

Meeting of IUGS Bureau 18 May 2019 New Delhi, India

Attendance: Qiuming Cheng (President; QC), Hiroshi Kitazato (Treasurer; HK), Stan Finney (Secretary General; SF), and William Cavazza (Vice President; WC)

1. DDE, ISC, UNESCO, RFG, future of the Secretariat

A. DDE: QC reports that a center for DDE is being developed in the city of Suzhou. In April (15-19) a workshop and since then 3 meetings by video of leaders have allowed for the concept and mission of DDE be better defined. Plans are being made for DDE activities at the 36th IGC. Collaboration was established with the 4D program in USA supported by NSF, including attendance of 4D participants at the DDE workshop in April. 4D and DDE are now linking up to have two centers (one in China and one United States) for joint work. Another linked center may be developed in BGS. Groups in DDE are developing scientific questions that DDE can address. CGI is developing standards on data for DDE.

At the IGC, DDE plans the following activities: symposium, town hall meeting and reception, exhibit booth.

Various DDE leaders are networking with leaders of GSA, NAG (North Atlantic geological survey), Russia-China leaders, IAMG council.

Must decide what to allocate from IUGS for DDE. Until now most costs are covered by other groups. Past-President Roland Oberhaensli needs support. \$20,000 was allocated for this year. This money is specified here for use by RO as needed for DDE meetings between now and the IGC. RO will be asked for a plan of travel costs.

Action Item: SF to write to RO on plan of travel costs for DDE

B. ISC: Nomination for committees of ISC. QC was nominated by IUGS and China for Science Planning Committee. The Governing body of ISC will meet in China in October 2019.

C. UNESCO: Establishing contact with Director General and new Asst. Director General. Reason is to communicate on IUGS EC meeting, DDE Forum and on other progresses of IUGS.

D. RFG: Leader of Canadian delegates to IUGS reported that among Canadians there have been discussions of further RFG activities with IUGS. Qiuming encouraged for further suggestions from Canada.

E. Secretariat: QC talked to Director-General of China Geological Survey, and it will be confirmed that CGS will agree to further support Secretariat. We need to know all support from CGS and use of IUGS money. We must review agreement and try to have it completed by Fall 2019 Bureau Meeting, and then finalized at EC meeting in January 2020.

2. Membership and Financial Matters

A. IUGS maintained Non-Government Program status and provided required financial statement.

B. S. Korean Science Committee did not approve raising its status from 3 to 5.

C. Agreed to implement Finance Committee recommendation on dealing with budget surplus. The plan developed by the FC will be reviewed at next Bureau Meeting and approved at January 2020 EC meeting with proposals received after next IGC. New EC (2020-2024) will implement the deliberations of the current EC.

Action Item: Finance Committee to develop a plan for the use of surplus funds

3. Internal IUGS matters

SF reviewed internal IUGS matters, discussed hosts for next Bureau and EC meetings; reviewed action items from Beijing EC meeting and their status; report on the production of the IUGS Brochure and the IUGS 2018 Annual Report. Reported on the guidelines developed a working group in the Subcommittee on Heritage Sites and Collections for use during IUGS table top reviews of UNESCO global geopark candidates.

Action Item: SF to write to Korea with regard to it hosting the January 2020 EC meeting

4. Financial aspects of IUGS publications

WC discussed at length various future publication models evaluated by the Finance Committee.

Action Item: Finance Committee to approach commercial publishers to develop additional options

5. IUGS Activities at 36th IGC, 2-8 March 2020

A. Dates of Business Meetings:

Bureau meeting on February 29

EC Meeting on March 1

IGCC meeting March 2 morning: opening ceremony with IUGS Awards given

March 3 morning: Argand lecture: IUGS President's Reception following afternoon Plenary

IUGS meeting for affiliated organizations March 4

Council Meeting: March 6 and 7

Hand over EC meeting early on March 8

Closing ceremony on March 8

March 9 - new EC meets in morning and new IGCC meets in afternoon

Action Item: SF Reviews with LOC

Action Item: SF works to Schedule (day and hour) and location of all IUGS activities/events

B. Receptions (day and location) by various groups and bidders for the 38th IGC must be organized by LOC of 36th IGC

C. Determine all Expenses for IUGS at the Congress: travel, hotels and meals for EC members and other special invitees; exhibit booth and materials; production of medals for awards; IUGS reception; space for IUGS office; materials for Council meeting. Define the level of free accommodation for IUGS officers offered by LOC.

