

International Mineralogical Association
Commission on Museums
Minutes from the Ad Hoc CM Meeting
Munich, Germany, October 2001

The Ad Hoc- Meeting was held on Friday, October 26th, 2001 from 5:00 pm in the museums lounge during the Munich Fair 2001. 20 curators from 9 countries attended the meeting.

After some short words of welcome given by the secretary of the CM Kay U. Schuermann (Marburg/Germany) the following short statements were made:

G. C. Parodi (MNHM Paris) noticed that the 1st Circular for M&M 5 in Paris 2004 will be spread during the IMA-Meeting in Edinburgh (September 2002) and the 2nd Circular will be scheduled to the end of 2003. The excellent "Diamond-Exhibition" shown in Paris will proceed to Rome, Brussels, Washington (Smithsonian), and Tokyo. Moreover a special exhibition on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the Mt. Pelee eruption in 1902 will be presented next year.

G. Garuti from the University of Modena (Italy) reported that the mineral collection will develop as part of a new created Museum of Natural History. The National History Museum of the University of Florence (Italy) is regarded as the most important national collection as C. Cipriani stated.

F. S. Nordrum (Museum Kongsberg/Norway) told us that the well known silver mines of the Kongsberg area are closed now.

P. Davidson (NMScotland/Edinburgh) reported shortly about a new data base applied to their collections.

P. Tandy (BMNH London) noted a 6.000 £ fine for measured radiation of uranium and thorium containing minerals in the exhibition rooms of the British Museum of Natural History, though the measured rate was only 45 mSv/y – less than 1 percent of the maximum dose for UK.

A. Stalder (MNH Bern/Switzerland) told us, that the CTMS (Catalogue of the Type Mineral Specimens) – work comes to an end. A final report will be given during the IMA-Meeting 2002 in Edinburgh.

T. Huizing (MNH Cincinnati/USA) made a comment on a new building for the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History.

Remarks from german curators:

B. Kreher-Hartmann (Jena): Developing of the "Soci t t f r die gesamte Mineralogie zu Jena".

R. Hochleitner (Munich): New special exhibition in the Museum "Reich der Kristalle" in Munich from December 2001 to April 2002 about special materials from Mars.

K. Rank and A. Massanek (Freiberg): New special exhibition from April 2002 about "Baia Mare – Romania". This exhibition can pass on other museums.

R. Hollerbach (Cologne): Cologne will represent one (fire) of the 4 central events (earth-air-fire-water) of the German Year of Geosciences 2002 .

H. P. Schertl (Bochum): Bochum will host the annual meeting of the German mineralogists (DMG) in 2003.

Moreover curators from Oslo (G. Raade), Cardiff/Wales (J. Horák), Hamburg (J. Schlueter), Leipzig (H. J. Hoebler), and Berlin –TU (S. Herting-Agthe) were present.

The meeting ended at about 6 pm.

November 27th, 2001
Kay U. Schuermann
(Secretary of the CM)