

**Minutes of the First Business Meeting
IMA, Florence, Monday 23th of August, 2004
Room 31 (17H30-19H00)**

Councillors present: Ian Parsons, President, in the chair
Takamitsu Yamanaka and Nicolai Yushkin, Vice-Presidents, Tony Naldrett (Past-President), Maryse Ohnenstetter (Secretary), Ian Campbell, Marcello Mellini.

1. Roll call of the Delegates

Country - Balloting power - Delegates present

Argentina	1	
Australia	3	
Austria	3	Ekkehart Tillmanns, F. Koller, G. Hoinkes
Belgium	1	
Brazil	1	Daniel Atencio
Bulgaria	1	Yotzo Yanev
Canada	4	Robert Martin
China	3	Li Zaolin
Croatia	1	Vladimir Bermanec
Czech Republic	1	Karel Breiter
Denmark	1	
Egypt	1	
Finland	1	
France	4	G. Calas, C. Chopin
Germany	5	Jörg Erzinger, J. Hoefs, Axel Liebscher, HW Hubberten
Greece	1	
Hungary	1	Tamas Weiszburg
Israël	1	Shlomo Shoal
Italy	3	Stefano Merlino, E. Scandale, G. Ferraris
Japan	4	Enjoji Mamoru, Eiji Ohtani, Takashi Nakajima
Korea	1	
Netherlands	1	
New Zealand	1	
Norway	1	Nigel Cook
Poland	1	
Portugal	1	
Romania	2	Alexandru Szakacs, Corina Ionescu
Russia	5	N. Bortnikov, AM. Askhabov, DY. Pushcharovsky, G. Lysiuk, Dmitry Koshchuy
Slovakia	1	Martin Chovan
South Africa	2	
Spain	2	E. Galan
Sweden	2	
Switzerland	2	
Ukrainia	1	
United Kingdom	4	F. Wall, Alan Wooley, Hilary Downes, Kathryn Moore
USA	5	C. Prewitt, J.D. Bass, Robert Bodnar, GV. Gibbs, HCW. Skinner

Alternates : Radostina Atanassova, Bulgaria; Wolfgang Hofmeister, Germany; Peter Andras, Slovakia.

2. Welcome by President Ian Parsons

The president recalled the reasons to have an intermediate meeting in Florence. this decision was taken in Edinburgh, as it appeared that the four year interval between two General meetings of IMA is too long, to sustain an efficient link between the IMA member societies and to provide regular scientific activities by commission and working groups.

Then the President welcomed the IMA delegates.

3. In Memoriam Ivan Kostov, DP Grigoriev and Eugen Stumpfl.

- ✓ DP Grigoriev was one of the founder of IMA being vice-president between 1958 and 1960.
- ✓ Ivan Kostov was president of IMA between 1982 and 1986.
- ✓ Eugen Stumpfl recently died. He was involved in the commission of ore mineralogy.

4. Report of the President

To be completed

Intervention on:

Meetings

in Firenze

Next General meeting of IMA in Osaka, 2006

Selection of GM in 2010 (Paris, Budapest)

Goldschmidt meeting in 2005, Moscox, Idaho

Next meetings in 2004 in which IMA is involved

through Commission and Working groups :

ICAM 2004, Brazil (8th Inter. Congress),

September, 19-22, Aguas de Lindoa, state of Sao Paulo

5th International Conference on Mineralogy and

Museums, september 5-8, 2004, Paris

IMA logo competition

IMA website

IMA financial resources

The Magazine "Elements"

5. Report of the Treasurer

As the treasurer could not be in Florence, all the documents to be given to the auditing committee are not available. Taking into account the low budget of IMA, the President suggested to consider the financial documents only every four years at the General Meeting of IMA. This proposal was accepted by the delegates present and a motion was taken to design an auditing committee only during the General meeting of IMA.

Information on the income and major expenses of IMA could be provided during the business meetings organized at interval between the General Meeting of IMA.

During the last two years the main expenses were due to :

- 1) the payment of a designer for the IMA Website (2522.26 US\$),
- 2) the a contribution to a conference organized by G. Ferraris on "Micro and mesoporous mineral phases" (500 US\$),
- 3) the Wire transfer charges from bank (230 US\$),

4) New letterhead costs (71.95\$)1.

According to C. Klein, there was a better income as a whole as several countries have paid their fees in arrears. However, some delinquents still exist: Croatia is now 4 years behind in dues, Egypt 3 years and Israel 6 years.

It was proposed to work on a motion to exclude societies which do not pay their dues. It is especially required that National representatives of delinquent societies should explain why their society does not pay their dues.

6. Report of the Secretary

Following Edinburgh 2002, there were two major objectives for IMA :

1. The first one aims at encouraging the regular participation of IMA in International meetings. The list of meetings provided by the president indicates that this objective was realized thanks to the involvement of Commissions and Working groups.
2. The second major objective was to develop communication. This is now quite achieved through the publication of regular circulars send to Officers and/or National Representatives, of Chronicles in Newsletters, the preparation of reports regularly sent by Officers of Commissions and Working groups, and by the development of a new Website.

