

Minutes of the IMA / SMMP Ad Hoc Meeting, Munich, October 31st, 2008

IMA / CM (Representatives Lydie Touret, Paris – Chairwoman and Kay U. Schuermann, Frankfurt) together with SMMP (European Representative: Peter Davidson, Edinburgh) hold their annual Ad Hoc Meeting during the Munich fair on Friday, October 31st, 2008 from 5:00 pm in room A 51.

24 curators from 10 countries (Australia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden, UK, and USA) attended the meeting.

The meeting was opened and moderated by Lydie Touret (Paris/France) as Chairwoman of the CM - Commission on Minerals of the IMA (International Mineralogical Association) – and Peter Davidson (Edinburgh/Scotland – UK) as European Representative of SMMP (Society of Mineral Museum Professionals).

Lydie Touret gave a short report on the M&M 6 Conference held at Green Centre, Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado from September 7-9, 2008. The Conference was sponsored mainly by CM and CNMNC (Commission on New Minerals, Nomenclature and Classification) of the IMA. The meeting was attended by just under 100 members with 32 oral and 31 poster presentations. It was an attractive meeting even though preexcursions have been cancelled at short notice, so that a lot of participants had to make their own arrangements.

During the business meeting of CM Germany gave an impressively performed invitation for M&M 7 in 2012. But Scotland (for UK?) came later with an additional invitation on the occasion of their bicentenary celebration. Thus a final decision will be made during the CM business meetings at the IMA conference at Budapest in 2010.

A lot of statements about the museums, collections and new exhibitions have followed by G. C. Parodi (Paris), J. C. Boulliard (Paris), F. Farges (Paris), A. Guastoni (Padova), A. Maras (Rome), T. Alexander (Torino), F. Demartin (Milano), P. Williamson (Wollongong), F.S. Nordrum (Kongsberg), T. Huizing (Cincinnati), P. Davidson (Edinburgh), and Lydie Touret (Paris).

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