

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS

MINUTES OF THE FIRST IUGG COUNCIL MEETING

23RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SAPPORO JAPAN, JUNE 30 – JULY 11, 2003

Date : Tuesday July 1, 2003 (4pm – 7pm)

Place : Highness Hall A/B, Royton Hotel

Participants :

- National Delegates at Council

<i>Argentina</i>	<i>Dr. Juan Vilas</i>
Australia	Dr. Charles Barton
Belgium	Prof. Andre L. Berger
Brazil	Prof. Denizar Blitzkow
<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>Dr. Diana Jordanova</i>
Canada	Dr. Ronald E. Stewart
China	Prof. Chuanzhen Zhu
Colombia	Eng. Laura Sanchez Rodriguez
Croatia	Prof. Dr. Mirko Orlic
Czech Republic	Dr. Vladimir Cermak
Denmark	Dr. Soren Gregersen
Egypt	Prof. Attia A. Ashour
Finland	Prof. Dr. Pentti Malkki
France	Dr. Michel Menvielle
Germany	Prof. Dr. Gerd Tetzlaff
Hungary	Prof. Dr. Jozsef Adam
Iceland	Mr. Pall Jonsson
India	Dr. Vilai P. Dimri
Indonesia	Mr. R.W. Matindas
Iran	Dr. M.R. Gheitanchi
Ireland	Dr. Peter Lynch
Israel	Prof. Zev Levin
Italy	Prof. Lucio Ubertini
Japan	Prof. Kojiro Irikura
Jordan	Eng. Saliem M. Khalifeh
Korea	Dr. Woil W. Moon
New Zealand	Dr. David A. Rhoads
Norway	Dr. Bjorn Geirr Harsson
<i>Philippines</i>	<i>Dr. Bart C. Bautista</i>
Poland	Prof. Dr. Jan Krynski
Portugal	Prof. Dr. Luis A. Mendes-Victor
Romania	Dr. Constantin S. Sava
<i>Russia</i>	<i>Dr. Yuri S. Tyupkin</i>
Slovenia	Mrs. L. Globevnik
South Africa	Prof. Charles L. Merry
Sweden	Dr. Birna Olafsdottir
Switzerland	Prof. Dr. Huw C. Davies
Thailand	Major General T. Thambumroong
Turkey	Dr. Lt. Col. Eng Onur Lenk
United Kingdom	Prof. David N. Collins
United States	Prof. David N. Jackson
Vietnam	Prof. Dr. Thi Kim Thoa Nguyen

Italics for Countries with Observer Status only

- Members of the Bureau

President	Prof. Masaru Kono
Vice President	Prof. Uri Shamir
Treasurer	Dr. Aksel Hansen
Secretary General	Dr. JoAnn Joselyn
Asst. Sec. Gen.	Mr. Ryan Aucone
Member	Dr. Tom Beer
Member	Dr. J.Y. Chen
Member	Dr. Harsh Gupta

- Members of the Finance Committee

President	Dr. A. Fred Spilhaus
Secretary	Dr. Patrick Pinet
Member	Prof. Michael J. Hamlin
Member	Prof. Vinod K. Gaur
Member	Prof. Dr. Erwin Groten

- The Executive Committee and Secretaries-General of the Associations:

Past President	Prof. Peter Wyllie
President IAG	Prof. Fernando Sanso
Secretary IAG	Prof. Christian Tscherning
President IAGA	Dr. David Kerridge
President IAHS	Dr. Kuniyoshi Takeuchi
Secretary IAHS	Dr. Pierre Hubert
President IAMAS	Prof. Dr. Huw Davies
Secretary IAMAS	Prof. Roland List
President IAPSO	Dr. Paola Rizzoli
Secretary IAPSO	Dr. Fred Camfield
President IASPEI	Prof. Brian Kennett
President IAVCEI	Prof. Steve Sparks
Secretary IAVCEI	Dr. Steve McNutt

- The following alternate Council Delegates attended the First Council Meeting :

Argentina	Dr. Elizabeth Rovere
France	Dr. Jean-Pierre Barriot
	Dr. Roland Schlich
India	Prof. Gurbax Lakhina
Jordan	Eng. Nedal Y. Al-Sagarat
Romania	Dr. Vladimir Ivanovici

- The President invited the following guests for the First Council Meeting :

ICSU Rep.	Dr. P. Tyson
American Rep.	Ms. E. Lawson
L.O.C.	Dr. K. Suyehiro
Nom. Committee	Dr. K. P. Schwarz
Aust. Presentation	Mr. L. Patroni
Aust. Presentation	Mr. R. Cas
Ital. Presentation	Dr. S. Grimaldi

1. Greetings: Presentation of the Credentials Salutations: Présentation des lettres d'accréditation

The Meeting was called to order at 4 PM in the Highness AB room by President Kono.

