



ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

MINUTES

OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF AEGS

HELD IN CRACOW (POLAND)

AT THE POLISH GEOLOGICAL INSTITUT - CARPATHIAN BRANCH
ON MONDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2001 AT 14:00

Present:

Prof. A. SLACZKA	(AS)	President of AEGS, Chairman of MAEGS-12, Polish Geol. Society
Prof. T. PERYT	(TP)	Co-Chairman of MAEGS-12, and Secretary of Organising Committee, Polish Geol. Soc.
Dr. J. WIEGAND	(JW)	AEGS Secretary, German Geol. Society

EC Members:

Dr. J.D. BECKER-PLATEN	(BP)	German Geological Society
Prof. G.B. CARULLI	(GC)	Italian Geological Society
Dr. J. HALMAI	(JH)	Hungarian Geological Society
Prof. V. HÖCK	(VH)	Austrian Geological Society
Dr. T. NIELD	(TN)	Geological Society of London
Dr. R. RAUDSEP	(RRA)	Estonian Geological Society
Prof. R. ROCHA	(RR)	Portuguese Geological Society
Dr. S. STOUGE	(SS)	Danish Geological Society

1. WELCOME

AS welcomed the Executive Committee to Krakow. Attendance to MAEGS-12 was gratifyingly high, considering the earlier fears – over 100 participants. JW welcomed the Committee as well. He welcomed Giovanni Carulli from Trieste (Italy), Rein Raudsep (Estonia), Sven Stouge (Denmark) and Volker Höck (Austria). He thanked Andrzej Slaczka and Tadeusz Peryt, the joint organisers of the meeting, and complimented them on the efficiency of the arrangements. The Committee **agreed** unanimously.

JW read through the agenda items and asked if there were any additions or corrections, which was not the case.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies received:

E. Dudich (Hungary), M. Novak (Czech Rep.)

Apologies not received:

J. Civis (Spain), J. M. Gonzalez-Casado (Spain), F. Veselovsky (Czech Rep.)

Five members of the Committee were therefore missing.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting (8 June 2000, Cracow) were unanimously approved without alteration. JW reported that an additional meeting of the EC was held in Rio de Janeiro (14 August 2000), but as only two members attended the informal discussion, no minutes were taken.

4. RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP OF AEGS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)

- Outgoing members

Prof. R. SACCHI **Italian Geological Society**

The Italian representative made his seat available due to health problems. The EC board thanked R. Sacchi for doing an excellent job and wished him all the best for his future.

Dr. F. VESELOVSKY **Czech Geological Society**

The organising secretary of MAEGS-10 had been incommunicado for some time. JW proposed that his seat should be made available to another one. The Committee **agreed** unanimously.

- Entering new members

Prof. G.B. CARULLI **Italian Geological Society**

Prof. V. HÖCK **Austrian Geological Society**

Dr. R. RAUDSEP **Estonian Geological Society**

Dr. S. STOUGE **Danish Geological Society**

JW asked the four nominated EC members to introduce themselves to the Committee. Because there were no objections, the Secretary welcomed the new members on behalf of the old. The Committee **agreed** unanimously. JW asked each new member to supply a CV in the next week if they had not already done so (CV attached to the Minutes).

JW reported that BP will retire in July 2002 (he will be on the next EC Meeting). BP nominated a successor:

- Volker Steinbach (Germany) – CV attached to the Minutes.

Therefore, BP will be the President for one year (until next EC Meeting in Hanover), and Volker Steinbach will be the Secretary of the Organising Committee, and after the next EC Meeting, BP and VS switch their positions.

Copies of the membership list of AEGS (and the EC membership list) were circulated and members of the EC asked to communicate any alterations to the Secretary.

5. CHANGES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF AEGS

No changes in the membership of AEGS since the last EC meeting were reported.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT 2000

JW reported that the accounts had been scrutinised by BP. RR (the other scrutineer) would receive a copy after the meeting. JW summarised the financial accounts for the committee and showed a balance sheet with an auditor's report that would be shown to the GA tomorrow.

JW proposed two items:

- 1) the Society organising the coming MAEGS should not pay AEGS membership fees for 2 years. This was done for the present meeting, but should be formally incorporated in the minutes. This proposal was **accepted**.
- 2) that the Societies who pay the annual fee should be able to send one person to the MAEGS without paying the registration fee. This proposal was **accepted**.

7. THE CHRONICLE OF AEGS – A COMPILATION TO THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

JW reported that the Chronicle, written by Endre Dudich, had been published. Dudich compiled the materials and wrote the volume single-handed over a period of a year. JW proposed that he should be invited to attend Hanover in 2003. This was **passed nem. con**.

The Chronicle has a B5 format and 237 pages. 500 copies were printed, unit cost Euro 7.5 per copy. The committee **passed** a unanimous vote of thanks to Tadeusz Peryt for his efforts in publishing the volume. JW proposed that each EC member should get 10 copies and each Society in membership should receive 10 (only those who have paid the last annual membership fee). One copy would go to those who had not paid. Further copies would be made available at Euro 10 each. The author will receive 20 copies and a letter of thanks with his invitation to Hanover. This proposal was **accepted**. The bulk distribution of copies would be handled by Tadeusz Peryt and the Polish Survey.