Action Item: QC begins discussion with LOC on hotel support

Action Item: HK inquires about costs of reception (drinks, snacks)

6. Medals/Awards

A. IUGS Awards: SF reviewed status of recruitment of ad-hoc evaluators of nominees and number of nominations received

Action Item: SF to write to all EC members to recruit nominees

B. Hutchison Fund: according to HK report, the Fund is now 38,000+ USD strong. It is proposed and agreed to use 30,000 USD to support as many as 15 young scientists, provided the LOC gives them free registration. It should be noted that this expense was not included in the 2018 Allocation Table approved at the Beijing EC. This implies a vote by the EC. If the proposal is approved we can then issue a call on the IUGS website, the Facebook page, etc. The Hutchison Fund call should be kept separate from the LOC GeoHost Program, to give IUGS more relevance.

Action Item: SF to ask EC for approval of allocation

7. Budget allocations to IUGS constituent groups for IGC.

In order to enable IUGS constituent groups to know financial resources for participation at 36th IGC, the Bureau discussed various strategies. It came to the decision to distribute now to all groups 80% of the amount of their 2019 budget allocations as an initial distribution of their 2020 budget allocations. The full 2020 budget allocations will be determined at the January 2020 EC meeting, taking into consideration the extent of activities of each group at the 36th IGC and other activities directed to each group's primary goal.

Action Item: SF to write to all constituent groups informing them of the advance allocation now from 2020 budget allocations.

8. IUGS-RFG and COP25

UNESCO has secured an exhibit booth at COP25 that can be shared with the IUGS Initiative Resourcing Future Generations (RFG). The only cost to IUGS would be for the travel of Edmund Nickless and two other active RFG members. The Bureau agreed if the travel costs are covered by the carryover of 2018 fund for RFG.

9. Publications Committee

A. SF proposed that the E-Bulletin editor serves as a member of the Publications Committee with the term of service being the same as the time of service as E-Bulletin editor. The Publications Committee includes the editor of *Episodes*, the webmaster, and the social media manager in addition to the PC chair and the IUGS SG. This would require revising the revised IUGS statute on the terms and makeup of the PC. This change was approved by the Bureau and must be approved at the next EC meeting.

Action Item: SF to place approval of revision to approved revision of IUGS statute on term and make up of Publications Committee on agenda for 74th IUGS EC meeting.

B. Because IUGS activities and news are widely reported now in the E-Bulletin and through Social Media and the IUGS webpage, SF asked the Bureau to consider changing the name of the Publications Committee to the Publications and Social Media Committee. This will be further considered by the EC at the time the revised statutes for the PC are considered.

10. Next Bureau meeting

SF has secured an invitation from Dr. Oleg Petrov, VSEGEI Director General, to host the next meeting of the IUGS Bureau in St. Petersburg, Russia, 21-22 October 2019.

Minutes prepared by SF; approved by QC, HK, WC, and SF.

ACTION LIST

Item	Description	Status
Act_BM09_01	SF write Roli on IUGS support	Done
Act_BM09_02	SF write Koreans on hosting January 2020 EC meeting	Done
Act_BM09_03	SF review with LOC of 36th IGC all IUGS activities (particularly date, hours, location)	in process
Act_BM09_04	QC begins discussion with LOC on hotel support	
Act_BM09_05	HK inquires about costs of reception (drinks, snacks)	
Act_BM09_06	SF to write to all EC members to recruit nominees for IUGS awards and for serving on evaluation panels	Done
Act_BM09_07	SF to write to all constituent groups informing them of the special allocation now from 2020 budget allocations	Done
Act_BM09_08	SF to hold vote of EC on special allocation strategy	Done
Act_BM09_09	SF to write EN saying yes using RFG carry over from 2018 to cover travel costs to COP25	Done
Act_BM09_10	SF to place on agenda for 74th EC meeting approval of revision to approved revision of IUGS statute on term and make up of Publications Committee.	Done