



# **ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES**

## **MINUTES**

### **OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AEGS**

**HELD IN HANNOVER (GERMANY)**

**Friday, 12 September 2003 at 12:00**

#### **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-12 was held in Cracow (Poland, 2001).

#### **2. RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP OF AEGS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)**

**- Outgoing members**

The secretary reported that no member of the EC of AEGS left the board.

**- Entering new members**

**Prof. C. IONESCU (Romanian Geological Society)**

#### **3. CHANGES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF AEGS**

The secretary reported that Sweden gave up its membership in AEGS.

#### **4. FINANCIAL REPORT 2002**

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.

#### **5. SOME FIGURES OF MAEGS-13**

The President reported that 120 participants had turned up from 33 countries. Additionally, 20 participants from the German Geological Survey (BGR) joined the Meeting. A book of abstracts (155 pages) and a field trip guide were prepared in high quality.

## **6. FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF AEGS**

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

Marco Giardino (Secretary of the Organising Committee of MAEGS-14) gave a presentation about the organisation and scientific content of MAEGS-14. The working title of the Meeting: **"Natural hazard related to the recent geological evolution"**.

Proposed sessions are:

1. Active Tectonics
2. Seismicity
3. Floods and landslides and related hazards
4. Subsidence hazards
5. Volcanic hazards
6. Geohazard and the public policy
7. Geohazard and communication

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

The Secretary reported that MAEGS-15 will be held in Estonia. The theme would be fixed during one of the two next EC Meetings.

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The secretary informed the GA about recent publications about AEGS:

- GMT (German geoscientific newsletter)
- BDG (German professional association for geoscientists)
- Geologues, 2 articles (French Union of Geologists)
- E-Bulletin of Episodes (IUGS)
- Episodes (will be published at the end of this year)

The secretary remembered that AEGS is an affiliated organisation of IUGS. IUGS installed rapporteurs for the affiliated organisation. Prof. Ed De Mulder (IUGS president) is the rapporteur for AEGS. He reported that De Mulder was invited to MAEGS-13, but that it was not possible for him to come. The secretary delivered greetings from Prof. Ed De Mulder to the EC board.

The secretary reported about a new IUGS initiative: Years of planet earth (2005 – 2007). Information about the initiative is found on a special created homepage: [www.esfs.org](http://www.esfs.org).

Since Ted Nield from the Geological Society of London is the Vice-president of the outreaching committee of this initiative, the secretary asked Ted Nield to explain possible connections between AEGS and the initiative. Ted Nield reported that the Chinese and the Indian Government as well as the Shell Company agreed to submit an application to the UNESCO, that this initiative gets a UNESCO initiative as well. He underlined, that if this initiative is accepted, AEGS can apply funds to organise meetings. Since the years of planet earth cover 2005 – 2007, the Turin (2005) and Estonia Meeting (2007) could possibly get funding from the UNESCO.

The secretary informed the GA, that a new scrutiniser was elected by the Executive Committee. Heinz-Gerd Röhling from the German Geological Society was elected and substitutes the scrutinizer Rogerio Rocha from the Portuguese Geological Society.

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

The secretary announced that the next EC Meeting will be held during the oncoming world congress of geology (IGC-32), which will be held in Florence next year (20-28 August 2004). An exact date will be chosen in the next weeks. The secretary will then inform the board about the date and exact venue.

The next GA of AEGS will be held during MAEGS-14, which is planned for the first half of September 2005.

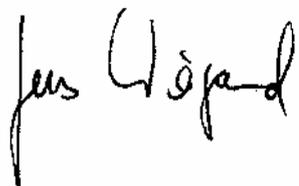
## **9. APPROVAL OF THE REPORT**

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**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jens Wiegand', written in a cursive style.

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