



## **MINUTES of the 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting in Frankfurt**

**Time:** Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, 12:30 – 13:00  
**Locality:** Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Campus Westend,  
Lecture Hall 15  
**Participants:** National Representatives; Council members: Anhuai Lu, P.  
Cordier, R. Goed, J. Grice, S. Krivovichev; W.  
Maresch, E. Tillmanns; S. Verryn, T. Yamanaka;;  
**Excused:** B. Downs, C. Srikantappa, F. Wall

### **1. Opening and Welcome; reading and approval of the minutes of the Business Meeting Budapest 2010**

E. Tillmanns opens the meeting, welcomes the participants and points out the technical aspects of the meeting; - the agenda was sent out on time; he asks for agreement on the agenda, which is unanimous.

The participants approve the minutes of the Business Meetings in Budapest unanimously.

The President suggests adding Australia's application for IMA's 2018 General Meeting to the agenda; there is unanimous agreement to add this to the agenda as point 2.7;

### **2. Reports from the Officers**

#### **2.1 Report from the President**

All items of the President's report appear as topics on the agenda and will be discussed there.

#### **2.2 Report from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President (IMA 2014)**

S. Verryn presents the present status of the organisation of the IMA General Meeting in 2014 in South Africa:

Preparations are coming along well for this 21<sup>st</sup> IMA meeting in Johannesburg. The core dates are September 1-5, 2014, and the venue is the Sandton Convention Centre. The first call for general session proposals has been well-received, and has yielded a wide variety of topics and themes that will lead to a comprehensive and stimulating scientific program of oral and poster sessions, workshops and short courses. Those interested in submitting proposals, but who missed the first call, are encouraged to respond to the next call for detailed proposals. An extensive list of exciting field trips has also been compiled, and these alone promise to attract many participants. The meeting website [www.ima2014.co.za](http://www.ima2014.co.za) will be updated with all relevant information on a regular basis. Session proposals are still encouraged. The e-mail address is [info@ima2014.co.za](mailto:info@ima2014.co.za) for any queries.

A professional conference organizer (Scatterlings) has been appointed and will deal with all the logistics.

#### **2.3 Report from the Secretary**

The secretary points to the fact that the large majority of the reports of the Commissions and Working Groups was not sent to him in advance of the meeting, and could therefore not be distributed to the Council members and National

Representatives as called for in the constitution; those reports which were received on time or have been received in the meantime are available from the Secretary.

## 2.4 Report from the Treasurer

### IMA Treasurer's Report, 1 August 2012

Previous balance	129,267.01	1 August, 2011
Society dues	+4,820.00	
Interest	+821.59	
Expenses	-2,600.19	

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Total Assets	US\$ 132,308.60
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#### Summary of Expenses:

Council meeting expenses	1,061.44
Secretarial expenses Prague	698.80
Banking fees	109.95
Webpage	730.00

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Total expenses	2,600.19
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Expected annual dues	+7,350.00
Pending Dues	+6,480.00

#### Countries more than two years in arrears:

Egypt	2008-2012 (5 years) =	US\$ 600
Portugal	2004-2012 (9 years) =	US\$ 270

Countries that are in arrears from last year: China, Denmark, Hungary, India, Korea (South), Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Switzerland

## 2.5 Report from the Communications Officer

This four-page report summarizes details about public activities; it is approved by Council and is also available upon request from the Secretary.

## 2.6 Report from the Medal Committee

### Members of the Committee as of 2012:

S. Chakraborty, P. Comodi, H.S. Effenberger, J. Gilotti, M. Koch-Mueller, K. Tomeoka, M. Welch, A. Zaitsev, W.V. Maresch (Chair)

The Medal Committee members B. Dutrow and I. Petrov finished their tour of duty at the end of 2011. As decided by Council in Budapest, P. Comodi and A. Zaitsev were asked to join the committee for a four-year term. Both agreed.

