

MINUTES OF THE IMA - COMMISSION ON MUSEUMS AD HOC MEETING, MUNICH, NOVEMBER 3rd, 2006

The annual Ad Hoc Meeting during the Munich Fair was held together with the SMMP Europe members (Representative: Peter Davidson, Edinburgh) on Friday, November 3rd, 2006, from 4:00 pm in room B 12 (Hall B 1).

22 curators from 8 countries (Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Switzerland, UK, and USA) attended the meeting.

Lydie Touret (Paris/France) as Chairwoman of the CM and Peter Davidson (Edinburgh/Scotland-UK) as European Representative of SMMP opened and moderated the meeting.

Lydie Touret gave an overview of the IMA-Meeting in July 2006 in Kobe/Japan, the Business Meetings and referred about the problems during the decision for Denver as place for the M&M 6 Meeting in 2008. M&M6 will be held from September 7th to 9th, 2008 at the Green Centre Facility, at the Colorado School of Mines campus in Golden Colorado. Field trips will be planned to run prior to the meeting and the Denver Gem and Mineral Show will be open on September 11th. To reach a better representation of voting national members for the M&M 7 meeting in 2012, it has been proposed to leave the decision during the Business Meetings 2008 (and not as usually up to now during the IMA-Meeting 2010 in Budapest/Hungary).

Peter Davidson was asking all curators to join the SMMP organisation.

Vanni Moggi Cecchi from Prato (Italy) announced the new "Museo di Scienze Planetarie" hosting more than 600 meteorites including the Nardini Collection and about 5.000 minerals.

Carlo M. Gramaccioli and Francesco Demartin (University of Milan) and Federico Pezzotta (Museum of Natural History, Milan)/ Italy : the Milan Mineral Collection is at present not in good shape; but the computer inventory of about 50.000 specimen was started yielding new discoveries of minerals in cooperation with the university scientists.

Allessandro Guastoni has moved from Milan to Padua heading the Mineralogical Museum of the University of Padua (Italy); the collection and the catalogues were until now out of standard.

B. Hofmann is the successor of Tony Stalder at the Museum of Natural History Bern (Switzerland), starting new research projects on meteorites.

Edwin Gnoz from the Museum of Natural History Geneve (Switzerland), which is in a good shape, overtook a Madagascar Project.

The Mineralogical Collection of the Technical University at Berlin (Germany) celebrates its 225th Anniversary, but Susanne Herting-Agthe told us that the exhibition is closed in behave of asbestos problems.

Hans-Peter Schertl of the Mineralogical Collection of the Ruhr-University Bochum (Germany), which has already a famous Petrological Collection is overtaking the corresponding collection of the University Bonn.

The building in which the Mineralogical Collection of the University Jena (Germany) is housed will be reconstructed as Birgit Kreher-Hartmann reported. A new catalogue of historical meteorites has been prepared.

Joachim Lorenz told us that the regional Spessart Collection at Aschaffenburg (Germany) is moving into a new building.

The Museum "Reich der Kristalle" (Munich/Germany) plans a total change of its permanent exhibition (Gilla Simon).

Jochen Schlüter from the Mineralogical Museum Hamburg (Germany) reports of compiling a special type specimen catalogue of Germany (there will be a special flyer).

Kay Schürmann (Frankfurt/Germany) is now responsible for the mineralogical collection of the Senckenberg Museum of Natural History; this collection with about 20.000 mostly historical samples was without a curator since 1923.

Terry Huizing from the Cincinnati Museum Center (USA) reported of a new collection sponsored by an anonymous person and the foundation of a local mineral society. The museum keeps up national activities with the Philadelphia Academy of Science.

Fred Steinar Nordrum (Kongsberg/Norway): As a result of a big museum reform in Norway the Kongsberg Museum will be a central museum in a network of 16 museums. Buildings of the old mining company from 1786 will be added to the museums complex, but the renovation will be difficult.

Uwe Kolitsch (crystallographer at the University of Vienna / Austria) will be the successor of Gerd Niedermayr at the Museum of Natural Sciences Vienna in a part time position. A special software for the catalogization of minerals (INDASPRO) is in preparation.

J.C.Boulliard from University Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris (France) reports about moving the famous collection to another place (Audiovision, CD-rom for visitors).

Amédée Djemai (Ecole des Mines, Paris/France), teacher in technical mineralogy, is working out "nanomineralogy themes". A new exhibition about the Etna Volcanic Complex is in preparation.

Lydie Touret (Ecole des Mines, Paris/France) starts with the digital catalogization of the systematic mineral collection; 80.000 samples will be put in the internet.

The mineral collection of the National Museums Scotland (Edinburgh/UK) will move and reopened in 2011 showing no special mineralogical display (Peter Davidson).

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