

Summary of CNMMN activities, 1998-2002

1. The CNMMN has voted on 293 new mineral proposals in the period from January 1998 to September 2002. Approximately 80% of these were approved, the remainder being either rejected or suspended pending further information. Annual summaries of minerals approved (without names) were published by Commission officers in various mineralogical journals.

2. The CNMMN has adjudicated on 22 proposals to discredit, redefine or revalidate mineral species or to amend nomenclature in mineral groups. About 50% of these were approved, with the remainder being rejected, withdrawn or pending.

3. Long-running subcommittees revising the nomenclature for important groups such as amphiboles, micas and zeolites submitted their reports for voting during the period. After discussion and amendments, all were approved and have subsequently been published widely. More recently, reviews of the labuntsovite and eudialyte groups have been undertaken and approved.

4. The CNMMN has sponsored sessions on new minerals, mineral nomenclature and general mineralogy at IMA, IGC and Mineralogy and Museum meetings.

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