



# INTERNATIONAL MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION IMA

## 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting of IMA Johannesburg, 2014

- Time:** Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, 12:00 - 13:30
- Location:** Boardroom 2, Level 2, Sandton Convention Centre, Sandton
- Participants:** A total of approximately 40 persons. The Business Meeting was open to all delegates.

### 1. OPENING, WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The President opens the meeting and welcomes the participants. The agenda was sent out on time to all National Representatives in accordance with IMA Statutes and posted on the IMA website. He asks for and receives unanimous approval for the agenda.

### 2. ROLL CALL OF THE DELEGATES

The President points out that this first Business Meeting is intended to inform delegates on issues to be voted on. Because the actual voting will take place during the second Business Meeting, he recommends that the time-consuming roll call be postponed to that meeting. The delegates agree.

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING IN FRANKFURT, 2012

The participants unanimously approve the minutes of the 2012 Business Meeting in Frankfurt.

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

Kevin Murphy and Peter Williams are unanimously appointed as auditors.

### 5. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

#### Report of the President:

The President points out that most items will be the subject of further discussions during the council meetings and need not be repeated in addition here. He emphasizes the deplorable lack of communication with the national representatives of IMA and some of the commissions and working groups. Despite



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several rounds of personal prompting by e-mail during 2013 and a plea for feedback in the year-end letter to all, only 40-50% responded to a call for checking and updating the information on the new IMA website. The President considers an effort to improve communication an action item of utmost importance in the future. The National Representatives are a key to all communication between IMA Council and the mineralogists of the national societies. They must take this role seriously.

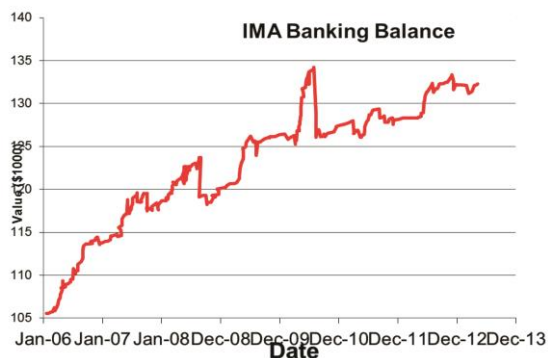
### Report of the Secretary:

All matters to be discussed are included in upcoming items of the agenda. No additional comments need be given here.

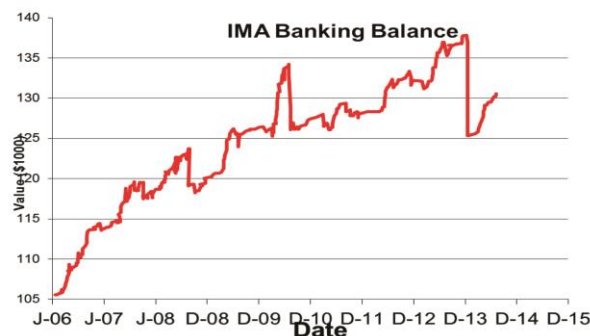
### Report of the Treasurer:

R. Downs refers to and comments on the following written reports for 2013 and 2014. He notes that a number of national societies have recently paid their dues in anticipation of the General Meeting (a common phenomenon). He notes that payment may be made by bank transfer or cash at the meeting. The latter can be advantageous to avoid bank fees, but payments should be made in US dollars. Notable expenditures for 2014 are the travel costs for the IMA medallist, the student bursaries for IMA2014 and the start-up costs for the IMA archive

IMA Treasurer's Report Professor Robert T Downs 13 May, 2013	
Previous balance	13230841 1 August, 2012
Society dues	+318300
Interest	+634.77
Expenses	-3848.85
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>US\$ 13227733</b>
Summary of expenses	
D Green, IMA medal travel	1035.00
Council meeting expenses	707.81
IMA archive transfer	945.00
Banking fees	219.75
Web page	941.29
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3848.85</b>
Expected Annual Dues	+7350



IMA Treasurer's Report Professor Robert T Downs 26 August 2014	
Previous balance	13227733 13 May, 2013
Society dues	+11924.70
Interest	+566.95
Expenses	-14188.83
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>US\$ 130580.15</b>
Summary of expenses	
N Sobolev IMA medal travel	2479.36
Council meeting expenses	1709.47
IMA2014 scholarships	10000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>14188.83</b>
Expected Annual Dues	+3150





Report of the Communication Officer:

F. Wall refers to and comments on the following written report. She notes that the IMA member societies make far too little use of the possibilities of publishing contributions in *Elements*.

“1. I would like to thank fellow IMA officers, Council and member societies as I come to the end of an enjoyable term of office as IMA Communication officer. Many thanks also to Pierrette Tremblay, *Elements* managing editor for her help, and support to IMA.

