

**INTERNATIONAL UNION OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

64th EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST 4, 2012

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Center

Room A1

Official Minutes



## **Meeting Participants**

### Executive Committee Members

Alberto Riccardi (IUGS President), Peter Bobrowsky (IUGS Secretary General), William Cavazza (IUGS Treasurer), Ochir Gerel (IUGS Vice President), Jacques Charvet (IUGS Vice President), Zhang Hongren (IUGS Past President), Colin Simpson (IUGS Councilor) Ezzoura Errami (IUGS Councilor), Wesley Hill (IUGS Councilor), and Sampat Kumar Tandon (IUGS Councilor)

### Observers

Patrick Leahy, (AGI, IUGS FC), Antonio Brambatti and Johan Zdenek (IUGS FC), Attilio Boriani (SPC), and Ian Lambert, GA, Secretary General, IGC.

### Secretariat

Richard Calnan, (IUGS Secretariat, U.S. Geological Survey), Nancy Zeigler (Recording, U.S. Geological Survey)

## **1. WELCOMING ADDRESS**

President Alberto Riccardi opened the meeting at 09:10 a.m. The meeting will focus on the most important issues to be considered at the IUGS Council meeting on 5 and 9 August 2012.

## **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Riccardi reviewed the proposed agenda and it was approved by the Executive Committee.

## **3. MINUTES OF THE 63RD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, 14-17 FEBRUARY 2012, SAN SEBASTIAN, SPAIN**

### 3.a. Approval of the San Sebastian Minutes

The 63<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously with no changes.

### 3.b. Actions arising from the Minutes

Peter Bobrowsky reviewed and reported on the 63<sup>rd</sup> EC Action Items. Out of 66 total Action items there are 10 that remain pending: #'s 3, 4, 5, 11, 16, 20, 39, 56, 63 and 64.

## **4. ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS**

### 4.a. President's Report

President Riccardi reported that since February he had worked on action items from the 63<sup>rd</sup> EC Meeting, printing the Strategic Plan and the Book of Facts and the organization of the IUGS presence at the 34<sup>th</sup> IGC (meetings of EC, Council, EC and affiliates, Awards Ceremony, and the

IUGS booth). He has answered every message and letter received to the IUGS. He will present his full President's Report at the IGC Council Meeting on Sunday August 5, 2012.

#### 4.b. Past President's Report

Zhang Hongren arrived late to the meeting and his full report will be presented at the IGC Council Meeting.

#### 4.c. Vice Presidents' and Councillor's Reports

Jacques Charvet and Ezzoura Errami have developed power point presentations for the Council Meeting which will be presented by both.

#### 4.d. Secretary General's Report

Peter Bobrowsky will make a power point presentation and provide a full report at the Council Meeting.

#### 4.e. Treasurer's Report

William Cavazza will provide his formal report at the Council Meeting

#### 4.f. Permanent Secretariat's Report

Richard Calnan is prepared to provide a status report at the EC Council Meeting.

Alberto Riccardi reported that the signing of the MOU between the IUGS and the China Ministry of Land and Resources pertaining to the IUGS Secretariat 2012 – 2020, will take place on 6 August 2012.

### **5. IUGS COMMITTEES**

All Committee Chairs will provide a status report at the IGC Council Meeting.

#### 5.a. Finance Committee (FC) - (A. Brambatti)

#### 5.b. Nominating Committee (NC) - (Zhang Hongren)

A discussion was held in how to address the Council. William Cavazza expressed concern that the Nominating Committee did not fulfill the request of the Council and suggested the Committee was not compliant.

A motion was presented to better define the Nominating Committee Terms of Reference for the National Committee as guidance is needed on evaluations. This will be discussed at the Council meeting.

#### 5.c. Publication Committee (PC) - (M. Jayananda)

Alberto Riccardi reported that, as decided by the EC, a new MOU on Episodes for 2012 -2016 was signed with the Geological Society of India.

5.d. Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) - ( A. Boriani)

Pat Leahy asked if the Council would vote on the Strategic Plan. Alberto reported that the Council would be asked if a vote is necessary. Should the vote be necessary a copy of the Strategic Plan will be distributed after a positive vote has been taken.

5.e. Ad hoc Review Committee (ARCs) – (S.K. Tandon)

Jacques Charvet expressed concern with the process for nominations, to the Editorial Board of Episodes, he feels that the EC should allow any member of the EC to propose names for nomination. There was a question as to why one proposal was tied to the Chinese.

## **6. REPORT ON COMMISSIONS, INITIATIVES AND TASK GROUPS**

All Chairs or representatives will report at the IGC Council Meeting.

## **7. REPORT ON STATUS OF IUGS MEMBERSHIP AND RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS AND RATIFICATION**

7.a. Adhering Organizations – (Jacques Charvet)

There are currently 120 active memberships which have been ratified.

