates for the Executive Committee. Further candidates were nominated by delegates. In a ballot the delegates elected the following

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE I.M.A.

*President:* Prof. Parker (Switzerland)  
*1. Vice-President:* Prof. Wickman (Sweden)  
*2. Vice-President:* Prof. Grigoriev (U.S.S.R.)  
*Secretary:* Prof. Amoros (Spain)  
*Treasurer:* Prof. Fisher (U.S.A.)  
*Councillors:* Prof. Orceel (France)  
Prof. Onorato (Italy)  
Prof. Ito (Japan)  
*Past President:* This office cannot be filled at present

The newly-elected president then took the chair and conducted elections for the chairmen and secretaries of the three commissions mentioned above and for a fourth to deal with mineral data, the setting up of which had been generally desired. The results of these elections were as follows:

COMMISSION ON ABSTRACTS

Chairman: Prof. Onorato Secretary: Dr. Henry

COMMISSION ON DATA

Chairman: Prof. Strunz Secretary: Prof. Pabst

COMMISSION ON NEW MINERALS

Chairman: Dr. Fleischer Secretary: Dr. Guillemin

COMMISSION ON MUSEUMS

Chairman: Prof. Frondel Secretary: Prof. Leutwein

The members of the commissions will be elected by the member-societies who may name one representative for each commission. More than one member of a society may be present in a commission if a member of that society is an officer of the commission.

The delegates resolved to fix the value of the "Units" to be paid by each member-society at \$10.— per annum.

#### D. Other Sessions

In addition to the sessions mentioned above, four others were held. At these the delegates discussed the following topics: Nomenclature and new minerals; mineralogical museums; mineralogical abstracts; mineral data and publications. A *symposium* was also held dealing with present and future work in mineralogy, geo-chemistry and petrography. The speakers were: V. Aleixandre, M. Fornaseri, D. P. Grigoriev, T. Ito, F. Laves, A. Preisinger, T. Sahama, A. San Miguel, and C. E. Tilley.

After the inaugural meeting the delegates were offered a *Vino de Honor* by the C. S. I. C. They were also entertained to a formal dinner at the close of the Madrid meeting.

Many delegates took part in an excursion from Barcelona to the Costa Brava and in another which included visits to Toledo, the lead mines of Linares, Valdepeñas, Cordoba, and Granada.

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**Statutes and Bye-laws**  
**of the**  
**INTERNATIONAL MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

**1. Name**

The name of the organization shall be "The International Mineralogical Association".

**2. Object**

The object of the Association shall be to further international co-operation in mineralogical science.

**3. Members**

The members of the Association shall be Mineralogical Societies (or other equally representative bodies of mineralogists) of national standing; only one such society or body from any one country may join. In what follows the words "member society" shall be deemed to include such a representative body. Applications for membership should be submitted to the Executive Committee which has power of decision.

**4. Representation**

Each member society shall have the right to be represented by one delegate with power to vote. In addition, alternates up to a maximum of four representing each member society may be present at business meetings, but these shall not have power to vote.

**5. Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee shall consist of nine members. The officers of the Association shall be the President, the First and Second Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, three Councillors, and the retiring President.

**6. Election of Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee shall be elected by ballot. Nominations for the offices of the new Executive Committee shall be made by the acting Executive

Committee. Delegates shall be entitled to make additional nominations for these offices, provided that at least three delegates nominate the same person for a particular office. No delegate shall nominate more than one person for a particular office. The secretary of the Association shall circulate all nominations to the delegates at least ten weeks before the date of election. Each delegate shall have one vote for each office to be filled.

#### **7. Term of Office of the Executive Committee**

The officers of the Executive Committee shall hold office for four years (except those first elected).

#### **8. Finance**

The Executive Committee shall be responsible to the Association at its business meetings for the conduct of financial affairs. Each member society shall pay annually to the Association the following dues, these being based on its resident personal membership for the preceding year:

- (a) Resident personal membership up to and including 150: 2 units.
- (b) For each additional hundred or part thereof: 1 unit.

The value of the unit will be decided at each business meeting.

#### **9. Powers of the Executive Committee**

- (a) The Executive Committee shall be charged with the conduct of such business as may be delegated to it by the business meeting of the Association and shall have authority to act for the Association between business meetings of delegates.
- (b) At meetings of the Executive Committee the quorum shall consist of five, of whom two at least shall be the president and/or a vice-president and the secretary.

#### **10. Commissions**

- (a) The Association shall have as many commissions to carry on its work as shall be decided by business meetings of delegates.
- (b) The chairman, secretary, and the members of each commission shall be nominated and elected at a business meeting of delegates. Further members may be co-opted and vacancies may be filled by the commissions themselves.
- (c) The Commissions shall be responsible to the business meeting of delegates, but shall in general have freedom to draw up their own rules of procedure, their method of work, and dates of their meetings.
- (d) The chairman of each Commission shall report on its activities to the business meeting of delegates. These reports shall be sent to the secretary of the Association at least fourteen weeks before the date of the business meeting of delegates. The secretary of the Association shall send these reports to the delegates at least ten weeks before the business meeting of delegates.

### **11. Business Meetings**

- (a) A business meeting of delegates shall be held as often as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee, but at least once every four years.
- (b) A business meeting shall be called by the Executive Committee on the written request of one quarter of the delegates, as soon as possible, but in any case within one year.
- (c) A quorum shall consist of one-third of the delegates.

### **12. Appointment of Auditors**

The business meeting of delegates shall appoint auditors to audit the accounts and scrutinize the ballot votes.

### **13. Amendments**

The statutes and bye-laws can only be amended at business meetings. Notice of the proposed amendments shall be given to the delegates at least ten weeks before the date of business meetings. A two-thirds majority of the delegates present at the business meeting shall be required in order to effect any such change. Proposed amendments to the statutes and bye-laws should be submitted to the Executive Committee at least fifteen weeks before the business meeting.