

MINUTE

*of the 1st IMA Business Meeting held at the 17th IMA General Meeting
in Toronto, on Monday, August 10, 1998 at 17.00*

Present:

Stefano Merlino, President, in the chair

Balloting power - Member country: Delegates present

Argentina	(1)	
Australia	(3)	B. Birch, L. Sutherland
Austria	(3)	E. Tillmanns, F. Pertlik, W. Paar
Belgium	(1)	
Brazil	(1)	
Bulgaria	(1)	I. Bonev, T. Krestedjian
Canada	(4)	
China	(3)	Huang Yunhui, Song Xue Xing, Li Zhaolin
Croatia	(1)	
Czech Republik	(1)	M. Novak
Denmark	(1)	O. Johnsen
Egypt	(1)	
Finland	(1)	S. Lahti
France	(4)	A. Baronnet, M. Boudelle, G. Calas, Ch. Chopin
Germany	(5)	W. Hofmeister, K. U. Schurmann, M. Okrusch
Hungary	(1)	T. G. Weiszburg
Israel	(1)	M. Gaft
Italy	(3)	G. Ferraris, L. Cortesogno, M. Pasero
Japan	(4)	S. Sueno, K. Fujino, M. Bunno, E. Ohtani, M. Matsui
Korea, South	(1)	Moonsup Cho
The Netherlands	(1)	C. Woensdregt
New Zealand	(1)	D. Coombs
Norway	(1)	G. Raade
Poland	(2)	M. Sachanbinski, W. Zabinski
Portugal	(1)	
Romania	(2)	G. Udubasa
Russia	(5)	N. N. Mozgova, N. S. Bortnikov, N. P. Yushkin, E. V. Sokolova, D. Yu. Pushcharovsky
South Africa	(2)	T. Cloete, W. U. Reimold
Spain	(2)	J. C. Melgarejo
Sweden	(2)	U. Halenius
Switzerland	(2)	J. Stolz, M. Maggetti
UK	(4)	C. J. Stanley, B. A. Cressey, D. J. Vaughan, A. H. Rankin
USA	(5)	J. Post, C. Francis, W. Carey, G. Guthrie
Slovakia	(1)	J. Majzlan

Proposed Agenda

1. Roll call of the Delegate
2. Reports of the Officers (President's and Treasurer's reports are copied for all delegates)
3. Appointment of the Auditing Committee (Constitution, Article 5c)
4. Raise of annual membership due (Constitution, Article 4d) (proposal of the Council)
5. Commissions and Working Groups:
 - a). recommendation for continuation or termination, voting by Delegates
 - b). possible proposals for new Cs and Wgs
6. Council and Officers of the Commissions and Working Groups for the period 1998–2002:
nomination (Constitution, Articles 11, 12g and 13d)
7. Future Meetings:
 - a). 2002 – 18th General Meeting of IMA in Edinburgh
 - b). 2006 – 19th General Meeting of IMA: Invitation from Japan
 - c). 2000 – Participation of IMA in the activities of the 31st IGC, Brasil
8. Other business

1. Roll call of the delegates

The President welcomes the 57 delegates present at the meeting. He states that the IMA Business Meeting is of full power as 27 of the 34 member societies are represented on the meeting. The Secretary reports that the 2 missing member societies (Argentina, Croatia) mentioned in their reply that they will have no delegate on the meeting.

The delegates unanimously approve the proposed agenda.

2. Reports of the Officers

2.a. President's Report

The President lists briefly the main activities of IMA since the last General Meeting. The report is structured as follows: Council, Meetings, Future Meetings, Commissions and Working Groups, World Directory of Mineralogical Institutions, IMA Home Page, Finance.

Council: the Council in charge for 1994–1998 has been elected in the 2nd Business Meeting of the 16th IMA General Meeting (1994, Pisa, Italy). Due to the passing away of Henry Meyer, Treasurer of IMA, Cornelis Klein (USA) was co-opted by the Council as Treasurer ad interim. At the end of April 1998 when Stefan Hafner (Germany), "after a long service and intelligent dedication to IMA as Secretary" stepped down, T. G. Weiszburg (Hungary) was co-opted by the Council as Secretary ad interim. The Council meetings on the occasion of international congresses and an Executive Committee meeting in Budapest (during M&M 3) are listed.

Meetings:

1994 – 16th General Meeting, Pisa (Italy): besides the scientific program of the meeting, two business meetings, two council meetings and meetings of the various Commissions and Working Groups were organized.

1996 – 3rd International Conference on Mineralogy and Museums (M&M 3), Budapest (Hungary) was sponsored and organized by four IMA commissions: CNMMN, CM, CCM, CHT.

1996 – 30th International Geological Congress, Beijing (China): IMA sponsored 18 sessions in four distinct symposia and indicated convenors who took care of the scientific preparation of the sessions.

