

International Mineralogical Association

Commission on Museums

Minutes from the CM Commission Business Meeting, Paris, September 2004

The meeting was held during the M&M5 International Conference 2004 in Paris on Wednesday, September 8th from 8 am to 9 am at the Paris National School of Mines.

12 Commission members or their representatives (r) attended:

France – Lydie Touret (Chairwoman), Germany – Kay Schuermann (Secretary), Switzerland – Nicolas Meisser, Sweden – Per Nysten, Norway – Fred Steinar Nordrum, Australia – Dermot Henry, Canada – Paula Piilonen, Belgium – Herman Goethals, China – Zhuming Yang (r), United States – Anthony Kampf, Netherlands – Ernest Burke (r), Japan – Michiaki Bunno.

Guests included: Monique Brunet – France, Gary Mason – United States, Masahiro Aoki – Japan, H.A. Stalder – Switzerland.

The Chairwoman of the Commission and of the Conference – Lydie Touret – opened the session with some short but hearty words and mentioned around 150 scientists from 26 countries joining the Conference. These figures were very impressive as the date for M&M5 was forced to September by IMA in connection with the earlier date of the IGC Florence. In addition there was no financial sponsoring of this traditional Conference of CM and CNMMN by IMA. Scientists from the following countries showed up first time at M&M: Albania, Iran, Latvia, and Nigeria.

Paula Piilonen from the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa(Canada), Nicolas Meisser from the Cantonal Museum of Geology in Lausanne (Switzerland), and Herman Goethals from the Royal Belgium Institute of Natural Science in Brussels(Belgium) have been introduced as new members of the commission. The following main topics have been discussed at the business meeting:

CTMS

A final report of the CTMS (Catalogue of Type Mineral Specimens) – work was presented by the retiring chairman of the Subcommission H. A. Stalder (Switzerland) – The Congo, Australia, and Canada have been added to the national lists. The Commission decided to move the chair of the CTMS Subcommission to Nicholas Meisser (Switzerland). There will be a free access of the private databases (Hoelzel) by the CM – website.

CM - Website

The CM – website supported by Anthony Kampf (United States) and always nicely updated – www.SMMP.NET/IMA-CM – will additionally open a “general questions – reply” site.

Mineral Heritage for Petrological Sites

The topic “Mineral Heritage for Petrological Sites” initiated by F. Wall (UK) at a former meeting has been postponed because of her absence.

New CM - Officer

The Commission designated Dermot Henry (Australia) as new Secretary to be elected at the Business Meeting(s) during the IMA Conference 2006 in Japan.

IMA 2006

CM will try to sponsor one or two special sessions (possible together with CNMNM) at the IMA Conference 2006 in Japan. First contacts will be established with Masahiro Aoki (Ibaraki, Japan).

M&M6

There have been now 4 invitations for M&M6. In order of receipt:

- St. Petersburg School of Mines (Russia)
- Lisbon University (Portugal)
- St. Petersburg University (Russia)
- Colorado School of Mines (Denver, USA)

The CM Officers will go in contact with all applicants during the next year. A final decision will be made during the Business Meeting(s) at the IMA Conference in Japan 2006.

Open Round Table

Some more informations and discussions have been added during an “Open Round Table” topic at the end of the Conference on Wednesday, September 8th, from 5.30 pm to 6 pm.

Under the main title: “Museums – New problems, New Concepts Today?” remarks have been made about

- Museums Current Activities
- Relationship between Museums and Associations
- Public or Private Collections
- Private Micromount Collections and its Connections to Museum Scientists (by M.G. Favreau (France))
- A New Place of Petrology in Mineralogical Museums
- The “Geoplanet Earth Year 2006” sponsored by IGS (look at the IGS Website)
- Use of the Periodical System Symbols as Worldwide Mineral Dictionary for all Languages
- a suspicious “Organisation of Mondial Mineralogy Monaco”, created by a Romanian lady related near to UNESCO. A lot of negative comments have been made and could be handled by Michel Guiraud (France)

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