41 national delegates were present at the opening, 37 eligible to vote. The total number of member countries eligible to vote is 50 (64 minus 8 in Observer Status, minus 6 in Associate Status). The quorum (=17) is reached. Other national delegates arrive in the course of the meeting amounting to 42 with 38 eligible to vote.

2. Approval of the Agenda Approbation de l'ordre du jour

President Kono asked if the agenda could be approved. Prof. Malkki (Finland) asked if there could be time allotted to discuss a programme initiative that builds on the heritage of the International Geophysical Year that will be celebrating its 50th year in 2007-2008. Prof. Kono explained that there were several such initiatives and that the IUGG

has set up a special committee to coordinate and promote these programmes. Rather than ask the Council to consider these programmes individually, he requested that the Committee be allowed to do its work and present a summary report. This was accepted, and the Agenda was adopted.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting in Birmingham (1999)

Approbation du procès-verbal de la réunion du Conseil à Birmingham (1999)

The minutes of the 1999 Council Meetings were printed and distributed to the participants of the 1999 General Assembly in the Comptes Rendus of the 22nd General Assembly, recently posted on the IUGG web page. Because there was concern that many of the Council members present here were not in Birmingham or were not delegates to the 1999 Council, those minutes were copied for everyone. President Kono asked if the Minutes could be approved, and there was no dissent.

4. Brief Reports of the Officers

Brefs rapports des responsables

- **President Masaru Kono**
- **Vice-president Uri Shamir**
- **Secretary General Jo Ann Joselyn**
- **Treasurer Aksel Hansen**

President – Masaru Kono

The report of the President is included in the Council Agenda book, and the Council Members were referred to those pages. However, President Kono made special mention of the work of the Bureau to consider IUGG Structure, Goals and Objectives, and *modus operandi* using a questionnaire prepared for both the IUGG Adhering Bodies and the Associations. An example of the questions asked was the issue of attendance at assemblies in relation to the length of the General Assemblies. A full report of this activity will be made to the Council under Agenda Item 13. He also noted the appointment and work of the Statutes and By-laws committee and the IGY+50 committee. President Kono wished for better communication between IUGG and the Member Adhering Bodies and wider consideration of today's scientific issues through inter-Association activities and increased cooperation with other scientific bodies.

Vice President – Uri Shamir

The report of the Vice President is included in the Council Agenda book, and the Council Members were referred to those pages. In particular, Vice President Shamir has supported a Working Group of young scientists tasked to organize a Union Symposium: Geosciences: The Future, to be given on the last day of the Assembly, and Council Members were urged to attend. They have produced a significant document available on the IUGG web page, and are preparing an executive summary. Prof. Shamir believes that these young people will be excellent candidates for future leadership positions within IUGG and the Associations. Prof. Berger (Belgium) asked about the significance of the term 'geosciences' as opposed to 'geophysics,' and also about the future of the working group. Dr. Shamir replied that geosciences was terminology currently being promoted by UNESCO as a term more inclusive of societal issues, and that he hoped that the Working Group could continue as a resource for new thoughts on IUGG issues while continuing to provide an opportunity for leadership development.

Prof. Shamir also reported his work with the IUGG Structure, Goals, and Objectives Committee, the IUGG

Statutes and By-laws Committee, as well as his work on an ICSU (International Council for Science) Assessment panel on the Environment and its Relation to Sustainable Development.

