International Association of Geomorphologists
Executive Committee Meeting
Dornbirn (Austria) - 15 July 2002

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

Members present: Mario Panizza, President
Dénes Lóczy, Secretary
André Ozer, Treasurer
Alfredo Perez-Gonzalez, Elected Member
Mauro Soldati, Co-opted Member

Apologies for absence: Andrew Goudie
Edgardo Latrubesse
José Lugo-Hubb
Zbigniew Zwolinski

Topics discussed:

1. News from the President
   - Minutes of the Administrative Meeting held in Brussels on 10 November 2001 are delivered and discussed.
   - An annual report on IAG/AIG activities is required by IUGS. D. Lóczy will prepare it until 1 December, 2002, and send it to IAG/AIG E.C. members for approval.
   - Correspondence with Anne Buttimer, IGU President, concerning collaboration between IGU and IAG/AIG is delivered.
   - A collaboration between IAG/AIG and IGU in the framework of the "Year of the Water 2003" is hoped. A. Perez-Gonzalez is asked by the President to contact WGs 1, 5 and 6 in order to promote joint initiatives.

2. IAG/AIG Constitution
   The new Constitution was ratified at the IAG/AIG Tokyo Conference. A. Ozer is asked to prepare a French version and send it to the Secretary.
   M. Panizza will send the new Constitution to IGU and IUGS Presidents for approval and to forward to ICSU. M. Panizza will send the new Constitution to Z. Zwolinski who will include the new Constitution into the web site with a note: "approved during the IAG/AIG Council Meeting in Tokyo on 26 August, 2002 and presented to ICSU through IGU and and IUGS for ratification".

3. Working Groups
   - A. Perez-Gonzalez delivers a report about the activity of WGs.
   - A report of the "Geomorphological sites" WG is delivered together with a Proceedings volume of an IAG/AIG Workshop held in Modena (Italy) in June 2002. The EC expresses its appreciation for the work carried out by this WG.
   - Changes in "Geoarchaeology" WG are reported. New chairman: Prof. Éric Fouache, Université de Paris 4 - Institut de Géographie - 191, Rue Saint-Jacques - 75005 Paris - e-mail. Vice-presidents: Prof. Morgan De Dapper, Ghent, and Zhongyuan Chen, Shanghai.
   - Prof. Thouret, chairman of the "Volcanology" WG asked for USD 300-400 support, since no funding was received from the previous EC. A. Ozer is to send USD 200 as an exceptional support to the WG.
   - A. Ozer is to send letters to all Working Group chairmen to inform them on what conditions the can receive the initial grant of USD 500. The most important condition is that an official account of the WG has to be opened.
   - A. Perez-Gonzalez will send a letter to WG chairmen to encourage presentations at the Mexico Regional Conference (2003) and to ask them to organise a Symposium at the Zaragoza International Conference (2005) and participate in the IGU Glasgow and IUGS Florence International Congresses.
4. Publication activity

- J. Lugo-Hubp will be requested to prepare a report on the publication activity with particular reference to the Newsletters.
- M. Panizza delivers a letter of A. Goudie concerning the Jan de Ploey Library and the Project of the Encyclopedia of Geomorphology. The EC expresses its appreciation for this Project, that seeks to provide a forum for the promotion of Geomorphology internationally.
- A. Ozer distributes copies of Applied Geomorphology (edited by R. Allison, published by Wiley) among E.C. members. Further copies are donated to the De Ploey Library. The EC appreciates the publication of this volume, wishes however shorter times for printing IAG/AIG publications especially if outputs of IAG/AIG Conferences.
- D. Lóczy is to send an e-mail to Z. Zwolinski in order to report on the web site about 3 new IAG/AIG publications:
  1. Applied Geomorphology by R. Allison;
  2. Proceedings of the Modena Workshop - copies are available from Paola Coratza free of charge for the first 50 applicants, e-mail: coratza.paola@unimore.it;
  3. Proceedings of the IAG/AIG Symposium in Dombirn - copies are available from Lisa Borgatti free of charge for the first 50 applicants, e-mail:borgatti.lisa@unimore.it.
- M. Soldati is invited to send a copy of the Proceeding of the Modena Workshop and Dombirn Symposium to each of of the WGs Coordinators, enclosing a letter of A. Perez-Gonzalez inviting the same Coordinators to possibly follow the same style for eventual IAG/AIG publications deriving from similar initiatives.
- Jan De Ploey Library: M. Soldati delivers to A. Ozer 20 copies of the Dornbirn Proceedings and will send by post 20 copies of the Proceedings of the Modena Workshop.

