

Minutes of the first IAG - Executive Committee,

Dept of Education, Room 4, Perugia. Monday, July 2, 2007, 9:00-12:30.

Present:

President:	G. Beutler
Secretary General:	C. C. Tscherning
Vice president:	M. Sideris
President of commission 1.	H. Drewes
President of commission 2.	C. Jekeli
President of commission 3.	V. Dehant
President of commission 4.	C. Rizos
Members at large:	L. P. Fortes and C. Merry
Service representatives:	R. Neilan, M. Rothacher, H. Schuh
President of the COB	J. Adam
Past president:	F. Sanso
Past past president:	K-P Schwarz
Present without the right to vote	
Future EC members:	Steve Kenyon
Assistant Secretary General:	Ole B. Andersen

1. Adoption of agenda

G. Beutler presented the agenda with a few additions. The agenda was adopted

2. Perugia Organisation

C.C. Tscherning presented the IAG organisation in Perugia and the changes to the existing program.

IAG will publish proceedings of papers from the geodesy sessions. Review will be according to the rules of J. Geodesy. At least 100 persons should buy the proceedings in order to balance the budget for IAG.

3. Proposal for members of the audit committee

The IAG council will elect 3 members of the audit committee. National representative from Poland, Portugal and Norway will be proposed to the IAG council as members of the audit committee.

4. Nomination of the members of the resolution committee

The IAG president informed the EC that the IAG resolution committee would consist of M. Sideris, (chair), C. Boucher and D. Blitzkow. Sideris, who was asked to serve in this capacity

before the assembly, had already accepted to chair the committee. Boucher and Blitzkow were ready to serve, as well.

5. New fellows

C.C. Tscherning presented the list of new fellows, which had been distributed by email prior to the meeting. The list was amended to take into account that some of the nominated persons had not submitted reports to the Travaux and that one more proposal was made at the meeting.

The list of new fellows 2007 :

Executive Committee: C. Merry, L. Fortes, M. Rothacher, H. Schuh,

Services:

ILRS: M.Pearlman, C.Noll.

IGS: A. Moore,

BGI: R.Biancale.

Commission 1: Altamimi, J. Torres, M. Craymer, R.Wonnacott, R. Dietrich, S. Y. Zhu, J. Ihde, K. Heki,

Commission 2: U. Marti, M. Verroneau, M. Scheinert, M. Pacino, L. Vitushkin, M. Kuhn, D. Crossly, J.Huang.

Commission 3: M. Poutanen

Commission 4: D .Grejner-Brzezinska, X. Deng, Y. Gao, J. Wang, .

ICCT: P. Xu, J. Kusche, J. Yu

Communication and Outreach Branch: Z.Rozsa, G. Toth

ISO TC: L.Hothem

GGOS: H.-P Plag.

J.of Geodesy: P. Novak, H. Sun

6. Result of the IAG elections 2007 and the handling of ties

FS presented the final report (available to the EC Bureau in written form) of the IAG nomination committee of new members of the IAG-EC. The committee was appointed at the IAG scientific meeting in Cairns. It consisted of L P Fortes, R. Rummel, C. Wilson, and F. Sanso, who chaired the committee).

The election procedure will be modified in such a way that the final list of candidates will contain one name only once. The candidates must choose the position they favour, in case of double nomination.

A new paragraph should be added to the By-laws to resolve the problem of ties: It was proposed that the ties should be resolved by the Council at its first meeting.

7. Venue of IAG Scientific Assembly 2009

The following four candidate countries were presented by CCT:

USA (Fairbanks, Alaska), Argentina (Buenos Aires or Mendoza), Turkey () and Columbia,

C. C. Tscherning presented a summary of the responds to the questionnaires send out by IAG. The decision will be made by the Council.

8. Appointment of IAG representatives to external bodies

The EC appointed H. Drewes as IAG representative to SIRGAS.

The EC should also appoint an IAG representative to ABLOS.

The IAG EC 2007-2011 should make a list of IAG representatives to the IAG services and to other Organizations. This list should then be approved by the new EC by e-mail.

9. Sponsorship of Symposia

The COSPAR 2008 meeting will be sponsored by IAG.

10. GGOS Status and ToR

M. Rothacher presented the GGOS activities for the period 2005-07 and made suggestions for revised ToR (sent by email to the EC members). The changes to the ToR should reflect the new Statutes and By-laws for IAG (pending on approval at the EC meeting of July 9, 2007) with GGOS as a component of IAG, and allow for new entities of GGOS. The ToR should be further developed over the upcoming two years.

The EC unanimously approved the revised ToR for GGOS. Should the IAG ByLaws be approved by the Council, it is expected that (according to ByLaw 15) Markus Rothacher will be appointed as GGOS Chair for 2007-2011. He could then withdraw to serve as services' representative in the EC (and serve as GGOS Chair in the board). Should this happen, Harald Schuh should be asked to fill the position as services representative. The new EC will have to handle this case.

11. New Statutes and By-laws

K.-P. Schwarz presented the report of the IAG Statutes and By-law review committee.

The report on proposed changes to the IAG statutes and by-laws had been distributed via email in April, 2007, and a summary was distributed at the EC meeting.

Three motions were made and adopted; Véronique Déhant will make corresponding motions in the Council:

“The COB president is a voting member of the EC”.