2. The main role of the Communication officer has been to edit/write/source articles for *Elements* magazine. The IMA news page is effectively donated by *Elements* since IMA is not a ‘participating society’ itself but links together many of the participating societies. *Elements* remains an important means of communication for IMA but needs to be one a number of communication methods. The lead times of two months for Society news are quite long, and can be double if the issue is full and IMA news is postponed to the next issue. The next deadline is October 2014 for the December 2014 issue which will reach members in early January 2015.

3. Recent items in *Elements* have concentrated on publicising IMA2014, Presidential editorial, news of the IMA medal winner and communication of changes to officers/Council members.

4. The IMA page is also a means to feature the smaller IMA member societies who are not participating societies in *Elements*, as well as the work of IMA Commissions and Working groups. However, this requires a lot of work in chasing articles and we have not had as many of these as I might have liked.

5. *Elements* also publishes meeting reports which can be sent direct to the managing editor or through the Communication Officer. Dates of forthcoming meetings can also be publicised by sending direct to Andrea Koziol (andrea.koziol@notes.udayton.edu).

6. The other main communication methods are the IMA website (now hosted at Vienna) and email to national representatives and to email groups such as MSA-talk.”

## 6. REPORT OF THE IMA MEDAL COMMITTEE

Nikolay Sobolev was awarded the IMA Medal of Excellence 2013, which will be bestowed at this meeting. Because of the biennial nature of the medal, the committee was not active in the past year.



## 7. NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The President presents the slate of nominees proposed by Council. He notes that this slate was sent out to all National Representatives in accordance with the deadlines called for by the IMA Statutes and also posted on the IMA website.

Nominee for 1st Vice-President (designated President): **Peter C. Burns**

Nominee for Secretary: **Hans-Peter Schertl**

Nominee for Treasurer: **Robert T. Downs** (reelection)

Nominee for Communication Officer: **Anton Chakhmouradian**

Nominees for four Councillors (the term of **Jane Gilotti** extends to 2016):

**Patrick Cordier** (reelection)

**Anhuai Lu** (reelection)

**Sabine Verryn**

**Marco Pasero**

P. C. Burns and H.-P. Schertl take the opportunity to introduce themselves to the delegates.

The President points out that, in accordance with Art. 11 of the IMA Statutes, additional nominations can be presented to the Secretary until 30 hours before the second Business Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014.

## 8. AMENDMENTS TO THE IMA CONSTITUTION ACCORDING TO ART. 8

The President presents and explains the amendments proposed by Council. He notes that these proposals were sent out to all National Representatives in accordance with the deadlines called for by the IMA Statutes and also posted on the IMA website. Of particular importance are the changes suggested to Art. 4B(d), which clarify the role played by the Secretary in searching for presidential nominees. A two-thirds majority will be required to ratify these amendments.

## 9. REVISION OF THE IMA BY-LAWS ACCORDING TO ART. 14.

The President presents and explains the revisions proposed by Council. He notes that these proposals were sent out to all National Representatives in accordance with the deadlines called for by the IMA Statutes and also posted on the IMA website. The President stresses the importance of receiving timely reports from commissions and working groups on their own business meetings. A simple majority is required to ratify these revisions.



## 10. EVALUATION OF COMMISSIONS ACCORDING TO ART. 12(G)

The president reports that in 2014 members of Council and especially the designated correspondents for the respective commissions in Council conducted a survey of all commissions. Commission Chairs were prompted to provide up-to-date reports and provide a basis for a decision.

Council came to the conclusion that with only one exception all commissions have been active and should be continued. The exception is the Commission on Mineral Growth and Interface processes. There has been no documented activity since 2010. The last available report is from 2007. There has been no response from the commission executive to inquiries from the President. This commission appears clearly dysfunctional. Council proposes to terminate this commission.

## 11. RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUPS ACCORDING TO ART. 13(E)

The President points out that Art. 13(e) of the IMA statutes, which has been largely ignored in the past, clearly states that working groups should be established for four or at most eight years. They may be “proposed by Council or by groups of individuals who wish to advance a new field of mineralogy within IMA” (Art. 13(a)). If successful, working groups can evolve into commissions. Working groups terminate automatically after four years and must be re-established at a Business Meeting.

The Working Group on Solid Earth Composition and Evolution has indicated that it considers its work to have been accomplished and requests that the working group be terminated.

The three remaining working groups (Inclusions in Minerals (WGIM); Mineral Equilibria (WGME); Environmental Mineralogy and Geochemistry (WGEMG)) have been very active. However, these three working groups have existed for at least ten and one of them for 36 years. In addition, their subject scope far exceeds that of a working group that should be mainly concerned with an “emerging field”.

Council proposes that these working groups should not be re-established as such, but that the scientists involved be urged either to consider establishing commissions or new working groups with a more restricted focus.

