



# ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

## MINUTES

### OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF AEGS

HELD IN HANNOVER (GERMANY)

AT THE BGR

ON FRIDAY, 3 MAY 2002 at 14:00

#### Present:

Dr. J.D. BECKER-PLATEN	(BP)	President of AEGS, German Geol. Society
Dr. V. STEINBACH	(VS)	Designated President of AEGS (3.5.02 – MAEGS-13) German Geol. Society
Dr. H.G. RÖHLING	(HR)	Secretary of Organising Committee, German Geol. Society
Dr. J. WIEGAND	(JW)	AEGS Secretary, German Geol. Society

#### EC Members:

Prof. G.B. CARULLI	(GC)	Italian Geological Society
Dr. M. GIARDINO	(MG)	Italian Geological Society
Dr. J. HALMAI	(JH)	Hungarian Geological Society
Prof. V. HÖCK	(VH)	Austrian Geological Society
Prof. K. MARIOLAKOS	(KM)	Greek Geological Society (proxy for Ilias Mariolakos)
Dr. T. NIELD	(TN)	Geological Society of London
Dr. M. NOVAK	(MN)	Czech Geological Society
Dr. R. RAUDSEP	(RR)	Estonian Geological Society

#### 1. WELCOME

BP welcomed the Executive Committee to Hannover and especially the new EC members Konstantin Mariolakos (proxy for Prof. Dr. Ilias Mariolakos) from Greece, Prof. Dr. Marco Giardino from Italy, Volker Steinbach (new AEGS President) from Germany and Heinz-Gerd Röhling (Organising Committee MAEGS-13) from Germany. BP gave a short overview about the program of today and tomorrow.

BP asked if the agenda should be changed. Everyone agreed to the agenda. Then VS (successor of BP) took the chair.

## 2. APOLOGIES

### Apologies received:

- A. Slaczka (from Poland)
- T. Peryt (from Poland)
- R. Rocha (Portugal)
- S. Stouge (Denmark)

### Apologies not received:

- J. Civis (Spain)
- J. M. Gonzalez-Casado (Spain)

Six members of the Committee were therefore missing.

## 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (CRACOW)

The Minutes of the previous EC meeting (10 September 2001, Cracow) were unanimously approved without alteration.

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

### - Outgoing members

#### **G.B. CARULLI**

#### **Italian Geological Society**

The Italian representative made his seat available due to two new Italian EC members organising MAEGS-14 in 2005. The EC board thanked G.B. Carulli for doing an excellent job and wished him all the best for his future.

#### **J. CIVIS**

#### **Spanish Geological Society**

#### **J.M. GONZALEZ-CASADO**

#### **Spanish Geological Society**

The two Spanish EC members have been incommunicado for some time. JW proposed that their seat should be made available to others. The Committee **agreed** unanimously.

VS reported that BP will retire at the End of June 2002, but that he will be within the Organising Committee of MAEGS-13.

### - Entering new members

#### **V. STEINBACH**

**Secretary of Org. Com. MAEGS-13,  
(President of AEGS from this  
Meeting onward)**

**German Geol. Society**

#### **H.G. RÖHLING**

**Secretary of Org. Com. MAEGS-13,  
German Geol. Society**

#### **F. CARRARO**

**Italian Geological Society (not present)**

#### **M. GIARDINO**

**Secretary of Org. Com. MAEGS-14**

**Italian Geological Society**

#### **I. MARIOLAKOS**

**Greek Geological Society**

VS introduced himself and asked the three nominated EC members being present to introduce themselves to the Committee (HR, MG and KM). 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; CV of VS was already attached to the last Minutes).

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**

JW reported that he is under discussions with Iceland. VH offered to contact Albania, Romania and Serbia, if these Societies will be more active in future. The Committee agreed to that.

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

**Action: JW, VH**

## **6. FINANCIAL REPORT 2001**

JW reported that the accounts had been scrutinised by VH. VH summarised the financial accounts for the committee and showed a balance sheet with an auditor's report.

JW reminded of two decisions made during the last EC meeting:

- 1) the Society organising the coming MAEGS should not pay AEGS membership fees for 2 years.
- 2) the Societies who pay the annual fee should be able to send one person to the MAEGS without paying the registration fee.

A short discussion started about what to do with members not paying the annual membership fee. HR remembered the Committee that those country are no voting societies. The Committee agreed with that.

The Committee **accepted** the financial report presented by VH.