“Ties in the elections of new EC officers should be resolved by the IAG Council at its first meeting.”

“The old name ‘Geodynamics and Earth Rotation’ of Commission 3 should be retained (instead of changing the name to “Geodynamics” only, as proposed in the distributed version of the statutes and bylaws)”.

The three motions found clear majorities in the vote.

12. Council meeting agenda and opening session

C. C. Tscherning presented the council meeting agenda. FS will present the problems with the election procedure. The changes to the Statutes and by-laws will also be presented at the meeting

C. C. Tscherning presented the agenda for the opening session.

13. New IAG logo

The IAG Bureau proposed a new IAG logo based on four proposals developed by the CoB. The Bureau proposed to select one of the four candidates. This proposal was unanimously adopted by the EC (see attachment 1 of these minutes).

14. Collaboration with FIG

C. Rizos reviewed the existing collaboration with FIG. The EC recommended that the collaboration with FIG should be continued and further developed in the 2007-2011 period (e.g., by organizing joint symposia, by getting the National survey institutions into GGOS, etc.). The IAG-EC proposed that C. Rizos and R. Neilan should provide the liaison with FIG (to be approved by the new EC)..

15. Collaboration with ION

The IAG-EC proposed R. Neilan and C. Rizos to provide the liaison with ION.

Minutes of the second IAG - Executive Committee,

Dept of Education, Perugia. Time: Wednesday, July 4, 2007, 8:30-9:30

Present: Same as for the first meeting except V. Dehant, who was replaced by G. Jentzsch.

16. IAG Budget

CCT presented the IAG budget. He said that the presented budget, which was adopted by the EC, was presented to the audit committee (with preliminary positive feedback), will have to be approved by the Council.

17. Status of Handbook and Travaux

J. Adam presented the status of the Handbook 2008. The work will be shared by the new IAG secretary H. Drewes and the COB. The deadline for receiving the material should be the 1 October, so that the 2008 Handbook can be published as the first volume in 2008. The historical chapter will be coordinated by C. C. Tscherning. K-P. Schwarz will provide the revised Statutes and By-Laws after a final editing and screening process.

The Travaux will be published on the IAG web-page. 60-70% of the contributions have already been received.

18. Revision of rules for Bomford prize and Levallois medal (see minutes of last EC meeting),

The rules for the Bomford prize selection procedure will be changed in the following way:

“A selection committee will be appointed consisting of the presidents of the IAG commissions and two other members to be appointed by the IAG Bureau. Based on the material submitted by the National committees each member of the selection committee will rank the nominations and select the candidate to be awarded the Bomford prize. The decision (not the detailed ranking) will be communicated to all National Committees and to the selected candidate. The prize may be withheld if, in the opinion of the selection committee, there is no sufficiently qualified candidate available. “

The rules for the Levallois medal will not be changed.

19. Report of the Committee of Developing Countries.

L. P. Fortes reviewed the report of the committee of Developing countries (prepared by Ch. Merry and him) mainly focused on AFREF and SIRGAS. An extensive list of contacts for Latin America and Africa has been established. SIRGAS has been particularly successful with 6 central American countries out of 7 integrated into SIRGAS.

Minutes of the third IAG - Executive Committee

Dept of Education, Perugia. Friday, July 6, 2007

Present: the same members as at the first meeting.

20. Appointment of Commission Vice-Presidents and President of ICCT

M. Sideris presented the new commission vice presidents and presidents of the ICCT.

C1: Harald Schuh (possibly will be replaced, see agenda item 10 above)

C2; Pieter Visser

C3: Richard Gross

C4: Dorothea Grejner-Brzezinska

ICCT: Nikos Sneeuw, Pavel Novak

21. JofG Editorial Board proposal.

The EC approved the new Editor-in-Chief: R. Klees, The Netherlands. The proposal for the new board members was not available, and the new EC must approve the board by e-mail vote when it becomes available.

22. Audit Committee report

The Audit committee have examined the IAG finances, and they have approved the finances and the IAG budget.

The treasurer of IUGG should be informed, that geodesy is very much an interdisciplinary science and that many geodesists register to one of the other organisations. IUGG should provide a slot for a secondary affiliation.

23. Resolution Committee Report.

M. Sideris presented the list of resolutions to be presented to the IUGG.

The EC supports a resolution on GGOS and two concerning IAU resolutions about time and reference systems and seeks the support for these resolutions by IUGG.

VD should rerepresent the IAG at the IUGG EC meeting on July 10 because this IUGG EC Meeting and the IAG Closing Session are taking place simultaneously. Véronique accepted this responsibility. Moreover, one IAG resolution was presented (thanking the IAG Central Bureau). This resolution was supported by the IC.

24. ICET proposal

The IAG had received proposals from ECET in Luxemburg and of the University of French Polynesia, Tahiti to host the ICET office.

The directing board of ICET has proposed the University of French Polynesia with Chairman J. P. Barriot. The EC endorsed the proposal and therewith selected the latter as the new ICET.

25. Appointment IAG representatives.

The EC decided that the IAG representatives to services and other bodies should be appointed by the new EC through email voting, or at their first meeting.

Minutes taken by Ole B. Andersen and revised by C.C.Tscherning.

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Appendix 1. New IAG logo

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