Council urges IMA members to take advantage of the opportunity of establishing new working groups.

## 12. NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS FOR COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS

The President reminds the officers of commissions and working groups that nominations for Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Secretaries must be reported to the



Secretary so that the slate can be voted on at the final Business Meeting. It appears that all commissions except for the Commission on Ore Mineralogy are planning their own business meetings at IMA2014, so that this should be feasible.

### 13. REPORT ON THE IMA ARCHIVE

The President reports that thanks in large part to the activities and negotiations of E. Tillmanns an IMA archive has been established in Budapest. In a letter of July 22, 2014, Gábor Csorba, Deputy Director General for Research and Collections, officially wrote to the IMA President that "it is my pleasure to declare that the Hungarian Natural History Museum (HNHM) is open and willing to build out long term cooperation with the International Mineralogical Association on hosting the archive of IMA in Budapest in the HNHM". The archive will be under the direction of mineralogist Gábor Papp, assisted by Annamária Kis. Council has decided to rejuvenate its "Archives and History" subcommission with the Outreach Committee. G. Papp (Chair), A. Kis (Secretary) and E. Tillmanns (Vice-Chair) will be officers. Other interested colleagues are welcome, and Tamás Weiszburg (Budapest) as well as President-to-be S. Krivovichev have already indicated that they will be actively participating.

Annamária Kis is asked to present an overview of the Archive and its activities to date. Her report is attached as an appendix to these minutes

### 14. FUTURE BUSINESS MEETINGS

A venue for the next IMA business meetings in 2016 must be decided on at the upcoming 2nd Business Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 3. Council proposes two possibilities for the delegates to choose from. The EMC2016 meeting in Rimini, Italy, should attract a large number of mineralogists. There will also be an M&M meeting organized by CNMNC and CM in Japan or China in 2016.

### 15. OTHER BUSINESS

No action taken.

Secretary\*

President\*

(\* at the time of the meeting)

Vienna, October 4, 2014



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## Appendix: Report of Annamária Kis

# IMA Archive

Edited by *Annamária Kis*  
with the cooperation of  
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Prof. Ekkehart Tillmanns,  
Dr. Tamás G. Weiszbürg



1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting  
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South Africa, 2014





# About IMA

## IMA Archive (start of the work)

- ❑ Founded in 1958, the IMA is the world's largest organization promoting mineralogy, one of the oldest branches of science.  
**38** national mineralogical societies or groups are members of IMA.  
(citation from <http://www.ima-mineralogy.org/>)
  
- ❑ IMA Archive
  - 1994: first attempt to create an IMA Archive
  
  - 2012: archive activities are ongoing  
(decision of the IMA Business Meeting in 2012)
  
  - *goal* → *The systematic work for the researchable documents of the IMA*

# Archive activities

## *Work completed:*

IMA documents of CM and BM (2002-2010)

- transport from Nancy to Budapest
- data have been processed (inventory taken, scanned)

## *Work in progress:*

- Digitization of abstract books of IMA General Meetings
- Upload of the scanned documents to the IMA website

