

Meeting Notes: First IGCC Meeting at 34th IGC

1 pm – 5.00 pm, 4 August 2012

Meeting Room A1, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC)

(Last meeting of 2008-2012 IGCC)

Present

Members: Albert Riccardi (AR co-chair), Arne Bjorlykke (AB co-chair), Peter Bobrowsky (PB), Neil Williams (NW), William Cavazza (WC), Anders Solheim (AS), Ernesto Abbate (EA), Carlos Oití Berbert (COB), Ian Lambert (IL Secretary General).

Invited Observers: Paul Kay (PK, 34th IGC OC); Richard Viljoen and Danie Barnardo (RV and DB, respectively, both of 35th IGC Preparatory Committee); Pat Leahy (PL, Chair of Statutes Revision committee)

Proposed Agenda

1. Welcome and approval of the agenda (AR, 5 mins)
 2. Minutes of last IGCC meeting and actions arising (attached, AB, 5 mins)
 3. Communications (AB 5 mins).
 - Bids from Canada and India
 - Informal advice on potential interest in hosting for 37th IGC
 4. Reports
 - Chairs of IGC Committee (AB, AR, total 10 mins)
 - President of 34th IGC (NW, 5 mins)
 - President of the 35th IGC (RV, 10 mins; note 35th IGC also discussed in 2nd IGCC meeting on 11 August)
 - IUGS-35th IGC MOU (AR, 10 mins)
 5. IGCC approval of IGC Statutes as submitted to Council and implications of possible outcomes (PL, AR and AB, 30 mins)
 6. (i) Presentations and discussions of bids for 36th IGC (alphabetical order).
[Each presentation to be 45 minutes maximum, including questions.
India not present during Canadian bid presentations, and vice versa]
 - Canada – (45 mins); India – (45 mins)
 7. (ii) Agreement on strengths and weaknesses of each bid and discussion of selection process in Council meeting (AR, AB, NW, 30 mins)
 8. Membership of incoming IGCC and next meeting (AR, 5 mins)
 - Depends on Statutes decision: NW, new Pres IUGS, DB (Sec Gen), RV, IL, AB and/or AS, EA?
 9. Any other business (AR, 5 mins)
 10. Handover; President of 33rd IGC (AB) to President of 34th IGC (NW) and statement by incoming co-chair (10 mins)
 11. Next IGCC meeting (new committee)
 - Room A1, 2pm Saturday 11 August
 12. Close
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Items 1:

After brief welcoming remarks by AB and AR, the draft agenda was approved

Item 2:

The Minutes of the IGCC meeting held at Cape Town 7-8 November 2011 were accepted.

Item 3:

Communications in relation to the 36th IGC were outlined. Bid documents were presented by Canada and India, but a final bid document was not submitted by Spain, as it was officially informed that they will not participate of the bid.

There has been informal and formal, respectively, communication that the Russian Federation and Spain are considering bids for the 37th IGC.

Agreed: The bids as submitted by Canada and India both appeared to be strong.

Item 4:

AB led discussion of funding of IGCC activities. It was suggested that this could be clarified in future MOUs. The MOU for the 35th IGC was signed at the IUGS' EC meeting the morning of 4 August 2012.

Agreed: The IGCC has been working well. Cutting the length of the IGC was a good move. The next step was to "modernise" the IGC. A coordinated IUGS-IUGG Congress was not feasible in the foreseeable future.

Item 5:

There was a short discussion led by PL of the proposed IGC Statutes, the process involved and the issues faced. See summary at Attachment 1.

Agreed: The Statutes were accepted – 7 in favour and 2 against. The discussion in Council should begin with a presentation by PL. A motion would be put to approve in principle, with ensuing discussion and resolution of specific issues before a vote on final acceptance.

Item 6:

Presentations were given by the bidding countries for 36th IGC – Canada and India. Canada presented first – basically a dry run for their presentation to Council on 9 August. This was comprehensive and did not engender any questions.

India gave a more discursive presentation, noting that they would cut this back for the Council meeting.

Item 7:

IGCC discussion on strengths and weaknesses of each bid was short because the presentations covered the selection criteria well.

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed that both presentations were strong and satisfied all the criteria; that the IGCC should not make a recommendation to Council; and that there should be an opportunity for brief questions and discussion before the Council vote.

Item 8:

It was noted that the composition of the new IGCC would depend on what happened in Council in relation to both ratification of the new Statutes and appointment of the new IUGS' Executive.

Agreed: If new Statutes are accepted by Council – The new, smaller IGCC would comprise:

President of IUGS (co-Chair); Treasurer of IUGS (Dong Shuwen); Secretary General of IUGS (IL); NW (as President of the 34th IGC – co-Chair), DB (as Secretary General of 35th IGC will also be Secretary General of the IGCC), RV (as President of the 35th IGC); IL would serve in a second capacity – as Secretary General of both the 34th IGC; and AB or AS.

If the new Statutes not endorsed - both AB and AS would continue as would EA.

Item 9: There was no other business.

Item 10:

The President of 33rd IGC (AB) formally handed over to the President of 34th IGC (NW). NW accepted and noted that his duties would commence with the Council meeting and opening Ceremony, on 5 and 6 August, respectively.

Item 11:

It was noted that the next IGCC meeting (new committee) is scheduled for Saturday 11 August, also in Room A1, from 1pm.

