MINUTES OF IAGOD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

34th IGC BRISBANE 7th of August 2012, 7pm-10pm
Attendees: 19 members of IAGOD (incl. 8 Councilors, 3 NG leaders, 3 WG/Com leaders, OGR E-i-C)
Chairman: IAGOD SG Dr. Sergei Cherkasov

AGENDA

1. Report of Secretary General
2. Report of Publication Manager and Webmaster
3. Report of Chief Treasurer
4. Discussion
   • IAGOD legal registration & Election of 2012-2016 IAGOD Council
   • IAGOD Travelling lecturer & IUG Field Workshop 2013 Moscow-Streltsovka
   • Other issues

The Assembly heard:

1. Sergei Cherkasov briefly described IAGOD activities in 2008-2012 emphasizing major problems of the Association, in particular – absence of legal registration and poor performance of Secretary General and Chief Treasury during the reported period. Only few WG/COM remain active (IUG, WGTT, CODMUR, …), others should be dissolved. Mao Jingwen (President-elect) and Sun Xiaoming (SG nominee) introduced the plans for their term, specifically Quadrennial 2014.

2. Thomas Seifert delivered financial reports (2008-2012) with closing balance ~ €57k Euro as of 1 August 2012. The individual membership who paid for 2012 and beyond shrunk during term to 104; so far national group fees were only paid by Kazakhstan for 2012. He highlighted Treasury position with respect to response timeline on Council’s action calls and problems with internal communication flow due to his other job commitments and favoring travel support to students instead to active IAGOD Councilors. He objects to current practice of decisions on funding made by three executive councilors as introduced by IAGOD in 2000 (travel support, congress booth rental, event sponsorship), and he does not accept collection of membership fees in cash.

3. The raised critical issues were discussed with active participation of Sergei Cherkasov, Reimar Seltmann, Thomas Seifert, Mao Jingwen, Franco Pirajno, Evgeniy Naumov, Alexei Aleshin, Ian Graham and others. Nominations for Council 2012-2016 were presented but incomplete, not in line with constitution or nominees under dispute. A letter by Martin Fairclough highlighted concerns on nomination procedure. The poor state of the Association became obvious, which requires urgent actions, better leadership of a new Executive and mobilization of membership.

4. Reimar Seltmann suggested Nigel Cook as “IAGOD travelling lecturer 2013” and asked Executive to provide sufficient funds for a global roundtrip to promote IAGOD & OGR.

5. Alexei Aleshin proposed an IAGOD-sponsored IUG workshop in Moscow with field visit to Streltsovka uranium deposit of one week duration in 2013.
The Assembly has decided:

1. Acceptance of the reports of SG, Publication Manager and Webmaster.
   
   **ACTION:** Webmaster must be reimbursed by Treasury via invoice for all charges incurred for domain registration renewals.

   Report of Chief Treasury was rejected because of unauthorized compensation payments of €1800 Euro and credits over ~3200 Euro in 2012 dues income not properly accounted for into the closing balance. Treasury was urged to compensate upon invoice the authorized €1000 Euro IGC travel support to A. Aleshin and E. Naumov (€500 each) and to include these funds into the closing balance. An auditable list of IAGOD members and their payment status (PAID THROUGH records since Treasury began in Freiberg 2004) must accompany the annual treasury report. This is ultimately required to enable President, SG and Executive to send circulars (Newsletters, Web updates, Votes) to whole membership.

   **ACTION:** Treasury must provide until 7 September 2012 a revised Treasury report, a List of members who paid since 2004 (with updated contact addresses) and specifying each year of payment.

   Nigel Cook was unanimously approved as *IAGOD Travelling Lecturer 2013* and Treasury will allocate upon invoice €5000 travel support. For Alexei Aleshin’s request on IAGOD support for the IUG Moscow-Streltsovka field conference a support of €3000 Euro was also approved.

2. The election of new Council is to be postponed until the legal registration of IAGOD has been accomplished. The responsibility on preparing the current IAGOD constitution for legalization (based on revised Statutes and Bylaws in accordance with the 2008 General Assembly’s decision), and on IAGOD’s solicitor-guided legal registration as tax-exempt non-profit learned society stays with the current Chief Treasurer, Thomas Seifert. The documents must have approval of Executive Council prior to court submission. IAGOD must be registered within 3 months starting from 7th of August 2012.

   **ACTION:** Compilation, preparation and authorized submission of documents through Chief Treasury, Thomas Seifert, to achieve legal registration of IAGOD.

   In case the Treasury fails in timely accomplishment of the revised Treasury report or registration requested at the IAGOD Moscow Quadrennial 2006, a successor to be sought by Nomination Committee to take over. In any case, an annual audit of IAGOD’s account is required and was last time executed in Denver, 2003 before legal status in State of Colorado ceased due to the transfer of Treasury to Freiberg, Germany.

   **ACTION:** Dr. A. Nägele appointed as 2012 auditor (Kassenprüfer) with A. Aleshin, M. Stemprok and R. Seltmann as associates (at least 1 Beisitzer to be present). Audit to take place in November/ December 2012, exact dates tbc with Chief Treasury. Treasury to refund travel expenditure for the two auditors.

3. During a three months consultation period the Assembly provides the extended Nomination Committee (Miroslav Stemprok - chair, Dave Sinclair, Franco Pirajno, Mao Jingwen), and the Executive Councilors, namely – Nigel Cook, Sergei Cherkasov, Thomas Seifert, Reimar Seltmann and Evgeny Naumov, with the power to edit and approve the list of nominations.

   **ACTION:** These 9 appointees to vote on the 2012-2016 Council through teleconference before the end of 2012.

Signed:

PP Sergei Cherkasov

Brisbane, 7 August 2012