Action: TP, JW

8. SOME FIGURES OF MAEGS-12

AS reported that 200 requests for the second circular were received. 100 applications were received. 105 participants had turned up, from 16 countries: Austria, Belarus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, UK, Ukraine. 90 posters and lectures (though mostly posters) will be presented during MAEGS-12. Many of these did not pay the full fee – still others were participating at a reduced fee. A book of abstracts (174 pages) and a field trip guide (277 pages) were prepared in high quality. The Secretary proposed a further vote of thanks, which was **passed** unanimously.

9. NEW STRUCTURE OF MAEGS

JW reported on the Meeting in Burlington House (17 March 2000) to discuss the future of MAEGS. The conclusion was that the Meetings should have topics including both scientific and public policy implications. The suggestion was received from TN (UK) that Natural Attenuation could be such a theme, including representatives from each Society speaking about burning issues in member states. There would be a 5-day structure, with three days of meetings and two of field excursions.

There was a discussion of the merits of the suggestion. SS warned that the FOREGS and EFG activities were already focused on science and policy interfaces. He was concerned that the proposal suggested giving up pure science. BP disagreed, countering that a subject like Natural Attenuation was necessarily based on pure science. The topics for MAEGS should be chosen for their public policy relevance, but should also be rich sources of scientific content.

VH agreed with the proposal but emphasised the need to emphasise the 3rd dimensions, such as in geo-informatics, to put the 3rd dimension on the geographers' two. This would be of interest to politicians and to some companies, whose latest developments might be presented at such a conference.

JW said we had to be aware that we could not focus too much on one theme, but it could run in counterpoint with many other scientific themes. AS suggested the new organising committee work make a presumption in favour of the proposal, with the suggestion that we reserve final judgement until Hanover in 2002.

Action: all

10. FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF AEGS

- MAEGS-13 - (9 – 13 September 2003, Hanover, Germany)

The next Meeting will be in 2003 in Germany. BP distributed a rough schedule from Arrival 8th, Conference 9-13th, September. There should be a general title (Geoscience in the service of Society) under which there should be three or four related topics. BP will make a proposal and circulate before Hanover next year.

Action: BP, JW

OWING TO OTHER PRESSING MATTERS, AS PROPOSED THAT THIS MEETING BE SUSPENDED UNTIL 13:30 TOMORROW. THIS PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED.

RESUMPTION OF THE EC MEETING OF AEGS: TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2001, 13:30

BP apologised because he could not participate in the Meeting. RR was not participating the Meeting.

- MAEGS-14 - (Italy, 2005)

GC reported that he had spoken to the President of the Society and had been assured that 2005 was possible despite the recent 32. IGC. Recent geodynamic evolution in Europe could be linked to policy areas by linking it to hazards. JW said it was not necessary to fix the title now – this could be done in Hanover. The first Circular should be ready for consideration at the Hanover meeting 2002. GC said that Naples would be more suitable for the hazard aspects of the conference, though Rome is close to the Apennines where geohazards are also plentiful. However he would discuss it further with the scientific committee of the Italian Society.

Action: GC, JW

MAEGS-15 (2007)

JW asked about MAEGS-15. He explained that the tradition has been to alternate between East and West Europe. After Hanover and Italy the Association should go somewhere of the Eastern parts of Europe - which would also be a good idea in view of European enlargement.

Rein said it would be possible to combine Baltic state societies together. JW asked if Rein could approach his colleagues and make a report in Hanover.

Action: RRA, JW

11. DISTRIBUTION OF AEGS LEAFLET

The Secretary informed EC members that in 2000 about 20 000 copies of the new AEGS leaflet were printed and distributed by member societies:

- 9000 copies distributed through the Geological Society of London
- 1200 through the Geological Society of Poland
- 7500 distributed through the Geological Society of Germany

JW expressed his thanks to the representatives of the three Geological Societies for the work they had with that action.

JW reported that he got approx. 100 replies (distributed equivalent to the number of distributed leaflets). He answered all requests and mailed some information material.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Secretary reported that IUGS acknowledged the annual AEGS report. IUGS confirmed that a AEGS representative (JW) participate the IUGS EC Meeting, which was held in Rio during the 31. IGC (JW joined IGC without AEGS money).

JW called for a volunteer to replace BP as a scrutineer. Volker Höck offered his services, which was **accepted** by the committee.

International Stone Day:

RRA had proposed that AEGS consider sponsoring such an event, but JW felt that there was too little time at this meeting to consider the matter properly. He offered to distribute information with the minutes, and to insert the item into the agenda for the 2002 EC meeting.

Action RRA, JW

13. DATES OF NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND NEXT EC MEETING

The Secretary announced that the General Assembly will be held directly after the end of this EC Meeting: Tuesday 11 September 2001, 14:00 – 15:00.

The next EC Meeting will be held on Friday 3 and Saturday 4 May 2002 in Hanover, Germany. The EC Meeting is scheduled for Friday 3 at 14:00. On the next day there will be a fieldtrip, and departure can be on Sunday 5.

The General Assembly will be during MAEGS-13 in Hanover on 10 September in 2003.

There being no further business JW thanked the EC members and declared the meeting closed at 13:55.

ENDS

Dr. Jens Wiegand
| **(AEGS Secretary)**