

Report on the IMA Business Meetings

Melbourne, 13-15 August 2018

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The meetings were held during the quadriennial IMA General Assembly (Melbourne, 13-17 August; more details in <https://www.ima2018.com>).

1st Business Meeting, Monday August 13th

The meeting complies with the proposed agenda.

1. OPENING, WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
2. ROLL CALL OF THE DELEGATES
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING RIMINI 2016
4. APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDITING COMMITTEE (IMA CONSTITUTION, ART. 5C)
5. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 - REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
 - REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
 - REPORT OF THE COMMUNICATION OFFICER
 - REPORT OF THE TREASURER
6. REPORT OF THE IMA MEDAL COMMITTEE
7. NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS
8. POTENTIAL CHANGES OF OFFICERS FOR COMMISSIONS
9. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS
10. REPORT ON THE IMA ARCHIVE
11. FUTURE GENERAL MEETINGS
 - IMA – 2022 (FRANCE)
 - IMA - 2026 OUTLOOK
12. OTHER BUSINESS

The reports of the President, Secretary, Communication Officer, and Treasurer are presented.

Noteworthy:

- The President reports standing problems in mineralogical publishing strategies. The proposal of a new mineralogical journal is set in standby because of the prospected costs (appx 70.000 US\$/year) and managing issues. Patrick Cordier (the new elected president) heads a commission on publication issues and ethics that is meant to address these issues. Anyone who wants to be involved or send suggestions should address Cordier.
- David Bish is stepping down as Treasurer. The Association is looking for a new Treasurer, possibly based in the US because of banking problems in money transfer abroad.

The IMA Medal Committee presents the list of medalists.

The Council Members standing for re-election (Marco Pasero, Anhuai Lu) or election (Sergey Smirnov) are introduced.

Annamária Kis reports on the IMA archive located in Budapest: All IMA documents, minutes, and Abstracts are going to be stored and available on line. The Encyclopedia of Minerals (Mandarino) should also be inserted in the future. Documents from the early Mineralogical congresses can be sent to Kris to be scanned and included.

2nd Business Meeting, Wednesday August 15th

1. OPENING, WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
2. ROLL CALL OF THE DELEGATES
3. REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE (IMA CONSTITUTION, ART. 5C)
4. VOTE ON NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS
5. VOTE ON SLATES OF OFFICERS FOR COMMISSIONS
6. OTHER BUSINESS

The call of the delegates runs smoothly and the vote of new Council Members and Officers of Commissions completed.

- Marco Pasero and Anhuai Lu are re-elected
- Sergey Smirnov is elected as new member of the Council

The “Other Business” point of the agenda includes:

- The proposal for the institution of an “IMA working group on asbestos”, which will consider and discuss issues related to the definition of mineral fibers. Chair is Mickey Gunther, Vice-Chair is Alessandro Gualtieri. The working group is unanimously voted by the assembly. It is prospected that after one year the working group may be converted into a standing IMA Commission.
- Patrick Cordier reminds the activity of the “IMA working group on scientific publications and ethics”. The working group needs feedback from the mineralogical community on the issues of publication strategies, low impact factor of mineralogical journals, etc. Cordier warmly invites interested mineralogist to participate to the working group with suggestions and proposals.