

International Mineralogical Association
Commission on Museums
Minutes from the CM Commission Business Meetings
Edinburgh, Scotland, September 2002

The meetings were held during the 18th General Meeting of the International Mineralogical Society, 2002 in Edinburgh, Scotland on Tuesday, September 3rd and Thursday, September 5th, 2002 in the Room “Orchil 3” of the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC).

First Meeting September 3rd from 2.35 pm to 4.15 pm

11 Commission members or their representatives (r) attended:

France – Lydie Touret, Germany – Kay Schuermann, Hungary – Erzsébet Tòth (r), Italy – Curzio Cippriani, Japan – Yasuko Okuyama-Kusunose (r), Russia – Dmitry Belakovskiy, Sweden – Henrik Skogby (r), Switzerland – Hans Anton Stalder, United Kingdom – Chris Stanley, United States – Antony Kampf, Chairman – Carl Francis.

Guests included: Joel Brugger – Australia, Fred Wicks – Canada, Daniel Neuville – France, Athanassios Katerinopoulos – Greece, Federico Pezzotta – Italy, Alan Hart – United Kingdom, Forrest Cureton and Jim Hurlbut - United States.

Short introduction of those present followed.

The Chairman Carl A. Francis opened the session with some short but hearty words and mentioned the following main topics to be discussed at the business meeting.

Abolition of Commissions and Working Groups

A special meeting was announced by IMA President Tony Naldrett for Wednesday, September 4th, to discuss the abolition of some IMA Commissions and Working Groups because of small efficiency and no proper reports. The Chairman will join this meeting to clarify the matter.

World Directory of Mineral Collections

The former subcommission (esp. O. Petersen(Danmark) and A. Kampf) already thought about an electronical edition. The Chairman C. Francis will contact the publisher of the hard cover edition. The CM votes for terminating the former subcommission.

CTMS – Work

H. A. Stalder tells the commission that this work has been terminated now. He presented an example of a complete data set to the CM and told about the problems with the diacritics. In connection with this E. Tòth mentioned the work of Gabor Papp (Hungary), who worked out a carpathian list including all kinds of writings. H.A. Stalder also presented texts of annexes of special lists:

Annex list of localities (e.g. Switzerland)

Annex list of depositories of Type Specimens of countries (e.g. Sweden)

An additional connection with Greece is planned.

The main decision the CM has to make is how to handle the option of Alexander Hoelzel for the CTMS datas and the possibility to open these datas for publishing them in the internet. A vote of the CM about this item will be given in the next business meeting two days later after contacting Alexander Hoelzel. The future of the CTMS will be terminated.

M & M 5

M&M5 will be in Paris 2004. The proposed time schedule (June/July 2004) can be rescheduled in case of a favourable connection to the IGC meeting 2004 in Florence (Italy). There will be an official business meeting of the CM during M&M5. A First Circular will be spread at the end of 2002.

M&M6 in 2008 is planned for the East Coast Area of the United States (New York?).

Sponsoring of Meeting Sessions at IMA – Meetings

The CM decided to sponsor Sessions about “New Minerals” and “Mineral Heritage” again in future. An official letter for sponsorship at IMA 2006 in Kobe (Japan) will be written to Michiaki Bunno and should be published on the new established website of the CM (See also next topic).

SMMP – Website of CM

A. Kampf made strong encouragements to museum people to join for getting much broader distribution of museum scientist all over the world. There exists already a website of the SMMP (www.smmp.net) and meetings at the main mineral shows in Tucson, Denver, and Munich are established. In addition A. Kampf will develop a special website with various links for the Commission on Museums of the IMA.

Nomination of Officers of the CM

In because of the retirement of Carl Francis the commission votes unanimously for Lydie Touret (France) as new Chairman. The Secretary should be Kay U. Schuermann as up to now (at least to 2004).

Second Meeting September 5th from 2.20 pm to 4 pm

10 Commission members or their representatives (r) attended:

Australia - Dermot Henry (r), China – Wang Wenkui, France – Lydie Touret, Germany – Kay Schuermann, Italy – Curzio Cipriani, Romania – Dana Pop (r), Switzerland – Hans Anton Stalder, United Kingdoms – Alan Hart (r), United States – Antony Kampf, Chairman – Carl Francis.

Guests included: Pete Williams – Australia, Athanassios Katerinopoulos – Greece, Federico Pezzotta – Italy and Frances Wall – United Kingdom.

Abolition of Commissions and Working Groups

The Chairman Carl Francis reported about the Wednesday-meeting. A more intensive contact between the CM and the IMA Councillors has been suggested. Ian Campbell (Australia) is ready to overtake some kind of sponsorship for the CM. The IMA Council will check CM again in 2004 during the IGC meeting in Florence.

M&M5

Suggestions have been made to the newly elected Chairman of CM – Lydie Touret – to write a letter to IMA and apply for money for the next M&M – conference.

Annual Report to the IMA

In because of the new decision of the IMA, that all Commissions and Working Groups should give annual reports of their activities (instead of biannual as before), a letter should be written to the General Secretary applying for fixed report dates.

CTMS

After contacting Alexander Hoelzel the data base will be given part by part to Antony Kampf to put these data on the website of CM. The acronyms should be consistent. Therefore a list of acronyms should be spread to the coworkers (A. Kampf, K. Schuermann, C. Stanley and H.A. Stalder (replaced by N. Meisser) using A. Hoelzel's data base. Marco Pasero will be asked by A. Kampf to make links to the IMA website.

H.A. Stalder has been asked for a written final report of CTMS –Subcommission. The CM is most grateful to H.A. Stalder for his immense CTMS work. During M&M5 at Paris the Subcommission should be reorganized.

Mineral Heritage

Proposals have been made by F. Wall to arrange a website for petrological collections. This topic should be sponsored at the M&M5 conference at Paris 2004 and should be also a topic on the CM business meeting at M&M5.

Topographic (Regional) Collections

More papers on this topic should be sponsored for the next meetings.

China

Prof. W. Wenkui told the CM about the development of a new Geoscience Museum of the China University of Geosciences Wuhan.

Ex Officis Member

The CM votes unanimously that the Past Chairman should be an “ex officis” member of the CM without vote.

Nicolas Meisser from the Geological Museum in Lausanne/Switzerland will replace Hans Anton Stalder as national delegate of Switzerland in the CM.

The CM offered its retiring Chairman Carl A. Francis the warmest thanks for the work during the last 8 years.

September 18th, 2002

Kay U. Schuermann
(Secretary of the CM)