Secretary General – JoAnn Joselyn

The report of the Secretary General is included in the Council Agenda book, and the Council Members were referred to those pages that summarize the actions of the Bureau and Executive Committee during the past 4 years. Dr. Joselyn noted that summaries of the minutes of the meetings of the Bureau and Executive Committee are posted on the IUGG web page. Particular highlights include the appointment of Dr. Tom Beer to fill the vacancy on the Bureau left by the resignation of Dr. Vere Shannon, improved communications with IUGG constituents by a variety of means, archival of the records of the Union in the Niels Bohr Library of the Center for the History of Physics, the establishment of the inter-Associations Commission on Geophysical Risk and Sustainability and other inter-Association bodies, the decision to cease charging for the IUGG Yearbook (now available on the IUGG web page), and the awarding of grants to support meetings and inter-Association initiatives that benefit developing countries.

The membership of the Union is now 63 Adhering Bodies (two more to be considered later in the meeting), which is 12 less than at the close of the 22nd General Assembly (Birmingham) in 1999. Dr. Joselyn noted that the loss would have been greater if not for the provision of the category of Associate Member, which she believes has been a positive step toward preserving and increasing membership.

A short report was made on attendance at the General Assembly. The registration on Monday 30 June was 915, including 82 that registered on site. The LOC is hoping that registration could ultimately reach 5000 persons. The amount of money raised for travel assistance from all sources (50 M yen from the LOC, \$70,000 from the IUGG budget, and additional funds provided by the Associations) exceeds \$630,000. 782 individuals were awarded grants. There are 182 Symposia convened at this General Assembly, including 12 Union Symposia and 59 inter-Associations Symposia.

The actions of the Bureau and Executive Committee during the past term were offered to the Council for their approval. Dr. Kono asked for this approval, especially including the appointment of Dr. Beer to the Bureau, and there was no dissent.

Prof. Jackson (USA) commented that the actions of the Secretariat to increase the visibility of IUGG and access to its officers has been very much appreciated.

Treasurer – Aksel Hansen

The report of the Treasurer is included in the Council Agenda book, and the Council Members were referred to those pages. An additional page was distributed that included data from 2003 not available in the original report. Dr. Hansen reported that IUGG has no debt and income has exceeded expenditures for several years owing to special circumstances, such as an unexpected surplus from the Birmingham General Assembly. However, income from Member dues is decreasing owing to the steady loss of members and 2 decreases in Category, and we have to consider our financial future with concern.

Dr. Kono asked the Council for questions or comments, there were none regarding this report. Dr. Kono asked the Council for approval and it was approved.

5. Report of the Nominations Committee Rapport du comité des candidatures

Dr. K-P Schwarz, Chair of the Nominations Committee, noted that the first version of the Committee's report is in the Council Agenda Book. The final version was sent to the Council Delegates two months before the Council Meeting and an additional copy was distributed at this meeting. As provided by the By-Laws, two additional nominations were added to the first version, and therefore appear on the final list. However, in the last few days a letter was received from Dr. Nikolaev, a candidate for Bureau member, asking that his name be removed from the ballot. Dr. Schwarz then introduced the nominees on the ballot and asked them to stand and be recognized if they were present. Candidates present were U. Shamir and R. Peltier for President; P. Rizzoli and T. Beer for Vice President; A. Hansen for Treasurer; D. Jackson, M. Hamlin, P. Pinet, B. Kennett, V.K. Gaur, and J. Vilas for Finance Committee; and H.K. Gupta and C. Sava for Bureau Member.

6. Matters of Membership Affaires d'adhésion

President Kono asked that the Delegates from Vietnam (Dr. Nguyen Kim Thoa) and Japan (Dr. K. Irikura) serve as tellers to count the ballots. The Secretary-General introduced the ballot books. The sequence of ballots labelled from 1 to 10 were prepared to finalize previous ballots taken by correspondence. Delegates were asked to vote for, or against each issue, or else to abstain. Two membership applications had been received by the Secretariat since the Council Agenda books were printed. These were an application from Albania to be readmitted as a member in Category A (assigned to Ballot # 11), and an application from the Republic of Mauritius to be admitted as a new member in Category A (assigned to auxiliary ballot # 50). Ballots for new members require a 2/3rds majority for passage (26), but all other ballots require only a simple majority (16). The voting proceeded, but owing to time constraints, the ballots were not counted until the meeting recessed so that the tellers could participate in the business being conducted. The results of the ballots (not including one blank and one spoiled ballot) follow:

