Minutes of the IAGOD Council Meeting and General Assembly, held during the 33rd International Geological Congress, Oslo, Norway, Saturday 9th August 2008

Council Meeting: 12.30 – 13.30


1. The meeting was called to order by IAGOD Secretary General (Nigel Cook) who welcomed everyone to Oslo. The agenda was adopted. The names of those present were recorded. All present briefly introduced themselves to the others.

2. IAGOD Secretary General (Nigel Cook) gave a brief introduction, outlining association activities for the period since the last IAGOD Council meeting as well as the challenges ahead. He stressed that it is the obligation of everyone in council to promote the association whenever possible, and to recruit new members. He requested that, as time for the council meeting was short, the agenda should be strictly adhered to and those present should make their contributions as concise as possible.

3. IAGOD Chief Treasurer (Thomas Seifert) gave a report on the status of IAGOD accounts and membership (Appendix A). The financial statement for the period up to the council meeting (and election of new council for 2008-2012) (Appendix B) was accepted by council (with the proviso that an updated version is made available for attachment with these minutes). Council accepted the following items of expenditure:
   (a) Grant of € 2,500 for IAGOD Visiting lecturer (to F. Pirajno)
   (b) € 2,000 as IAGOD gift to Jan Kutina for transportation to Europe when fit to travel. [note added post-meeting: Dr. Kutina died on 14th August 2008].
   (c) € 500 for assistance in establishing new IAGOD website (to E. Naumov)
   (d) € 2,000 advance for IAGOD Tuva workshop, 2009 (to E. Naumov)

4. IAGOD Publications Manager (Reimar Seltmann) presented a report on current and future publications (Appendix C)

5. Two new Honorary Life Members of IAGOD were nominated, cited (by Reimar Seltmann) and duly elected: David Sinclair and Ochir Gerel.

6. The conclusions of the IAGOD Nominations Committee (NC) for council members to serve 2008-2012 were presented by Nigel Cook (as proxy for NC chairman Miroslav Stemprok). The members of the NC were thanked for their work. All candidates were standing unopposed, no objections were presented, and so all were elected (Appendix D). All new council members had been invited to attend the council meeting and those present were asked to briefly introduce themselves. Each was also encouraged to write a short profile for the next IAGOD Newsletter. Nigel Cook explained that council had also appointed two other ex-officio councillors: Andor Lips (with special responsibility for liaison with IGCP/Unesco) and Oskar Thalhammer.
7. Presentations and discussions were invited on the current status of the IAGOD Commissions, Working Groups and National Groups. A written deposition was received from the Uzbekistan NG.


10. Martin Fairclough gave a report (on behalf of LOC) on preparations for the IAGOD Quadrennial Symposium, Adelaide, 2010.

11. Presentations and discussions were heard regarding future planned IAGOD activities.
(a) IAGOD field workshop and field trip (Novosibirsk/Tuva-2009).
(b) IAGOD co-sponsorship and participation in other forthcoming meetings and symposia (Ulan-Ude, August 2008, Magadan Gold Forum, September 2008, MINEX Moscow, October 2008, 9th National Conf. on Mineral Resources of China, Beijing, November 2008).
(c) Future IAGOD publications (Tuva, Hydrogenic Ore Formation)
(d) New IAGOD Travelling Lectureship for 2008/2009 and invitation to nominate candidates for travelling lectureship in future.
(e) Council were informed that IAGOD was involved in ongoing discussions concerning rights and editorial input to the journal ‘Global Tectonics and Metallogeny’.

12. Under “any other business”
(a) Retiring IAGOD President Alexander Khanchuk gave a resume over his presidency term.
(b) Incoming Secretary General Sergei Cherkasov gave a short outline of his vision for the association in the forthcoming council period.

The meeting was closed at 13:55. The General Assembly took place the same day 17:30-19:00 (48 Participants). It confirmed with unanimous vote the recommendations and decisions of the Council. New Council was elected and outgoing council released by General Assembly.

Nigel J. Cook
14 September 2008