

MINUTES
of the
IAG/AIG EXECUTIVE MEETING
held on
Saturday 11 July 2009, 11.40-12.40
in the
MELBOURNE CONVENTION CENTRE, Room 101

1. Apologies

None received

2. Welcome and congratulations

Michael Crozier (newly elected President) welcomed and congratulated the newly elected members: Eric Fouache (Vice President), Piotr Migon (Vice President), David Dunkerley (Vice President), and Sunil Kumar De (Publications Officer).

3. Constitution of Executive Committee

Mike Crozier stressed the need to keep administration costs as low as possible with the aim of not increasing the proportion of the IAG budget spent on administration. This needed to be kept in mind in establishing the mode of operation and the number of members ultimately appointed to the Executive Committee.

Two possible models were considered. First having a small EC or, second, having a larger, more representative EC that would meet on a few occasions.

It was decided to form a more representative EC which would meet face-to-face as a whole group on a reduced number of occasions. This would mean resorting more to electronic communication.

It is possible that two small management groups might meet more frequently, depending on the need: *Small Group A*: President and Vice Presidents; and/or *Small Group B*: President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.

4. IAG meetings , Regional Conferences and International Conference

It was thought desirable to reduce the number and /or time involved with IAG business meetings during the Regional and International Conferences. Such meetings are indeed difficult to schedule at conferences without disrupting the scientific program. However, a minimum of business meetings is stipulated by the IAG-Constitution (Council-Meeting, two General Assemblies).

5. Primary portfolios

It was considered that every EC member should have a portfolio with definite activities. The following important portfolios have been identified to promote the IAG-activities widely:

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Working Groups
- Young Geomorphologists: training programs and award
- Website
- Publications and Newsletter
- Linkage/liaison with other organisations: IUG, IGU, EGU/AGU, IUCN...
- Conferences/meetings: liaison and protocols
- Membership promotion
- Media and communications
- Strategic direction planning

6. Co-option

The elected members agreed to co-opt the following people. Responsibilities/Portfolios are also listed:

Morgan De Dapper: Secretary

Francisco Gutiérrez: Treasurer

Bianca Carvalho Vieira: Latin America and early career geomorphologists; assist Young Geomorphologists Training Officer

David Higgitt: Media Officer and liaison with Webmaster

Lothar Schrott: German speaking countries; Linkage /liaison with other organisations: IUG, IGU, EGU/AGU, IUCN,...

Mauro Soldati: Young Geomorphologists Training Officer

Yoshimasa Kurashige: Japan: to be defined

Xiaoping Yang: China: to be defined

Zbigniew Zwolinski: Webmaster

The following responsibilities/portfolios are assigned to the elected members:

Sunil Kumar De: Publications Officer and Newsletter

David Dunkerley: Strategic planning, special projects, raising profile of geomorphology

Eric Fouache: Conference Policy/ Protocol; membership promotion (liaise with David Dunkerley)

Piotr Migon: Working Groups

7. Other issues to be addressed

- Engaging with emerging countries with prospect of new membership or re-contact/re-invigoration (Russia?)
- Consider co-opting from Africa
- Stimulation of bids for future Regional and International Conferences
- Succession planning for IAG Executive
- Consider a statement on benefit of Joining fee

8. Next EC meeting

To be notified; but possibly in 2010 in Austria, at or near the time of the General Assembly of the European Geosciences Union (EGU) which takes place in Vienna from 02–07 May. This would be a full EC meeting.

Please note: wherever possible, please try to find institutional funding for attendance at EC Meetings.

9. EC-Members contacts

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