- » Admission: Colombia as a Member in Category 1
Yes 36; No 0; Abstain 2
- » Reduction: Category of Indonesia from 3 to 1
Yes 34; No 1; Abstain 3
- » Admission: Armenia as an Associate Member
Yes 36; No 0; Abstain 2
- » Re-admission: Peru as an Associate Member
Yes 37; No 0; Abstain 1
- » Transfer: Morocco to Associate Member
Yes 36; No 0; Abstain 1
- » Transfer of Nigeria to Associate Member
Yes 36; No 0; Abstain 2
- » Transfer: Serbia and Montenegro to Associate Member
Yes 36; No 0; Abstain 2
- » Reduction: Category of France from 8 to 7
Yes 25; No 10; Abstain 3
- » Transfer: Pakistan to Associate Member
Yes 34; No 2; Abstain 2
- » Admission: Bosnia and Hercegovina as an Associate Member
Yes 37; No 0; Abstain 1
- » Admission: Albania as an Associate member
Yes 35; No 0; Abstain 3
- » Admission: Mauritius as an Associate members
Yes 34; No 0; Abstain 4

7. Proposed Changes of Statutes and By-Laws (U. Shamir) Propositions de changements des statuts et du règlement intérieur

Dr. U. Shamir explained that the Statutes and Bylaws committee was established by the President with the responsibility to receive proposals, review them, and organize them in a manner that would be helpful to the Council delegates. In addition to the Chair (U. Shamir), other committee members were E.R. Engdahl, R. Schlich, V. Shannon, and P. Wyllie. He noted the report in the Council Agenda Book, and that there was repetition of pages of the proposals. He instructed the delegates to discard the repeated pages and suggested that the proposal from the US be discussed first, followed by the comments on interpretations (attachment 3 of the report). The Danish proposal would then be taken up.

Proposal by the US National Committee Proposition du Comité national des Etats-Unis d'Amérique

The objective of this proposal is to open up the Council meetings to attendance by others than Council delegates and IUGG officers. Discussion included specific terms used in the proposal (viz., auditors, meaning listeners) and the implications of admitting Associate Adhering Bodies. If Associate Members can attend and speak at Council meetings, the incentive to pay dues is greatly reduced. On this particular point, a vote by show of hands was taken. There were 14 votes in favor of permitting Associate Members to speak in Council Meetings, and 18 opposed to allowing them to speak. Other discussion centered on whether any attendees should be allowed to speak. There was also discussion on the legislative procedure to be followed to address the concerns raised by Council delegates. Dr. Shamir suggested, and it was accepted by the US delegate (David Jackson), that the original proposal be modified by a committee of Council members (delegates and IUGG officers) and brought back for Council consideration at the Second Council session on Friday 4 July.

Proposals from the Statutes and By-Laws Committee Propositions du Comité des statuts et du règlement Intérieur

Dr. U. Shamir explained the background for Attachment 3 as given in the Council Agenda Book. The first issue regards how to determine the number of years a country in Observer status resulting from non-payment of dues, and the year in which scientists from this country cannot be elected to hold office (see also next paragraph). A chart in Attachment 3 clarifies how the determination should be made.

The second issue is that interpretation be applied to By-Law 10(c) so that "not eligible to hold elected positions" is interpreted as "not eligible to be elected." In this way, it is not necessary to scrutinize the officers of the Bureau, Finance Committee, and each Association every year to determine whether any officer elected at the last General Assembly is still eligible to serve.

A vote by show of hands was made to accept these two clarifications which will be introduced into statute 14(b) and Bylaw 10(c). All were in favour (none oppose, none abstain).

Proposal from the Danish National Committee Proposition du Comité national du Danemark

Dr. Shamir explained that the Finance Committee (FC) and the IUGG Executive Committee (EC) are two parallel bodies elected by the Council. The Danish proposal is

lengthy because so many sections of the Statutes and Bylaws are involved. However, in essence the proposal contains a principle concentrated in Statute 11 and then details. The proposed principle is that instead of existing for the entire term between General Assemblies, the Finance Committee stands only during the General Assembly and then ceases to exist in the interim. The remainder of the proposal is implementation. The Council was asked to consider first the principle before considering the details.

