



# ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

## MINUTES

### OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF AEGS

**HELD IN FLORENCE (Italy)  
Tuesday, 24 August 2004 at 17:00**

#### **Present:**

<b>Prof. F. CARRARO</b>	<b>(FC)</b>	<b>President of AEGS Italian Geological Society</b>
<b>Prof. M. GIARDINO</b>	<b>(MG)</b>	<b>Secretary of Organising Committee, Italian Geological Society</b>
<b>Dr. J. WIEGAND</b>	<b>(JW)</b>	<b>AEGS Secretary, German Geol. Society</b>

#### **EC Members:**

<b>Dr. V. STEINBACH</b>	<b>(VS)</b>	<b>German Geological Society</b>
<b>Dr. H.G. RÖHLING</b>	<b>(HR)</b>	<b>German Geological Society</b>
<b>Prof. V. HÖCK</b>	<b>(VH)</b>	<b>Austrian Geological Society</b>
<b>Prof. -P. MARINOS</b>	<b>(PM)</b>	<b>Greek Geological Society</b>
<b>Dr. -M. NOVAK</b>	<b>(MN)</b>	<b>Czech Geological Society</b>
<b>Dr. T. NIELD</b>	<b>(TN)</b>	<b>Geological Society of London</b>
<b>Prof. -R. ROCHA</b>	<b>(RR)</b>	<b>Portuguese Geological Society</b>
<b>Prof. C. IONESCU</b>	<b>(CI)</b>	<b>Romanian Geological Society</b>
<b>Dr. R. RAUDSEP</b>	<b>(RR)</b>	<b>Estonian Geological Society</b>

### **1. WELCOME**

MG and FC welcomed the Executive Committee to Florence and especially the new EC member Prof. Paul Marinos from Greece. Furthermore the representatives of the Italian Geological Society (G. B. Carulli), and the ARPA Piedimonte (L. Paro), as well as C. Bartolini (President of the Scientific Committee of MAEGS-14) were welcomed. MG gave a short overview about the program of today.

FC asked if the agenda should be changed. Everyone agreed to the agenda.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

#### **Apologies received:**

- Tadeusz Peryt (from Poland)

#### **Apologies not received:**

- Janos Halmai (from Hungary)

Only two members of the Committee were therefore missing.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (HANNOVER)**

The Minutes of the previous EC meeting (11 September 2003, Hannover) and GA (12 September 2003, Hannover) were unanimously **approved** without alteration.

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

- **Outgoing members**

JW reported that two members leaving the EC board:

- Svend Stouge (Denmark)
- Andrzej Slanczka (Poland)

- **Entering new members**

**Prof. Dr. Paul Marinos** (Greek Geological Society)

Because there were no objections, CF welcomed the new member on behalf of the old. The Committee **agreed** unanimously (CV attached to the 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 there is no change in the membership.

#### **6. FINANCIAL REPORT 2003**

JW reported that the accounts had been scrutinised by VH and GR. VH summarised the financial accounts for the committee and showed a balance sheet with an auditor's report (attached to the minutes). The Committee **accepted** the financial report presented by VH.

VS asked what should be done with the money of AEGS. VH said that money could be used to support east European countries. It was agreed, that the secretary can support MAEGS-14 with up to 2000 EUR for funding participants from East European countries.

MN proposed to create a price given by the Association. After a short discussion the board agreed to put this theme on the agenda of the next EC meeting. TN volunteered to compile a draft version for a price.

**Action: TN**

#### **7. ACTUAL STATUS OF MAEGS-14**

MG gave a detailed presentation about the organisation and scientific content of MAEGS-14. He reported that the theme is titled "**Natural hazard related to recent geological processes and regional evolution**".

The Earth Science Department of the University of Turin and the ARPA Piemonte are organising the meeting. Local sponsors are the APAT, the Piemonte Region, the Province of Torino and the Torino Municipality.

MG gave a detailed overview about the geohazards of the Piemont region, and the structure of the congress. He pointed out that 6 different sessions are proposed:

1. Active tectonics and seismic hazards
2. Floods, landslides and related hazards
3. Subsidence hazards
4. Volcanic hazards
5. Geohazard an the public policy
6. Geohazard and communication

The Meeting is scheduled from 19 to 23 September 2005. Each session will include 1 or 2 invited speakers. The registration fee is very reasonable and was fixed at 125 EUR. A web-page was created [www.maegs14.com](http://www.maegs14.com).