7.b. Affiliate Organizations – (Ochir Gerel)

Report will be presented at the Council Meeting.

## **8. INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS (IGC)**

8.a. IUGS 35<sup>th</sup> MOU – Alberto Riccardi reported that it will be signed in the afternoon at the IGCC meeting.

8.b. 36<sup>th</sup> IGC in 2020, proposals (Canada, India) – (Alberto Riccardi)

Presentations will be given at the IGCC Meeting on August 4, and will be formally presented to the IGC Council on Thursday. William Cavazza commented that planning for the IGC eight years in advance is too long to be working in advance and it is bad for the workings of the IGCC.

8.c. International Geological Congress Committee (IGCC) meeting- (Alberto Riccardi)

The meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on August 4 and the IGC Statutes and the MOU for the 35<sup>th</sup> IGC will be some of the main topics.

8.d. IUGS participation at 34<sup>th</sup> IGC

8.d.1. IUGS Exhibition (W. Hill)

The IUGS Booth space is in Block W at the Convention Hall and logistics and booth coverage were discussed.

#### 8.d.2. IUGS Reception – (R. Calnan)

The IUGS Reception will be held from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Old Governor's House, which is conveniently located and an easy walk from the Convention Center, by taxi or by ferry via the City Cat.

#### 8.d.3. Affiliate Members meeting - (Alberto Riccardi)

A total of 15 Affiliate Organizations responded to the meeting notice. Edmund Nickless of the GSL will provide a presentation on the Global Geoscience Initiative. Alberto Riccardi will report on courses held in Africa, organized and with participation of affiliated organization (SGA, SGE, GSAf and AAWG) which was partially paid by IUGS in cooperation with UNESCO. The key is promoting interaction between the IUGS and affiliate members.

The Strategic Planning Committee Chair, A. Boriani, will report on affiliation of the IUGS with Affiliate members. Pat Leahy commented that Affiliate Organizations become members because they want something from IUGS and the focus should be on the Affiliate members. Membership trends within the geological society that are successful require focus on communicating successfully to member affiliates as to what this forum can address.

#### 8.d.4. Awards Ceremony – (E. Errami – Alberto Riccardi)

The Awards item will be split into two parts the first part will be informative and will be handled by Ezzoura Errami at the Council meeting on 5 August. The second part, the Ceremony itself on 6 August, will include the presentation of the James Harrison Award, Hutchison Fund Awards, 50<sup>th</sup> Paper Award, IUGS Awards of Excellence in Geological Education, Environmental Geology, Geoscience Information, Stratigraphy, History of Geology, and Structural Geology. There will be a printed Program for the Awards Ceremony with the citations presented to the recipients.

#### 8.d.5. Scientific Sessions – (Colin Simpson)

### **9. IUGS-IGC COUNCIL MEETING**

#### 9.a. IUGS-Strategic Plan – (A. Boriani)

#### 9.b. IGC-IUGS Statutes – (P. Leahy)

Twelve slides were prepared for the Council Meeting. The Statutes were circulated for comment by the Statutes Committee. Comments from Ed Nickless were submitted and those were incorporated. Some comments were received by the Chinese and there was confusion on the number of members on the Nominating Committee as to the six or seven members. There are six members on the committee and as the Past President the outgoing IUGS President automatically becomes a Nominating Committee member bringing the total of committee members to seven. The IUGS Council will vote first for the approval (in principle) of the new Statutes, and secondly will focus on any specific change proposed by the Council. Pat Leahy will highlight the major changes. To participate as a voting member of Council Adhering members must have an active status.

#### 9.c. Election of Officers – (Alberto Riccardi)

Officer elections include the following officers for the term 2012 to 2016 leading up to the IGC 35<sup>th</sup> Congress in Cape Town, South Africa:

- IUGS President
- IUGS Vice Presidents (2)
- IUGS Secretary General
- IUGS Treasurer
- Councillors for the term 2012 to 2016 (2)
- Councillors for the term 2014 to 2018 (2)

The number of candidates per position are as follows: 2 for President, 3 for Vice President, 1 for Secretary General, 1 for Treasurer, 3 for Councilor 2012-2016, and 3 for Councilor 2014-2018. Election will proceed sequentially, beginning with the election of the president and ending with the election of the Councillors.

Tellers should be proposed and presented to the Council.

#### 9.d. Candidates for the Nominating Committee – (Zhang Hongren)

There may be questions on why some candidates were not considered. Zhang corrected the data and some were not happy with the decision. The need for new Terms of Reference for the Nominating Committee was suggested.

#### 9.e. Selection of venues of the 36<sup>th</sup> IGC in 2020 ( Alberto Riccardi)

Alberto briefly described the process and mentioned that there are two proposals, Canada (Vancouver) and India (New Delhi) which will be voted by the IUGS Council on 9 August 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Nancy Zeigler and Richard Calnan, IUGS Secretariat