The historical devolpment of the IMA website was reported. In Edinburgh 2002, a committee on Internet and Computer Development was created. One of its objective was to help at the development and maintenance of the IMA Website.

In 2003, the address of the IMA Website moved from Pisa, Italy to Clermont-Ferrand, France. A great help was provided by Pierrette Tremblay, coordinator of the Mineralogical Society of Canada. This lead to the creation of a new chart and the home page of IMA website was modified with the display of logo from most member societies. In addition, the list of National representatives and Officers was cheked.

Later on, in 2004, the design of the website was totally modified by Christine Lecluse. IMA received a domain name which was selected by the Council and by the Officers of Commissions and Working Groups. The domain name of IMA is as follows :

<http://www.ima-mineralogy.org>

It was necessary to add a word to the acronym "IMA" because the domain names IMA.org, IMA.net, IMA.com, were no more available. For exemple, IMA means, besides our Internationam Mineralogical Association : *Institute of Musical Art* of Bodega, *Institute of Mathematics* in london, *International Messagery* in Hong Kong, *International Moisture Analyses*, and also *Immobilienmarkt Analyse* in Hamburg....

During the last two years, the IMA secretariat was also busy with the organization of the IMA logo competition and by the preparation of the Florence meeting. This was the first time for IMA to prepare Business Meetings and other meetings related to Commission and Working groups within an International Congress not at all organized by IMA. Despite some final modifications, it seems that no major problems occurred for the attendance of the different business Meetings and scientific sessions.

Stefano Merlino was thanked for his considerable help to insert IMA scientific and administrative activities within the IGC. It is recalled that IMA has a booth just at the entrance of the exposition area where people may have information and leave messages.

¹ **The IMA bank account balance, as of may 31, 2004 stands at 99,239.25 US\$.**

7. Commissions and Working Groups

A lot of new officers of Commissions and Working groups have been designed in Edinburgh. they have proposed new development for their respective commissions and working groups. It is quite significant that the involvement of Commissions and Working groups in different international meetings has increased, as shown by the Florence meeting this year or by the Nice meeting as well as by the Goldschmidt meeting last year.

Finally, most of the commissions and working groups are now organizing sessions within major international conferences every year,.

During the next business meeting of IMA, chairmen have to be voted for two new working groups on Astromineralogy (Franz Rietmeijer) and on Environmental Mineralogy (David Vaughan). A vice-chairman for the working group on Mineral Inclusions in Minerals has to be elected (Mamoru Enjoji).

8. Future meetings

Three power point presentations have been shown :

- 1) one for the next general meeting in Kobe, 2006, by the chairman Takamitsu Yamanaka,
- 2) a second for the candidacy of the 2010 General meeting in Budapest presented by Ekkehart Tillmanns,
- 3) and a third for the candidacy of the 2010 General meeting in Paris by Georges Callas.

Information on the vote procedures were given: the vote will occur during the second business meeting with cards, the number of which will be given to delegates according to the voting power of the society.

Three overhead transparencies of future meetings in which IMA is involved were shown:

- 1) the ICAM-CAM conference in Brazil in September 2004,
- 2) the Museums and Mineral Conference in Paris in 2004,
- 3) the Goldschmidt Conference in Moscow, USA 2005.

9. IMA Logo

16 proposals arrived at the IMA Secretariat. Selection of the IMA logo will occur during a special meeting of the council. A particular attention will be paid for the logo aspect when reduced.

The selected logo will be shown during the second business meeting.

10. Funding of IMA

The President considered that the actual way of funding IMA is not good for people from small societies whose members are paying much more than those of larger societies. It is suggested that if one dollar and a half, or two dollars were paid by each member of societies, the annual income of IMA would significantly increase, and the repartition between all the members would be more equitable.

T. Weiszbarg recommended not changing the law, and Y. Pushcharovsky expressed the disagreement of the Russian delegation for the new system proposed.

11. The new magazine "elements"

A new journal called "ELEMENTS" which is devoted to Mineralogy, Petrology and Geochemistry was created by several societies. These societies are:

- 1) the Mineralogical Society of America
- 2) the Geochemical Society

- 3) the Mineralogical Association of Canada
- 4) the Clays Minerals Society
- 5) the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland

The first volume will be published in January 2005.

IMA will have opportunities to put chronicles and announcements within this journal. Members who subscribe to Mineralogical societies, which participate to the new magazine, will receive automatically "ELEMENTS".

The first volume will give the new web address of IMA as well as the new logo. Other information related to IMA will be given later.

List of the main documents provided before Florence to National Representatives and/or to National Delegates

IMA 2003 report to IUGS with the list of reports from commissions and working groups

Provisional Agenda for the two Business Meeting in Florence

Chronicle published in Newsletters

Timetable and sessions during the Florence IGC