## *Further plans:*

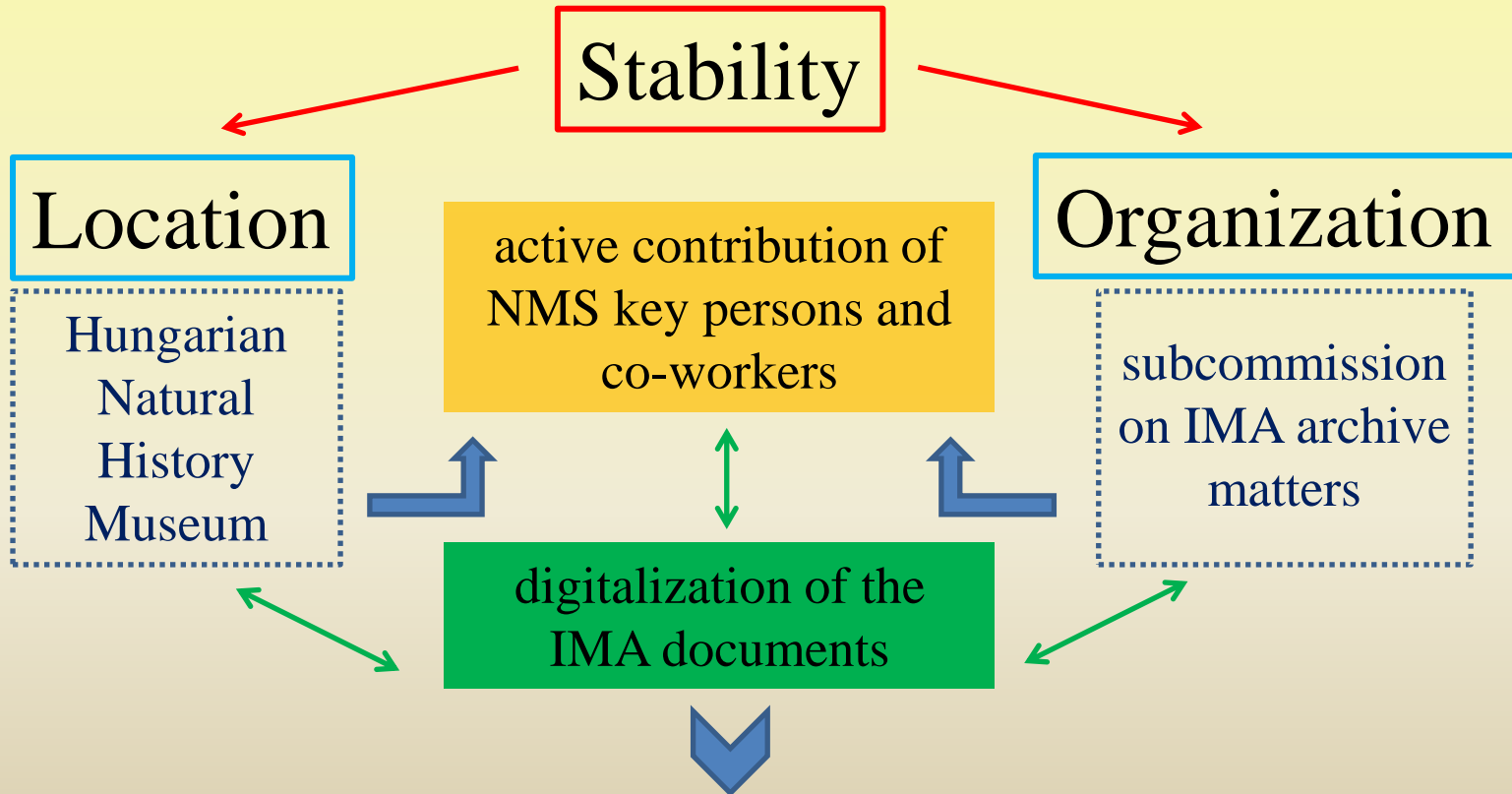
- Digitization of the documents of all IMA Meetings (General, Council, Business)
- Creation of the online database

1958	<b>Founding Meeting</b>	Madrid, Spain
1959	<b>1th General Meeting</b>	Zürich, Switzerland
1960	<b>2nd General Meeting</b>	Copenhagen, Denmark
1962	<b>3rd General Meeting</b>	Washington, USA
1964	<b>4th General Meeting</b>	New Delhi, India
1966	<b>5th General Meeting</b>	Cambridge, United Kingdom
1968	<b>6th General Meeting</b>	Praha, Czech Republic
1970	<b>7th General Meeting</b>	Kyoto, Japan
1972	<b>8th General Meeting</b>	Montreal, Canada
1974	<b>9th General Meeting</b>	Berlin, Germany
1976	<b>10th General Meeting</b>	Sydney, Australia
1978	<b>11th General Meeting</b>	Novosibirsk, Russia, Sovietunion
1980	<b>12th General Meeting</b>	Orléans, France
1982	<b>13th General Meeting</b>	Varna, Bulgaria
1986	<b>14th General Meeting</b>	Stanford, USA
1990	<b>15th General Meeting</b>	Beijing, China
1994	<b>16th General Meeting</b>	Pisa, Italy
1998	<b>17th General Meeting</b>	Toronto, Canada
2002	<b>18th General Meeting</b>	Edinburgh, Scotland
2006	<b>19th General Meeting</b>	Kobe, Japan
2010	<b>20th General Meeting</b>	Budapest, Hungary
2014	<b>21st General Meeting</b>	Johannesburg, South Africa

	<i>Budapest (completed)</i>
	<i>Budapest (ongoing)</i>
	<i>Vienna (completed)</i>
	<i>Vienna (ongoing)</i>
	<i>Washington (MSA spacial paper, completed)</i>
	<i>Frankfurt (ongoing)</i>
	<i>Indien (ongoing)</i>

# Steps of the work in the coming years

- collecting and curating IMA-relevant documents and other material at present scattered all over the world....



...and make them researchable and available for the scientific community around the world.

# Why do we need the IMA Archive?

## Aims

- ❑ collecting and curating IMA-relevant documents all over the world
- ❑ the main documents of the (General, Council, Business) Meetings on the IMA webpage (downloadable)
- ❑ maintenance and update of existing materials
- ❑ online database



- ❑ researchable documents of the IMA, which is the world's largest organization promoting mineralogy



The building of  
the Hungarian  
Natural History  
Museum

Thank you very much  
for your attention!