1998 – 17th General Meeting, Toronto (Canada): besides the scientific program, two business meetings and two council meetings were prepared. Various aspects of IMA activity will be discussed and the election of the new members of the Council and the officers of the Commissions and Working Groups for the period 1998-2002 will take place.

Future IMA meetings:

2000 – the 4th International Conference on Mineralogy and Museums, Melbourne (Australia)

2002 – 18th General Meeting of IMA, Edinburgh (UK)

2006 – 19th General Meeting of IMA - invitation to Japan

Future IMA-related meeting:

2000 – 31st International Geological Congress – Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Commissions and Working Groups:

Nine commissions and working groups are presently active; their activity report for the period 1994–1998 have been distributed to the NR and to the members of each C and WG.

World Directory of Mineralogical Institutions (WDMI): It was agreed in the Executive Committee meeting (Budapest, June 1996) and at the Council meeting (Beijing, August 1996) that WDMI should be a complementary volume of the 3rd edition of the European Directory of Mineralogical Institutions (EDMI) thus, in a strong collaboration with EMU. Prof. Jack Zussman will coordinate the work for the preparation of WDMI.

IMA Homepage: At IMA Council meeting in Beijing (August 1996) it was decided to create the IMA Homepage (HP); Pisa was selected as being the seat of the HP and Marco Pasero (Pisa) was delegated the manager of the HP. Presently the HP contains basic information on the structure of IMA (Constitution, present and past councils, officers of Cs and WGs, national societies and National Representatives). In the future it is intended to include also scientific and non-scientific information released by IMA.

Finance: The annual budget of IMA is binded by strong constraints: low income (4000–5000\$), fixed expenses (about 2000\$ for General Meetings, 1000\$ for CNMMN, 1000\$ for the activities of the other Cs and Wgs). The support through national institutions and agencies is more difficult, thus some initiatives are sometimes forced to restrict their field of activity.

2.b. Treasurer's Report

The IMA ad interim Treasurer, Cornelis Klein (USA), presented the Treasurer's Report, and a "Note on the possible consideration of an Increase in Unit Fee and Notes on Individual Membership in IMA".

Treasurer's Report for the years 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998: Dues received 1995: \$4,840.00. Income 1996: \$42,964.38; disbursements 1996: \$11,091.58. Account status January 1, 1997: \$31,872.80. Income 1997: \$6,799.40; disbursements 1997: \$8,826.00; Account status January 1, 1998: \$29,834.20. Income 1998: \$4,750.20. Account status as of July 31, 1998: \$34,593.40. For details see the Treasurer's Report. Some comments of the Treasurer and a circular concerning the IMA invoice for 1998 were also attached.

Note on the possible consideration of an Increase in Unit Fee: the requests of financial support from IMA on behalf of several Cs and Wgs could be honoured only at a very reduced scale: about 10% of the amount requested by CNMMN and about 6.3% of the costs of organizing the IMA sponsored Conference M&M 3 could be supplied. Another request concerning the WDMI (\$1,000.00) is still pending.

An increase of the overall annual dues to either \$50.00 (US\$) or \$60.00 (US\$) per annum would increase the overall IMA annual dues by about \$1,290.00 for each \$10.00 increase in unit dues (table attached).

Notes on Individual Membership in IMA: At this time, the annual due is \$10.00 for individual members, as confirmed at the Beijing Council meeting. A brief history of individual membership category is given: between 1992-1994 52 member names were listed by P. Zwaan; between 1994 - May 1995 six more applications and dues were received through the office of S. Hafner. On the list of 58 names, there are six names from non-IMA member countries, while the other 52 are from IMA-member countries. Since 1994, IMA did not provide any services that might have been useful to individual members. It is suggested that a written campaign is necessary to revitalize this category, but in the same time it is recognized that this category of membership does not provide a significant income.

3. Appointment of the Auditing Committee (Const., Article 5c)

The Delegates appoint Barbara Cressey (U.K.) and Dmitry Pushcharovsky (Russia) as members of the Auditing Committee. The Auditing Committee will give its report on the 2nd General Meeting.

4. Raise of annual membership due (Constitution, Article 4d)

Based on the Treasurer's report (see above) the Council suggests the General Meeting to raise the annual membership due to \$60.00 (US\$)/unit, starting with 1999. The delegates are in favour of the proposal (yes: 52; no: 5; abstention: 0).

5. Commissions and Working Groups

a). recommendation for continuation or termination, voting by Delegates

The President explains that all Cs and WGs (except for WG on Organic Minerals) submitted their report in written form. (These reports were copied and distributed among the delegates.) M. Superchi (Chairwoman of Commission on Gem Materials) informs the General Meeting that also this missing

report was prepared in the meantime. She presents the report on behalf of N. Vavra (Chairman of the WG on Organic Minerals). The report will be copied and distributed among the delegates. The President opens the discussion on continuation or termination of the existing Cs and WGs. The necessity of Commission on Classification of Minerals is discussed in details. Finally the delegates vote by majority for the continuation of all existing Cs and WGs.

b). possible proposals for new Cs and WGs

The President reports that no proposal for new Cs and WGs arrived at the Council.

