Minutes
IAG/AIG Executive Committee Meeting
Zaragoza, 6 September, 2005

Members present: M. Panizza, A. Goudie, D. Lóczy, A. Ozer, M.T. Benazzouz, C. Harden, M. Gutiérrez-Elorza, I. Alcántara-Ayala, E. Latrubesse, Z. Zwoliński
Apologies: A. Perez-Gonzalez, J. Lugo-Hubp
Absent: V. Ch. Jha

1. News from President
- 33rd International Geological Congress, Oslo, Norway, 2006 – M. Panizza encourages the new EC to maintain close links with IUGS and to have a relevant presence of geomorphologists as in Florence, Italy, in August 2004.
- Planet Earth, IUGS project, 2004-2007 – M. Panizza shows items included in the Project and suggests that collaboration is continued.
- Proposal from Jacopo Pasotti (Basel, Switzerland), science journalist, to offer collaboration to disseminate information on IAG/AIG activities – A. Goudie is asked to examine the proposal.
- ICL membership – new EC has to decide whether to continue
- M. Panizza suggests an IAG/AIG resolution on natural disasters after the catastrophic events in Louisiana of August 2005. The importance of Geomorphology in such events is to be stressed. A committee is established, led by Carol Harden; members: M.T. Benazzouz, A. Ozer, M. Gutiérrez-Elorza, E. Latrubesse, M. Panizza, T. Glade and A. Diéz.

2. News from EC Members
M. Benazzouz presents EWC III, Third International Conference on Early Warning, Bonn, Germany, March, 2006. He proposes IAG/AIG involvement.

3. Minutes of Liège EC Meeting
Approved with amendments from Z. Zwoliński.

4. Membership
A. Ozer shows an updated membership list. A relevant increase in the number of National Scientific Members is observed. Also payments are more regular. The policy of involvement of less favoured countries through reports is successful.
New Members will be formally approved at Council Meeting, from Africa: Egypt, Gabon, Madagascar, Niger; from Asia: Vietnam; from Europe: Croatia, Macedonia, Malta; from South America: Bolivia, Colombia, Venezuela. A. Ozer is asked to check voting rights: Members who paid for 2004 and the new Members.
Voting will take place according to the New Constitution (see booklet printed and to be delivered to each participant in the Zaragoza International Conference).

5. Financial situation
A. Ozer: A positive balance is achieved from membership fees plus royalties from Routledge Publishers after the Encyclopedia of Geomorphology.
In expenditures IAG/AIG policy is followed: grants for training courses, conferences and Working Groups.

6. Publication activity
   C. Harden presents a summary list of publications issued since the Tokyo Conference. IAG/AIG Newsletter appears in 10 journals and on the web site (two journals added since Tokyo, Brazilian and Chinese). In major journals the publication of Newsletters is very regular. Handbook of Geomorphology (edited by Basil Gomez) under editing. M. Soldati edited a Geomorphology Special Issue containing the Proceedings of the IAG/AIG Symposium held in Dornbirn (Austria) in 2002. Z. Zwoliński is asked to update the list on web site.

7. Working Groups
   A. Perez-Gonzalez sent a report on WG Activities – it is treated together with Point 11.

8. Training and grants
   M. Soldati reports about the number, type and geographical distribution of grants awarded during the quadriennium 2001-2005: 44 grants were offered to young geomorphologists from 21 countries (mostly from less favoured countries). The EC thanks M. Soldati and A. Ozer their efforts for managing grant distribution.

9. Jan De Ploey Library
   A. Ozer contacted J. Poesen (Leuven). J. Poesen and M. De Dapper agreed with the proposal that book donations should be sent to J. Poesen; all books arrived will be stored in the Department of Physical Geography. This decision is to be presented at the Council Meeting and published in the Newsletter.

10. IAG/AIG Database
    Z. Zwoliński reports on the progress made in compiling the data base.

11. Working Groups
    Reports from Working Group leaders are delivered to EC members. M. Panizza summarizes the WG reports collected by A. Perez-Gonzalez. Four of the existing Working Groups are proposed for continuation during the period 2005-09:
        - Geoarcheology: Eric Fouache (France)
        - Large Rivers: Avijit Gupta (UK)
        - Geomorphological Sites: Emmanuel Reynard (Switzerland)
        - Arid Regions: Yang Xiaoping (China).
    Eight new Working Groups are proposed for the period 2005-2009:
        - SEDIBUD, Sediment Budgets in Cold Environments
        - Rocky Coasts Geomorphology
        - Carpatho-Balkan-Dinaric Regional Working Group
        - Human Impact on the Landscape
        - Small Catchments
        - Earth Systems
        - Geomorphological Hazards
12. Proposals for new Executive Committee
Loczy illustrates the new proposals received. Nominations for positions. Vice-
Presidents: Dan Balteanu (Romania), Lothar Schrott (Germany), Monique Fort
(France), Franck Audemard (Venezuela), Michael Crozier (New Zealand), Ying Wang
(China); Secretary: Morgan De Dapper (Belgium), David Higgitt (Singapore);
Treasurer: Francisco Gutiérrez (Spain); Publication Officer: Leon Andrzejewski
(Poland), Michael Slattery (USA). All candidates are accepted.

13. Proposals for Regional Conferences
D. Lóczy presents proposals arrived from Singapore (Malaysia), Poland (Svalbard),
Romania, Israel.
E. Latrubesse suggests that the meeting in Brazil in 2006 should be raised to the status
of a regional conference.
A. Goudie suggests that there should be one conference per year, at easily accessible
sites.

D. Lóczy shows proposals for Australia (Melbourne) and the USA (Denver, CO)
M. Panizza remarks that proposals are to be presented by the proposing representatives
to the General Assembly.

15. IAG grants for the International Conference
F. Gutiérrez reports on applications and the distribution of grants by the Organizing
Committee (33 grants delivered).

16. Any other business
M. Panizza reminds the availability of the French Geomorphological Group and of the
University of Strasbourg (France) to offer a prize for young geomorphologists in the
name of Jean Tricart and suggests to take advantage of this opportunity to honour such
an outstanding geomorphologist.

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