## **7. HOMEPAGE OF AEGS**

JW asked the Committee to check AEGS homepage, to install links of their Societies to AEGS, and to communicate the addresses of their homepages to the Secretary (if not done already). Furthermore, important congresses organised by the Member Societies should be announced on AEGS homepage.

**Action: all**

## **8. ACTUAL STATUS OF MAEGS-13**

BP pointed out to two different distributed handouts concerning theme and program of MAEGS-13 (one was mailed and the other was distributed on the spot), and to a letter from S. Stouge (Denmark), which was distributed as well.



## 10. FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF AEGS

### - MAEGS-14 - (Italy, 2005)

GC explained that due to the organisation of 32. IGC in 2003, the Geological Society of Italy had some problems in finding a venue.

MG presented the proposed topics of MAEGS-14 under the theme "Geological hazard related to the recent geodynamic evolution in the Alpine-Mediterranean region". MG gave detailed explanations about the program and the fieldtrips.

VS and BP pointed out, that the topic is a very good one, but it shouldn't be a regional one. Therefore the theme should be open to all geohazards (vulcanology, earthquakes, land slides, floods, land subsidence etc.), independent of the location.

The Committee thanked MG and GC for organising MAEGS-14 under such an attractive and actual topic.

**Action: MG, F. CARRARO**

### - MAEGS-15 - (Baltic states, 2007)

VS pointed to the level of discussions from Cracow last year, that a congress may be organised by the 3 Baltic states, which was suggested by RR. RR explained that Estonia and the other Baltic states have limited possibilities, but that they will try their best.

RR proposed "Geologists for society" or "Geologists and natural resources" as possible titles for MAEGS-15. Field trips would cover Ordovician and Quaternary sediments. BP underlined that "Natural Resources" would be a good focus for MAEGS-15.

MN proposed to respond to interactions between peat lands and paleoclimate with MAEGS-15

**Action: RR**

## 11. MATTER ARISING

### - MAEGS conference volume

VS reported that the German Geological Society offers to publish a conference volume of each MAEGS within the "Schriftenreihe of the DGG". We will then have a continuity in the presentation and an ISBN-number. The costs will be very low and covered by the registration fee. The conference volume can be structured as follows:

Chapter I: Abstracts

Chapter II: Field Trip Guide

Chapter III: Continuation of the Chronicles of AEGS (minutes of last year's EC Meeting, of this year's EC Meeting and the GA, list of MAEGS participants etc.)

The MAEGS-13 volume partly will be sponsored by the German Geological Society .

VH commented that the generous offer should be accepted.

GC remarked that the Italian Geological Society would accept this procedure for MAEGS-14.

VH asked if a proceeding volume is planned. BP said that it would be possible to prepare a second volume with selected papers.

**Action: HR, VS**

**- AEGS page in member journals**

VS and JW explained the idea to install an AEGS page or a framed AEGS article in journals of the member society. This page or framed article should appear once a year and be printed in the journals of all member societies. Each member society should be responsible to prepare a page only one time. The page should present news or an article, which interest geologists throughout Europe. It should include information about the next MAEG's - but no other information about AEGS. The heading should be like: "AEGS informs". TN and JW were authorised to pinpoint a title.

TN remarked that there should be no more than 850 words on this page.

**Action: JW, TN**

**- IUGS: Letter from the Secretary General**

JW informed the Committee that the new IUGS Secretary General (Dr. Werner Janoschek from Austria) distributed a letter among the Affiliated Organisations of IUGS. The Secretary General encourages the Affiliated Organisations to publish articles or reports in the IUGS journal (Episodes).

**Action: all**

## **12. DATES OF NEXT EC MEETING AND NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

JW announced that the next EC Meeting will be held during MAEGS-13 on 10 September 2003, starting on 14:00.

The General Assembly will be held on the next day: 11 September 2003, 14:00 – 15:00.

There being no further business VS thanked the EC members and declared the meeting closed at 17:50.

**ENDS**

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

# ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

## STATUTES

1. An Association of European Geological Societies shall be established (AEGS).
2. Membership of the Association is open to all non-governmental societies, institutions and organisations in Europe active on a country-wide scale in the geological or earth sciences, whether covering the entire subject field or specialising in one or more of its branches.

### **3. Purposes and objectives**

3.1 The main purpose of the Association of European Geological Societies is to promote periodic meetings (MAEGS) during which European geologists gather together to discuss aspects of European geology.

