



## Minutes

### 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> European Mineralogical Conference, Rimini, Italy, 2016

**Time:** Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 12:30 – 13:05

**Location:** Palacongressi di Rimini, Tempio 1, ground floor

1. OPENING, WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The President opens the meeting and welcomes the participants. Participants agree on the agenda presented.

2. ROLL CALL OF THE DELEGATES

The names of delegates were recorded. National Representatives who were not able to attend, were substituted by respective representatives.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING IN JOHANNESBURG, 2014

The minutes of the Business Meeting in Johannesburg were unanimously approved. The President thanked Sabine Verryn and Walter Maresch for their effort.

4. APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDITING COMMITTEE (IMA CONSTITUTION, ART. 5C)

Ulf Hålenius and Roberta Oberti were proposed and unanimously approved to act as auditing committee

5. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The president thanked all Council Members for helpful cooperation. He then reported on the new activity "Mineral of the year" firstly introduced 2014, which keeps developing very well. Special thanks went to Vladimir G. Krivovichev, Ulf Hålenius and Stuart Mills. In 2016 a new prize became established, the IMA-student Ph.D. award. The awardees receive a financial support to attend a major international meeting in mineralogy. The three recipients 2016 were Petra Jakobová (Masaryk University, Czech Republic), Mattia Luca Mazzucelli (University of Pavia, Italy) and Liene Spruzeniece (Macquarie University, Australia) who received grants for the EMC-2016 in Rimini. The president thanked Patrick Cordier for efficient support and implementation and the Council Members for useful insights and support. The next prizes are expected to be awarded at the IMA conference in Melbourne,

Australia. Special thanks went to Bob Downs and Marco Pasero for their work on the RUFF project, a mineral database, maintained in partnership with IMA. The president expressed further thanks to Communication Officer A. Chakhmouradian, especially for his activities related to the IMA facebook-page and the contacts and reports to “Elements”.

#### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary thanked the webmaster Wolfgang Zirbs from Vienna; the communication is very pleasant and productive. The IMA Commission on Ore Mineralogy (COM) did not organize a Business Meeting during EMC Rimini and Heinz-Jürgen Bernhardt as a senior COM National Representative was asked to help as an ombudsman in the search for needed new officers. The IMA Council approved the new officers on April 12, 2015. On January 1<sup>st</sup> Georgia was welcomed as a new member of IMA. Michael Raith, Peter Raase and Jürgen Reinhardt were thanked for the permission to offer the electronic book “Guide to Thin Section Microscopy” as an open access via the IMA website. Further points of the report included information related to the Minerals and Museums Meetings, a short report of a meeting of the International Union of Geosciences (IUGS) in Cape Town, a minor change of amendments for the IMA constitution (it was proposed to substitute the term “Retiring President” by “Past President”), the problem of the “response behaviour” of the National Representatives, and the offer from Jeffrey de Fournier publishing the “Encyclopedia of Minerals” (initiated by Joe Mandarino).

#### REPORT OF THE COMMUNICATION OFFICER

Due to the absence of the Communication officer, the president gave his report. He addressed the activities related to the new IMA-Ph.D. student award, which is recognizing and supporting outstanding students by providing them with the opportunity to present their research at an international level. The new activity “Mineral of the Year” was presented – in 2015 this award went to the mineral chanabayaite. Further points of discussion were the announcement providing an IMA report on the EMC-Rimini meeting, Elements articles where the IMA is involved and publication options of the “Encyclopedia of Minerals”. The IMA facebook-page was continued to maintain and turned out to be very successful – it received clicks from more than 1000 people.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Due to the absence of the Communication officer, the president gave his report. The basic data as of January 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 are attached.

#### 6. REPORT OF THE IMA MEDAL COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Medal Committee introduced the current members of the Committee. She thanked Paola Comodi and Anatoly Zaitsev for their service on the Committee and welcomed the new members Jana Kotková and Allan Pring. Finally she reported on the 2015 Medal of Excellence in Mineralogical Sciences, which went to Prof. Rodney Ewing at the meeting in Rimini. The Council has voted to award the Medal annually starting 2017.

## 7. NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The president presented Catherine McCammon and Mark Welch as new candidates for Council Members; in addition he presented the list of candidates, nominated for election of Executive Committee, Council Officers and Councillors. Two candidates, Prof. Patrick Cordier and Prof. Anhuai Lu were presented as candidates for the First Vice-president of the IMA.

## 8. POTENTIAL CHANGES OF OFFICERS FOR COMMISSIONS

On April 12, 2015, Nigel Cook (Chairman), Biswajit Mishra (Vice-Chairman) and Hassan Helmy (Secretary) were approved as new officers for the Commission on Ore Mineralogy (COM) by the IMA Council.

## 9. ESTABLISHMENT FOR NEW COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS

No new Commissions and Working Groups were suggested to be established.

## 10. REPORT ON THE IMA ARCHIVE

Annámárie Kis (in collaboration with Gábor Papp, Ekkehart Tillmanns and Tamás Weiszbürg) presented the effort of the IMA Archive group. Most of the abstract books of the IMA General Meetings have been explored and digitalized and different data have been processed. Likewise data related to the venues of past IMA Business Meetings have been scanned and processed. Future work refers to the uploading of scanned documents and abstract volumes to the IMA website.

## 11. FUTURE GENERAL MEETINGS

IMA - 2018 AUSTRALIA

IMA - 2022

IMA - 2026 OUTLOOK

Important data related to the next General IMA meeting in Melbourne, Australia were presented. In addition a bid document to host the 23<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting of the IMA in 2022 in Lyon was presented by Razvan Caracas, potential Congress President. It should be noted that it was exactly 200 years ago, when the second edition of René-Just Haüy's *Traité de Minéralogie* and the first edition of his *Traité de Cristallographie* was published; 1822 was also the date of his death. Thus, the meeting in 2022 is scheduled to honor and commemorate Haüy and his works.

## 12. OTHER BUSINESS

The president gave a short report from the Outreach Committee. The database news was that NASA-Ames is creating a Planetary Materials database at its supercomputing facilities and IMA is invited to contribute data. In return we get free hardware, storage, management, etc, and an opportunity to design our needs into a system that will share knowledge and data. Bob Hazen's Mineral Evolution and the American Mineralogist Crystal Structure Databases will all be transferred there and currently Bob Shannon is creating an optics database on the platform.

The President thanked all contributors and participants; the meeting was closed at 13:05.

Bochum, October 6, 2016

*Johannes Peter Schick*

(Secretary)

*Georgy Kononov*

(President)

## APPENDIX

### Treasurer Report

Previous balance	133886.21	5 January 2016
Society dues	+5012.00	
Interest	+73.66	
Expenses	-5348.59	
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Total Assets	US\$ 133623.28	

Note: Certificate of Deposit expires Nov 2016, currently contains \$122,288.18

Summary of expenses	
Ewing EMC 2016 egistration	513.59
Elements	1700.00
Student scholarships	3135.00
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Total Expenses	5748.59

Expected annual dues each year \$7230.00

