

# **International Mineralogical Association**

## **Commission on Museums**

Minutes from the Ad Hoc CM Meeting  
Munich, Germany, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002

The annually Ad Hoc- Meeting was held on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002 from 4:00 pm in the meeting room A51 during the Munich fare 2002. 17 curators from 8 countries attended the meeting. The secretary of the CM Kay U. Schuermann (Marburg/Germany) gave a short summary of the results of the IMA business meetings in Edinburgh.

After a short discussion about the decisions made by IMA the following short statements were made:

G.C. Parodi (SFMC Paris) mentioned their “Volcano Exhibition” and the closing of the gallery for about 3 years.

The Florence University Natural History Museum (C. Cipriani) made parts of the “Medici Collection of Carved Stones” visible.

T. Huizing from MNH Cincinnati/USA told us that the new collection building has a costing of about \$8 million - 80% of the costs were raised by admission of 1.4 million visitors last year.

The Freiberg Museum (A. Massanek) solved one of the most serious problems for bigger collections: 50 tons of radioactive material will be deposited in the former mine “Reiche Zeche”, which is situated within a 25 min. footwalk from the museum. In addition, there will be a new exhibition about “Historical Diamonds”.

The situation of geosciences in Berlin is more and more difficult, as H.J. Bausch (NHMB) and S. Herting-Agthe (TU) stated. The latter collection will install a new website.

F. S. Nordrum (Kongsberg) reported from Oslo about a complete reorganisation within the last years: 3 “Natural” departments (Zoology, Botanic, and Geology) with 3 curators headed by one professorship are developed. The mine train of the NMM Kongsberg has been stopped – a new starting allowance after a security check will be given in July 2003.

H.P. Schertl (RU Bochum) prepares an exhibition for the annual DMG-Meeting in Bochum 2003 and the included meeting of curators.

Munich (R. Hochleitner and G. Grundmann) signed a contract with TU and Bavarian Government for the new big exhibition “New Stone Age”. The collection will be finally catalogued.

There are some worry reflections from the University of Bonn about using the rooms of the Mineralogical Museum in the “Poppelsdorfer Schloss” as R. Schumacher reported. A new exhibition is named “Daily Life with Minerals”.

H. A. Stalder (Bern) mentioned a new close relationship with the University of Oman for meteorite collections.

G. Niedermayr (NHM Wien) told again about the effects of privatisation on the museum.

There will be a generalisation and reorganisation within the NMS in Edinburgh as P. Davidson reported. A better use of the “Gallery Exhibitions” by the Division of Geology will try to compensate a partly external deposition of the mineral collection.

Additional short comments by F. Pezzotta (Milan) and J.M. LeCléach (Ecole des Mines Paris) rounded off the meeting, which ended at about 5 pm.

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