



ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

MINUTES

OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AEGS

HELD IN CRACOW (POLAND)

AT THE POLISH GEOLOGICAL INSTITUT - CARPATHIAN BRANCH
ON TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2001 AT 14:00

1. WELCOME

On behalf of AEGS the President and the Secretary welcomed those attending to the General Assembly of AEGS. The Secretary reported that during this Plenary Session, the General Assembly (GA) will be informed about important features and changes since MAEGS-11 was held in Alicante (Spain, 1999).

2. 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. The EC decided that his seat should be made available to another one.

- 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

3. CHANGES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF AEGS

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

4. FINANCIAL REPORT 2000

The Secretary reported that the accounts had been scrutinised by the two AEGS scrutineers. He summarised the financial accounts for the GA and showed a balance sheet with an auditor's report.

The Secretary reported about two alterations, which were accepted by the EC:

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

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

The Secretary 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.

The Chronicle has a B5 format and 237 pages. 500 copies were printed, unit cost Euro 7.5 per copy. The Secretary informed the GA that each EC member gets 10 copies and each Society in membership receives 10 (only those who have paid the last annual membership fee). Further copies would be made available at Euro 10 each. The author – E. Dudich - will receive 20 copies.

6. DISTRIBUTION OF AEGS LEAFLET

The Secretary informed the GA that in 2000 about 20 000 copies of the new AEGS leaflet were printed and distributed in several countries:

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

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

7. SOME FIGURES OF MAEGS-12

The President reported that 200 requests for the second circular were received. 100 applications were received. 108 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) were 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 excellent quality.

8. NEW STRUCTURE OF MAEGS

The Secretary informed the GA about the decisions, which were made by the EC considering the new structure of MAEGS. The Meetings should have topics including both scientific and public policy implications. The suggestion was 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 for scientific meetings and two days for field excursions.

9. FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF AEGS

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

The next Meeting will be held in Hanover, Germany from 9-13th, September 2003 at the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources. The theme of the Meeting will be announced at the next EC Meeting.

- MAEGS-14 - (Italy, 2005)

The Secretary informed the GA that MAEGS-14 will be held in Italy in 2005. Venue, schedule and theme are not fixed yet.

MAEGS-15 (2007)

The Secretary reported that MAEGS-15 may be held in Estonia and that it would be possible to combine the Baltic state societies for the organisation of the Meeting together.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Secretary reported that IUGS acknowledged the annual AEGS report. He informed the GA that the EC had to replace Becker-Platen as a scrutineer, because with the closing of MAEGS-12 Becker-Platen is the new President. Volker Höck offered his services, which was accepted thankfully by the EC.

11. DATES OF NEXT EC MEETING AND NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The secretary announced that the next EC Meeting will be held on Friday 3 and Saturday 4 May 2002 in Hanover (Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources), Germany. The EC Meeting is scheduled for Friday 3 at 14:00. On the next day there will be a fieldtrip.

12. APPROVAL OF THE REPORT

The Secretary asked the GA if there are any questions, objections or comments to items discussed in this Plenary Session. Because this was not the case, the General Assembly unanimously approved the report of the Secretary, and the decisions made during this session!

CLOSING CEREMONY

Behalf of AEGS the Secretary thanked those who were attending the meeting, and wished the participants an ongoing successful Meeting.

ENDS

Dr. Jens Wiegand
(AEGS Secretary)