Because of the biennial nature of the IMA medal there was no call for nominations in the fall of 2011 or the spring of 2012. Similarly, no action has been taken by the medal committee so far in 2012. A call for the 2013 medal will be forthcoming later in the year.

## 2.7 Presentation of Australia's application for the General Meeting by Pete Williams

The Chair, Dr. Stuart Mills, on behalf of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) for the XXII Meeting of the International Mineralogical Association, is pleased to invite colleagues to IMA2018 which will be held in Melbourne in August, 2018. The meeting will be held over 6 days at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre in

Melbourne's CBD (<http://www.mcec.com.au/>) with the exact dates to be confirmed over the next few months.

The Local Organising Committee consists of:

Dr Stuart Mills (Museum Victoria, Melbourne), Chair

Dr Andrew Christy (Australian National University, Canberra), Vice-Chair

Dr Bill Birch (Museum Victoria, Melbourne)

Mr Dermot Henry (Museum Victoria, Melbourne)

Prof. Pete Williams (University of Western Sydney)

A/Prof. Joël Brugger (South Australian Museum, Adelaide)

The LOC has so far received \$60,000 from the Victorian Government for immediate use towards organising the conference, plus another \$15,000 that is repayable once an attendance target of 750 delegates is attained. In addition, the Melbourne Convention Visitors Bureau is granting us \$24,500, partly for the Chair of the LOC to attend the 2014 Johannesburg meeting (\$8k), but also for marketing material at Johannesburg and in Melbourne.

The LOC is currently tendering for a PCO, and will interview prospective companies in December 2012 or January 2013. Shortly after, we will begin the process of booking venues and settling on dates and schedules as well as developing the website.

### **3. Reports from the chairs of Commissions, Sub-Commissions and Working Groups and discussions**

Five out of 11 Commission and Working Group reports were received on time and discussed by council, - i.e.:

Comm. On Museums	(Lydie Touret, J. Grice)
Comm. On Gem Materials	(L. Groat)
Comm. On Applied Mineralogy	(E. Pirard)
Comm. On New Minerals, Nomenclature and Classification	(P. Williams)
Working Group on Mineral Equilibria	(A. Perchuk)

The reports were discussed in general and approved; they are available from the Secretary upon request.

### **4. New Website**

The website will soon be transferred to the University of Vienna (probably: <http://www.univie.ac.at/intminassoc/>), a link from the old website in Nancy ([www.ima-mineralogy.org/](http://www.ima-mineralogy.org/)) and from the temporary website in Arizona will be installed. Requests for additions or changes should be addressed to the Secretary.

### **5. Changes to the Constitution**

The president explains the two proposed changes as suggested by Council:

#### **5.1 Change of the voting procedure within the Medal Committee:**

Council proposes to abolish the rule that a medal committee member cannot vote if there is a candidate from his/her own country.

#### **5.2 Executive Committee**

Council proposes that the first Vice-President (who is President-Elect according to the new constitution) becomes a member of the Executive Committee.

The president reminds the participants that only the delegates named by their National Representatives are entitled to vote during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Meeting.

## 6. Nominations for the new Council:

After the 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Meeting Past-President T. Yamanaka will retire, E. Tillmanns will become Past-President and W. Maresch President.

Council suggests that S. Krivovichev become the next 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President; Council further suggests that Jane Gilotti, professor of petrology from the University of Iowa and also a member of the Medal Committee, become a future Council Member to succeed S. Krivovichev. E. Tillmanns emphasizes that further candidates may be nominated, with the relevant voting to take place at the second Business Meeting;

## 7. Miscellaneous

S. Krivovichev suggests that a “mineral of the year” be chosen and presented in an article, preferentially to be published in “Elements”; he would be prepared to work out a proposal for the relevant procedure. Joel Grice suggests that the Commission on Museums should look after the matter, while he himself would be prepared to care for the editorial part of that article.

Closure of the Meeting

The President closes the meeting at 13:00



Richard Goed  
Secretary



Ekkehart Tillmanns  
President