Dr. Soeren Gregersen, the Council Delegate from Denmark, was invited to present the original proposal. He pointed out that while the present system is working, there is awkward overlap between the tasks of the Executive and the Finance Committee. Presently, there are 3 areas of responsibility of the FC:

1. monitoring and overseeing the economy, which is done in any case by the Treasurer and the Bureau as part of their ongoing responsibilities;
2. preparing of the budget, which the Treasurer is able to do in consultation with the EC;
3. auditing of the accounts to see that the economy is spent in accordance with Council decisions and in agreement with traditions. It is agreed that this must be done, but need not be done by an overlapping body.

The proposal seeks to eliminate overlapping functions by retaining the FC to do the third task. Dr. Gregersen asked that the Council accept this principle.

Dr. Schlich (France) asked that if the present situation works, why should we change? Dr. Gregersen's reply is that the Council is not getting value for their money. Dr. Malkki (Finland) asked if this proposed task can at all be done during the General Assembly? A Finance Committee that operates only within 10 days may not be effective. Dr. Spilhaus, Chair of the FC, replied that he does not think the auditing function would work as well without a continuing FC in place. Dr. Hamlin, a member of the present FC, agreed but thought that the current situation could be streamlined.

Dr. Ashour (Egypt), a former member and Chair of the Finance Committee, cannot remember any divisions between the FC and the EC but did recall an instance regarding the Birmingham General Assembly where the FC insisted that an issue be brought to the Council and thereby saved the Union a lot of money.

Dr. Barton (Australia) asked what were the costs for the Finance Committee for the past term? Dr. Spilhaus, Chair of the FC, replied that the FC did meet twice this past term, sent two persons to the 2002 Bureau meeting (although only one person required travel support) and had one conference telephone call. But the basic costs are those of one meeting for five persons (transportation and living expenses) plus travel support to attend the General Assembly. Dr. Barton then asked if it is necessary to have 5 members. Dr. Spilhaus replied that the advantage of five people was that differing opinions offer better perspectives.

After the discussion in which the sentiments of the Council were expressed, Dr. Shamir suggested that a modified proposal in consultation with the Danish delegate and other Council delegates and the present Finance Committee, could be prepared and presented to Council at the Second meeting on Friday. The essential points of the modified proposal, worked out in consultation with the FC, were distributed to the delegates as a one-page draft document with the following 5 points.

1. The Finance Committee shall have 5 members, elected by the Council at its meeting during the General Assembly, for a period of four years. Three members would be elected from among the members of the Council and two would be elected from the members of the previous FC.
2. The Treasurer shall prepare the budget, in consultation with the EC and FC, and present it to the Council. The FC shall oversee the execution of the budget.
3. The FC shall provide advice to the Treasurer and the EC as required.
4. The Chair of the FC shall normally be invited to meetings of the Bureau/EC when financial matters are on the agenda.

Dr. Jackson (USA) asked when the proposal, if accepted would become active? All changes to the Statutes and By-laws become effective at the end of the General Assembly. Implementation must then be considered.

Dr. Gregerson indicated that he preferred the Danish proposal and asked for its approval. Dr. Shamir proposed a vote on accepting or rejecting the modified proposal. That is, a yes vote would indicate that the proposed principle outlined above was preferred to the original Danish proposal. Ballot # 49 was used to register the vote. The result was 32 yes, 3 no, and 2 abstentions. Dr. Gregersen accepted the wishes of the council to modify the proposal and agreed to serve on the drafting committee. Dr. Shamir agreed to facilitate the committee, and President Kono asked Dr. Barton (Australia) and Dr. Davies (Switzerland) to serve in addition to representation from the Finance Committee. Others were welcomed to participate by contacting Dr. Shamir.

8. Presentation of the Proposals for the XXIV General Assembly in 2007

Présentation des propositions pour la XXIV Assemblée Générale en 2007

Presentations were made by Dr. Ubertini and representatives of CNRS and the University of Perugia, Perugia, Italy, and Dr. Cas and other representatives on behalf of Australian Academy of Sciences, Melbourne, Australia. Both bidders have booths in the exhibit hall and the delegates were all invited to stop by for additional information.

The First Session then closed at 7:35 pm. Delegates were invited to a reception sponsored by the Australian delegation immediately after the close of the Session.