M I N U T E S
of IAG/AIG EC Meeting

1. Members present.
Mario Panizza, Andrew Goudie, Dénes Lóczy, André Ozer, Alfredo Perez-Gonzalez, Edgardo Latrubesse and Irasema Alcántara-Ayala (invited).
Apologies for absence: José Lugo-Hubp (represented by Irasema Alcántara-Ayala).

2. IAG/AIG Constitution.
Changes approved by Council Meeting are not in force yet: they have to be submitted to the ICSU (through IGU and IUGS) for approval. Once this has taken place, the election rules will come into force for the 6th IGC (Zaragoza).

3. IAG/AIG Policy.
The President introduces the guidelines on which the IAG/AIG strategy for the 2001-2005 Quadrennium could be based (see the 'Presidential address', pronounced during the 'Closing Ceremony' in Tokyo). The E.C. Members approve unanimously this strategy.

4. Directions.
Informal assemblies and council meetings are to be organised at the Regional and Thematic Conferences. Summaries of the Minutes of the Assemblies, Councils and E.C. Meetings are to be included in the Newsletters and on the IAG/AIG web site.

5. Working Groups.
Four new Working Groups are established:
   'Geomorphological sites' (E. Reynard),
   'Interaction between fluvial, aeolian and lacustrine processes in arid regions' (X. Yang),
   'Hydrology and Geomorphology of bedrock rivers' (P.A. Carling) and
   'Terroirs viticoles' (A. Marre).
Three existing Working Groups continue their activities without further funding:
   'Geoarcheology' (M. De Dapper),
   'Large Rivers' (A. Gupta) and
   'Volcanic Geomorphology' (J Nossin and J.C. Thouret).
IUGS: A close collaboration with the UGI and IUGS Working Groups is recommended.
All Groups must work under stricter regulation, organise symposia and present final reports and are subject to evaluation after 4 years.

6. Publication activity.
Goudie: proposals for raising money through publication - IAG/AIG involvement in the Encyclopaedia of Geomorphology (Editor-in-Chief: A. Goudie), royalties to IAG/AIG after entries written. The book will be published with IAG/AIG logo.

Suggestion for a Handbook of Geomorphology (Oxford University Press) - IAG/AIG also to be involved.

Proceedings of the 5th IGC: responsible for production: A. Goudie and J. Lugo-Hubp and T. Suzuki representing the Local Organisation Committee

7. Training activity.
It will be focused on intensive courses and summer schools devoted to young geomorphologists, with particular attention for those coming from less developed countries

8. J. De Ploey Library.
Goudie: to use Book Aid International to send books free of charge
John Wiley and Sons is ready to send 2 copies of all geomorphology books to universities in Africa if required
Ozer offers help to establish a minimal library for francophone universities; he undertakes responsibility for the J. De Ploey Library

The Web site is to be used as an announcement board for the IAG/AIG. As for information concerning E.C. Members, a short curriculum and a personal photograph are required.

10. Newsletters.
Published 4 times a year in professional journals in different languages. News are selected by the President (reports, national news, announcements of courses, conferences, Working Groups news, personal news etc.)

11. Minutes.
A new and nimbler plan of the Minutes (on the model of those by the ICSU) is approved. The Minutes official text must be approved in the meeting immediately following the meeting they refer to.

12. Links with outcoming EC.
They are highly recommended between secretaries, treasurers and publication officers.

13. Next IAG/AIG conferences, meetings and courses.
   a) 2002:
      i) Dornbirn (Austria), July, 'intensive course' and 'symposium' on Mountains Year;
      ii) Addis Abeba (Ethiopia), November, 'intensive course' and 'symposium' on M. Y.;
   b) 2003:
      i) Mexico City (Mexico), October-November, IAG/AIG Regional Conference;
   c) 2004:
      i) Glasgow (U.K.), July, IAG/AIG activities in connection with UGI International Congress;
      ii) Florence (Italy), July, IAG/AIG activities in connection with IUGS International Congress;
Levels of membership to be discussed in EC and passed on to national representatives. Suggestion to introduce lowest category: USD1 - symbolic fee.
The funding of grants for young geomorphologists will have to be planned for their participation in training activities (see point 7).

15. Duties for E.C. Members.
Goudie is responsible for the publication policy; A. Goudie and J. Lugo-Hubp for the Proceedings of the 5th IGC; A. Ozer for the J. De Ploey Library; A. Perez-Gonzalez for the Working Groups; E. Latrubesse supervises the Web Site.

16. Coopted members.
Co-optation must satisfy precise and important needs of the IAG/AIG. Each co-opted Member must assume a specific duty.
The co-optation of the following members is approved:
   a) Mohamed Tahar Benazzouz (Algeria), overseer and co-ordinator for the activities concerning the less favoured countries of Africa;
   b) Vibhash Chandra Jha (India), overseer and co-ordinator for the activities concerning the less favoured countries of Asia;
   c) Mauro Soldati (Italy) overseer and co-ordinator of activities concerning the promotion of IAG/AIG training activities for young geomorphologists;
   d) Zbigniew Zwolinski (Poland), with the duty to organize, activate and update the IAG/AIG Web site.