

Minutes of the IMA/SMMP Ad Hoc Meeting, Munich, November 2nd, 2007

SMMP (European Representative: Peter Davidson, Edinburgh) and CM /IMA (Representatives Lydie Touret, Paris – Chairwoman) and Kay U. Schuermann, Frankfurt) hold their annual Ad Hoc Meeting during the Munich Mineral Show on Friday, November 2nd, 2007, from 5:00 pm in room A 51.

18 curators from 6 countries (Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, and UK) attended the meeting. In addition Tony Stalder from Switzerland as former leader of the CTMS subcommission was present.

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 referred about the state of preparations for the M&M 6 Meeting in Golden (Colorado, USA) in September 2008. The host is still James Hurlburt, the former curator of the collections of the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado (USA). The present Director – Bruce Geller – will organize the meeting together with him. Deadlines are May, 1st, 2008 for Registration and Abstract Submissions (the latter has been now shifted to April 15th, 2008).

UNESCO has declared the years 2008/2009 as the years for “PLANET EARTH” . Activities for this event shall bring young and older people to geology!

Edgar Müller (ZfB Landsweiler/Reden, Saar-Area, Germany) will be the first director of the newly founded Center of Biodocumentation in an old house of a former carbon mine.

Alessandro Guastoni (Mineralogical Museum, University of Padua, Italy) overtakes the collection of the Philadelphia Academie of Sciences.

Federico Pezzotta (Museum of National Natural History, Milano, Italy) honoured a mineral dealer – Renato Pegano- who brought back about 400 specimens of an ancient Italian collection from the Philadelphia Academie of Sciences. He mentioned a new big mineral collection opened in the Mineral Hall, and in addition a special Sardinia Collection with most of the best green anglesites of the world and an old mineral collection from mines of the Bergamo area with about 2.000 specimens from the late 18th century.

Giancarlo Parodi (Museum of National Natural History Paris, France) will build up in 2008 a National Mineral Collection of Taiwanese Minerals in Taipei, Taiwan.

There will be a new chief curator for this museum in Paris, Professor François Farge and a new curator for experimental mineralogy together with a new SEM.

J.C. Boulliard (University Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France) has moved the old famous collection from the basement place on a new place opened April 2007 with an additional new exhibition of fulgurites.

Nicolas Meisser (Geological Museum of Lausanne, Switzerland) presents a special exhibition of “New Minerals in the Swiss Alps” . After overtaking the CTMS job from Tony Stalder he presents together with the latter and Philip Roth a “New Catalogue of Switzerland” and new Asian, Afghanistan, and Russian CTMS-Catalogues.

Carles Curto Milà (Natural Museum Barcelona, Katalonia, Spain) acquired a new mineral collection for this museum.

Lydie Touret (Ecole des Mines, Paris, France) told about a strong trend for teaching, a special research on colours in minerals, and a cooperation with the newly founded Museum in Chamonix.

The main theme for the Munich Meeting 2008 will probably be: “Australia” – let meet us there again.

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