It will be a 3-days congress with a 2-days field trip, which will show the relationships between recent geological evolution and natural hazards in the Susa Valley and the Turin hill

Copies of the 1. Circular (first announcement) of MAEGS-14 were presented by MG. Additionally, they will be distributed to the EC members of AEGS in a digital version. The German and Austrian Geological Society and the Geological Society of London will print the leaflet in their newsletters.

**Action: MG, FC**

## **8. FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF AEGS**

### **- MAEGS-15 (Estonia, 2007)**

JW asked RR to report the actual status of MAEGS-15, which will be held in Estonia in 2007. RR explained the ideas of the geological society of Estonia. The theme of the meeting would deal with mineral resources. The genesis, production, as well as environmental and remediation problems of exploiting mineral resources are topics.

The field trip could focus on the oil shales or on limestone (national stone of Estonia). RR proposed to offer 2 field trips.

The board discussed about the proposal and advised that an overlap of the theme with other congresses should be checked. VH said that RR should give a more detailed presentation during the next EC meeting. RR agreed to that.

**Action: RR**

### **- MAEGS-16 (2009)**

The Geological Societies are asked to send their bits.

## **9. MATTER ARISING**

The secretary reported about a publication in the Episodes, Vol. 26, No. 4: 330-331, and a publication in the German periodicals of the Geological Society.

MG reported about a letter, which was send and published by Science. With this letter AEGS signed a common call for action on European Research Council (ERC). The secretary will put a link to this initiative ([www.initiative-science-europe.org](http://www.initiative-science-europe.org)) on the AEGS webpage.

**Action: JW**

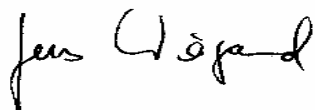
## **10. DATES OF NEXT EC MEETING AND NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- Next EC Meeting: First day of MAEGS-14
- General Assembly: Third day of MAEGS-14

The exact date will be circulated by the secretary.

**There being no further business JW thanked the EC members and declared the meeting closed at 19:30.**

ENDS



Dr. Jens Wiegand  
(AEGS Secretary)

**CV of PAUL G. MARINOS**  
**PROFESSOR OF ENGINEERING GEOLOGY AT THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL**  
**UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS. PAST PRESIDENT OF IAEG**  
**PRESIDENT OF THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREECE**

**1. Academic and Scientific Status**

1. Born in Athens in 1944.
2. Mining Engineer - National Technical University of Athens, 1966.
3. Engineering Geologist, University of Grenoble, France, 1967.
4. "Docteur Ingenieur", University of Grenoble, 1969.
5. Professor at the University of Thrace (1997 – 1987)
6. **Currently full Professor at the National Technical University of Athens, (N.T.U.A.) Civil Engineering Department (since 1987).**
7. Director of the Geotechnical Division of the Civil Engineering Department, at N.T.U.A., 1988-89, 1991-92, 1993-96, 1997-99.
8. **Currently Director of the post-graduate course in Tunnelling and Underground Constructions of the National Technical University of Athens (since 2001).**
9. Visiting professor in the Ecole National Supérieur Ecole de Paris (2003-2004)
10. Teaching assignments: universities of Grenoble, Coimbra Durham, Kobe, EPFL, Torino, Patras, Thessaloniki, Ecole de Mines of Paris.
11. President of the International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG), 1994-98.
12. President of the Greek Tunnelling Society, 1998-2001.
13. **President** of the Geological Society of Greece (May 2004)

**2. Publication record**

- More than 222 papers published in Journals or Proceedings of Congresses.  
(Last paper: Keynote lecture at the "Skempton Conference ICE", March 29<sup>th</sup> 2004, London).

**3. Professional and Consulting Activities**

1. From 1967 to 1974 Engineering Geologist in big Companies in France and Greece.
2. Since 1974 Consultant and individual expert or member of panel of experts; consulting activities in Greece, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Iran, Portugal, France and Honk Kong.

**4. Prizes, Medals**

- Hans Cloos Medal. International Association for Engineering Geology & the Environment (2000)
- "André Dumont" medal. Société Géologique du Belgique (1997)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Glossop Lecturer, London (2002)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Manuel Rocha Lecturer, Lisbon (2002)
- Plaque from the Chamber of Geological Engineers of Turkey (1997)
- Honorary member of International Association of Hydrogeologists (2003)