It was foreshadowed that the next IGCC meeting following this is likely to be held in Cape Town, at a time yet to be decided.

Attachment 1

Report of the Statutes and Bylaws Committee of the International Union of Geological Sciences

May 30, 2012

At the 33rd International Geological Congress (IGC), the Council instructed the President of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) to prepare statutes for both the IUGS and IGC, and bylaws for the IUGS. These harmonised statutes and bylaws were to be developed by an IUGS-IGC Statutes and Bylaws Committee for ratification by Council at the 34th IGC in Brisbane in 2012. They were to be crafted in an inter-related fashion so that the synergistic functioning and governance of IGC and IUGS is clearly stated and implemented effectively and efficiently. To comply with this instruction it became necessary to eliminate duplications and to restrict provisions for the IGC in IUGS Statutes (and vice versa) to a necessary minimum. The IGC statutes focus on the conduct, governance and operation of the IGC. The IUGS has a strong role in IGC activities and its statutes and bylaws are broader but include specific responsibilities relative to the IGC. Cross references are provided to avoid possible misunderstandings.

During the summer of 2010, IUGS President commissioned the Statutes and Bylaws Committee consisting of Patrick Leahy (Chair), Arne Bjørlykke (IGC), Jacques Charvet (IUGS), Ian Lambert (IGC) and Eldridge Moores (IUGS). The committee met electronically in the fall of 2010 to discuss task and deliverables, compile existing statutes and bylaws for both IUGS and IGC. Some early efforts to modify the existing documents were made during the fall of 2010 and a meeting of the committee was planned for January of 2011 in Paris in conjunction with the IUGS Executive Committee meeting. President Riccardi attended the committee meeting and offered guidance and advice to the committee. He was not an official member of the committee but his insights were extremely valuable to the committee's deliberations.

The committee meeting lasted for 2 days and resulted in two outcomes. The first being a series of long-term recommendations to the IUGS Executive Committee relative to fostering partnerships with other GeoUnions to explore opportunities for organizing an annual international congress with involvement of multiple Unions. The second outcome was a line-by-line editing of the statutes and bylaws for IUGS and the statutes for IGC.

During the spring and summer of 2011, the committee continued to modify both the IGC and IUGS documents. During the fall of 2011, the IGC documents were presented to the IGC Committee (IGCC) during their meeting in Capetown, South Africa. The IGC Statutes were approved in concept by the IGCC with the recognition that some additional editing would take place.

At the IUGS Executive Committee meeting in February in San Sebastian, Spain, Several Committee members were in attendance including Patrick Leahy, Arne

Bjørlykke, Ian Lambert and Jacques Charvet. Leahy presented the revised IUGS Statutes and Bylaws to the Executive Committee and highlighted the modifications. The Executive Committee was asked to provide written comments.

Following revision of the IUGS Statutes and Bylaws and the IGC Statutes, the documents were forwarded to the IUGS Executive Secretariat in late April. The IUGS Executive Secretariat forwarded the following documents to Council Members on May 2, 2012:

- (a) Current IUGS Statutes and Bylaws
- (b) Proposed IUGS Statutes and Bylaws
- (c) A comparison of the proposed and current IUGS Statutes and Bylaws
- (d) Current IGC Statutes
- (e) Proposed IGC Statutes
- (f) A comparison of the proposed and current IGC Statutes

In the transmittal letter, Council members are requested to provide comments relative to the proposed IUGS Statutes and Bylaws and Proposed IGC Statutes by June 4, 2012.

In addition, the final version of long-term recommendations and an organizational diagram prepared by the Statutes and Bylaws Committee was sent to the Executive Secretariat for transmittal to the IUGS Executive Committee.

Following review by Council Members, the IUGS Statutes and Bylaws will be discussed first followed by the IGC Statutes at Council on August 9, 2012 at the IGC in Brisbane.

Following Council voting on the on the IUGS Statutes and Bylaws and the IGC Statutes, the work of the Statutes and Bylaws Committee will have been completed and the Committee will be dissolved.

Submitted by: P. Patrick Leahy, Chair, Statutes and Bylaws Committee

Proposed Meeting of New IGCC

The first meeting of new IGCC was scheduled for 1 -3pm Saturday 11 August 2012,
Meeting Room A1 at BCEC.

Anticipated attendees

New IGCC: Neil Williams (co-Chair); Roland Oberhaensli (co- Chair); Danie Barnardo (Secretary General), Richard Viljoen, Dong Shuwen, Ian Lambert, and Arne Bjorlykke or Anders Solheim

Proposed Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions (NW, 10 mins)
2. Approval of the agenda (NW 5 mins)
3. Statements by new co-chairs (15 mins total)
4. Consideration of implications of Statutes decision (co-chairs 20 mins)
5. Consideration of recommendations of Statutes working group (attached, 20 mins)
6. Issues arising from 35th IGC Organising Committee (RV, DB 20 mins)
7. Site inspection 36th IGC venue (NW, 15 mins)
8. Time, place and priorities for next IGCC meeting (NW, 15 mins)
9. Close

Meeting could not proceed

Unfortunately this meeting could not proceed because of lack of a quorum. It was announced ahead of the meeting that Ian Lambert had to leave Brisbane for personal reasons and that IUGS President Roland Oberhaensli and others also had prior commitments.

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