6. Council and Officers of the Commissions and Working Groups for the period 1998–2002: nomination

The President reports, that in agreement with the Constitution of IMA the outgoing Council prepared the nominations for the various offices. These nominations were circulated to the National Representatives before the meeting and also to the Cs and WGs. Based on that the Council proposes the following slate:

Proposal for the Council of IMA 1998-2002

President : A. J. Naldrett (Canada)

First Vice-President : I. Parsons (UK)

Second Vice-President : S. Sueno (Japan)

Treasurer : C. Klein (USA)

Secretary : T. G. Weiszburg (Hungary)

Councillors : A. Baronnet (France), I. A. Campbell (Australia), W. Schreyer (Germany), A. Szimansky (Poland), N. P. Yushkin (Russia)

Retiring President, S. Merlino (Italy) – member of Council ex officio
(Constitution, Article 4b)

Proposals for the officers of the various Commissions and Working Groups

Commission on Classification of Minerals

Chairman: D. Yu. Pushcharovsky (Russia)

Commission on Ore Mineralogy

Chairman: A. J. Criddle (UK)

Vice-Chairman: R. K. W. Merkle (South Africa)

Secretary: K. K. Kojonen (Finland)

Commission on Gem Materials

Chairman: M. Superchi (Italy)

Vice-Chairman: P. Zwaan (The Netherlands)

Secretary: L. Sutherland (Australia)

Commission on History and Teaching

Chairman: T. G. Weiszbarg (Hungary)

Vice-Chairmen: L. Touret (France), S. S. Hafner (Germany)

Secretary: D. Pop (Romania)

Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names

Chairman: J. D. Grice (Canada)

Vice-Chairman: G. Ferraris (Italy)

Secretary: W. D. Birch (Australia)

Commission on Crystal Growth of Minerals

Chairman: A. Baronnet (France)

Vice-Chairman: K. Tsukamoto (Japan)

Secretary: R. J. Reeder (USA)

Comission on Museums

Chairman: Carl Francis (USA)

Secretary: Kay Scheurmann (Germany)

Commission on Applied Mineralogy

Chairman: Richard Hagni (USA)

Vice-Chairman: J. P. R. de Villiers (South Africa)

Secretary: W. Petruk (Canada)?

Commission on Physics of Minerals

Chairman: R. J. Hemley (USA)

Working Group on Inclusions in Minerals

Chairman: A. H. Rankin (UK)

Vice-Chairman: Zhao Lin Li (P. R. of China)

Secretary: B. Buehn (Germany)

Working Group on Cosmic Mineralogy

Chairman: Monica Grady (UK)

Secretary: Mike Zolenski (USA)

Working Group on Mineral Equilibria

Chairman: L. Perchuk (Russia)

Vice-Chairman: M. Akaogi (Japan)

Secretary: K. Podlesskii (Russia)

Working Group on Organic Minerals

Chairman: N. Vavra (Austria)

Working Group on Databases and Computer Applications

Chairman: Gy. A. Lovas (Hungary)

Vice-Chairman: M. Pasero (Italy) (IMA homepage manager)

Secretary: K. Murphy (UK)

7. Future Meetings

2002 – 18th GM of IMA – Edinburgh (UK)

In agreement with the preliminary invitation during the 1994 IMA GM (Pisa) I. Parsons invites the Delegates to have the next IMA GM in Edinburgh. He gives a detailed plan of the planned activities and distributes an information sheet.

2006 – 19th GM of IMA - Japan

S. Sueno informs the delegates that the Japanese member society of IMA would like to invite the 2006 GM to Japan. He distributes posters and a preliminary information package compiled by the local preparatory committee.

2000 – M&M 4 - Melbourne, Australia

B. Birch distributes the first circular of M&M 4. The French delegates inform the General Meeting that the French member society of IMA would prefer to have the M&M 4 in Paris. They distribute their invitation sheet. The Commission on Museums will discuss the topic on its business meeting and will report the results on the 2nd General Meeting.

2000 – 31st IGC – Brazil

The President informs the Delegates that IMA will organise and/or co-sponsor the mineralogy related symposia of IGC 31. All Cs and WGs were asked to propose special programmes in the frame of IGC 31. IMA's presence is of special importance at that meeting as IMA has got only weak links to South America, and it is not very likely that either IMA GM or M&M meetings could be organised on that continent within the next 15 years. The Delegates are asked to give proposals during or after the GM through the Cs or WGs, or directly to the Council.

8. Other topics

The President informs the Delegates that the next IMA Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 1998, 15.00 h.

By closing the 1st Business Meeting the President thanks all Delegates and guests for being present and for giving their contribution to the meeting.

Approved by the Council of IMA (DC 99/1):

Place/Date: Strasbourg, France/March 27, 1999

Tamas G. Weiszburg

Secretary of IMA