At these meetings it is hoped:

3.2 to identify the geological problems of Europe as a whole regardless of regional or national boundaries, language or disciplinary approach;

3.3 to promote investigation and research into European geology;

3.4 to assist in promoting a unified understanding of geology, geophysics and geochemistry of the solid earth of Europe;

3.5 to promote collaboration between workers in the different countries and geological societies of Europe, and in different branches of earth sciences;

3.6 to increase the public understanding of geological knowledge and its use in planning the development of Europe, and for its application in the solution of economic, technological and social problems of the future.

### **4. Executive Committee**

4.1 In order to maintain continuity and to ensure that periodic meetings take place, there shall be an Executive Committee.

4.2 The Executive Committee, which shall be elected at the Plenary Session of the meeting shall comprise:

4.2.1 The President (Chairman of the next meeting) or his/her nominee and the Secretary of the Association.

4.2.2 The two immediate past Presidents or their nominees.

4.2.3 The two Secretaries of the Organising Committee of the last and the next meeting.

4.2.4 Representatives of all the societies due to hold future meetings of the Association of European Geological Societies.

4.2.5 Representatives from other member societies not covered by 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3 and 4.2.4.

4.2.6 The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt members between plenary sessions of the Association.

4.3 Each voting society (see paragraph 6.1 below) shall have only one vote, even if there be more than one delegate from that Society on the EC. Similarly, each country represented shall have only one vote even if there be more than one delegate from that country.

4.4 The Executive Committee shall co-operate with the Organising Committee of the next meeting and shall continue in existence until the next meeting.

4.5 The Executive Committee will consider, approve or reject invitations by member societies to act as host for the next and future meetings.

4.6 It will consider, approve or reject the outline programme proposed by the Organising Committee for the next meeting.

4.7 In the event of no country offering to be host for a meeting it will request one or more countries to offer invitations.

4.8 It will resolve any contentious matter which may arise in the affairs of the organisation.

## **5. Meetings of the Association of European Geological Societies (MAEGS) and their Organising Committees**

5.1 Meetings of the Association of European Geological Societies, which are recognised as the most important function of the Association, are held as far as possible every 2 years, or 3 or 4 years if the Executive Committee considers that a 2 year interval would produce an undesirable conflict with another international meeting.

5.2 Participation at the meetings is based on individual application and every member of a member society shall have the right to participate.

5.3 Any member society may offer to be the host for the next meeting at any time from the commencement of the current meeting.

5.4 The Executive Committee shall respond to the invitation of a member society to host the next or any future meeting within 6 months of its receipt, and preferably before the end of the current meeting.

5.5 The meetings of the Association of European Geological Societies shall be organised and managed by an Organising Committee set up by the society or societies whose invitation has been accepted by the Executive Committee.

5.6 The composition and working procedures of the meeting Organising Committee will be at its discretion and as it considers most suitable for the country concerned, but it shall include a Chairman and a Secretary.

5.7 The Chairman of the Organising Committee (next President) should normally be nominated by the outgoing President of the current meeting during the opening ceremonies and subject to ratification at the closing Plenary Session. He/she will be the elected President of the Association and act as Chairman of the Executive Committee until the end of the following meeting of the Association.

5.8 The meeting Organising Committee is responsible for the organisation and administration of the current meeting, including the scientific and ancillary programmes, conduct of the meeting, accommodation, publications, excursions and finance.

5.9 The meeting shall include one Plenary Session for a Business meeting at which the affairs of the Association shall be discussed.

## **6. Funding**

6.1 The Executive Committee will establish a membership fee for the Association. The fee will be set in three bands according to membership, as follows:

<b>Band 1</b>	<b>&lt; 500 members</b>
<b>Band 2</b>	<b>500 - 1000 members</b>
<b>Band 3</b>	<b>&gt; 1000 members</b>

Member Societies paying a fee will be entitled to send a voting representative to Executive Committee meetings. Those not paying a fee may send non-voting observers to Executive Committee meetings.

6.2 Member Societies will be expected to pay their annual fee in the first quarter of the year, or as soon as possible thereafter, and must have paid by the end of the year. Each year the Secretary will review the finances of the Association and make a report to the Executive Committee.

6.3 For the assistance given by the AEGS Secretary and the EC-members for the preparation and organisation of the biennial conferences, 10% of the registration fees paid by the participants in the conference must be paid to the AEGS secretariat. In special cases, e.g., when the AEGS conference is combined with another conference, a certain amount of money (to be determined by negotiation with the Secretary) must be paid to the AEGS secretariat.

Jens Wiegand, January 1998.