

## **MINUTES FROM THE IMA – COMMISSION ON MUSEUMS AD HOC – MEETING, MUNICH, OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

This year our annually Ad Hoc – Meeting during the Munich fare was held together with the SMMP (Society of Mineral Museum Professionals) people on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004 from 4:30 pm in the meeting room A 52.

21 curators from 9 countries attended the meeting.

The meeting was opened by Dr. Lydie Touret (Paris/France) as Chairwoman of the CM and Peter Davidson (Edinburgh/Scotland) as european representative of the SMMP.

Lydie Touret gave a short report regarding M&M5, wich was an extremely estimable conference with about 150 participants from 27 countries presenting 46 oral and 41 poster contributions. There was a good mixture of participant ages; the lecture hall was always filled in spite of the attractiveness of Paris. She noted 4 applicants for M&M6 in 2008: St.Petersburg/Russia (School of Mines and University), Lisbon/Portugal (University), and Denver/Colorado/USA (Colorado School of Mines). The CM will write letters to them in 2005 asking for detailed informations.

A final decision will be made at the next CM Buisness Meeting during the IMA Conference in Kobe/Japan 2006.

Federico Pezzotta (Milan/Italy) made critical comments together with some other speakers (J.C. Boulliard/Paris, Carlo Grammacioli/Milan) about mineralogists who always claim a “Crisis of Mineralogical Museums” and answer to this “Crisis” developing only new gallery exhibitions (only show very few pieces). Amédée Djemai and Lydie Touret (Paris/France) realized a kind of evolution in the museums of natural history. It can be stated that there are recently two groups of mineralogists encouraged in museum work:

People from “Science”, who say that scientific research is split in different fields of mineralogy, but the whole variety have to show in the museums, and impressions of mineralogical sciences have to serve everybody through the museums.

Peoples from the “Gallery” with a philosophy to show only very few but special pieces to bring these impressions to the public.

As part of the “Year of Physics” in 2005 there will be a special exhibition in the Paris School of Mines titled “From Graphite to Carbon”.

Stuart Mills (Melbourne/Australia) was claiming for a better inclusion of younger people especially from the highschoools in the fields of mineralogy.

Finally Terry Huizing (Cincinnati/USA) informed the meeting, that the well-known Dick Bideaux (Tucson/USA) has passed away.

Our special thanks go to the Family Keilmann who made it possible to hold our meeting during the Munich fara 2004 and announced the meeting very poperly in the catalogue.

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