5. National Delegates

New national associations were formed in Croatia and Egypt. The EC accepted their application to be National Scientific Members of IAG/AIG. D. Lóczy will send e-mails to all National Delegates for approval. If there is no reply within 2 months, it means no objection. Future members (organisation of national association is underway): Madagascar, Cameroon, Georgia, Macedonia, Mongolia. D. Lóczy is to update the list of National Delegates and enquire about changes.

6. Financial situation

The Executive Committee discusses the membership fees each country has to pay. It is decided that some countries in unfavourable economic situation should not pay membership fees but send an Annual Report of their activities to the Secretary instead. D. Lóczy will directly inform the National Delegates of these countries.

7. Training and grants

- Four grants for young geomorphologists from developing countries have been awarded to enable participation in training courses held under the aegis of IAG/AIG:
  - UNESCO Summer School in Dombirn, Austria (July 2002): 2 grants awarded;
  - CERG Intensive Course in Dombirn, Austria (July 2002): 2 grants awarded.
- Two grants are available for young geomorphologists from Africa presenting papers or posters at the IAG/AIG Symposium in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (December 2002) (total EUR 2000).
- Two grants for young geomorphologists from Eastern Europe will be awarded in order to enable participation in the "Research design short course" to be held in Windsor, UK (December 2002) (total EUR 1000).
- Two grants will be offered to young geomorphologist from Latin America for participation in an Intensive course to be held in Mexico in occasion of the Regional Conference of 2003 (total EUR 2000), to be further discussed and approved at the Brussels Administrative meeting.
- IAG/AIG intensive course on natural risks, Orvieto, spring 2003 - request of funding has been presented to ICSU through IUGS. The proposal has been accepted for evaluation by ICSU.
8. Newsletter

J. Lugo-Hupb is to put the IAG/AIG account number into the next Newsletter.

9. Jan de Ploey Library

Issues to be discussed and approved in a future administrative meeting.

10. Next EC Meeting

The next EC Meeting will be held in Mexico City at the end of October 2003 in occasion of the Mexico Regional Conference. An intermediate meeting or an administrative meeting may be planned, if necessary.

11. Mexico Regional Conference

M. Panizza delivers a preliminary programme of the Conference (27 October -1 November 2003) agreed with Inasema Alcantara-Ayala. The Conference will be preceded by an Intensive Course for young geomorphologists and followed by Field-trips.

12. International 2004 Congresses: IGU (Glasgow) and IUGS (Florence)

M. Panizza informs that during August 2004 the IGU Congress in Glasgow (UK) and the IUGS Congress in Florence (Italy) will be held, with no overlapping among each other. M. Panizza express his strong wish that as many geomorphologists as possible take part in the geomorphological initiatives planned in both Congresses. Further information on the IGU Congress can be requested to Prof. Janet Hooke and on the IUGS Congress can be found at http://www.32igc.org.

13. Other IAG/AIG Conferences

M. Panizza reminds the IAG/AIG International Symposium on "Climate changes, active tectonics and related geomorphic effects in high mountain belts and plateaux", Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (December 2002), in the frame of the International Year of the Mountains (see Newsletter).


M. Panizza refers about the contacts had with prof. M. Gutiérrez Elorza about the organisation of the Conference.

15. Administrative Meeting

- The EC feels the need for an EC Administrative Meeting in October to discuss and decide, in particular, some issues which have not been completed:
  - Publication activity;
  - Training and grants;
  - Newsletter;
  - Jan de Ploey Library;
  - Mexico Regional Conference;
  - International IAG/AIG Conference in Zaragoza.
- The provisional date for the meeting is 11 October 2002. Expected participants in the meeting are the President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition, Inasema Alcantara-Ayala is invited for discussing the programme of the Mexico Regional Conference of 2003 and in place of J. Lugo-Hupb (Publication Officer) who is unable to participate. Clearly, all the members of the EC are welcome to participate.

16. Other matters

M. Panizza suggests that an IAG/AIG badge should be designed and produced in 1000-2000 copies as well as an IAG/AIG medal in silver or bronze to be produced in 100 copies. M. Panizza and A. Ozer are to enquire about costs.