

Minutes of the Business Meeting GeoRisk Commission

Hyderabad, India

2 December 2004, 17:30 – 20:00, lecture hall

List of participants : Tom Beer, Alik Ismail-Zadeh, Paula Dunbar, Ramesh K. Singh, Evgeny Kontar, Gerd Tetzlaff; -David Rowbotham, Raju Sarkar, A.W. Jayawarderia; Absent commission members : Herrmann Drewes, Kosuke Heki, Susan McLean, Kuni Takeuchi, Zhongliang Wu, Volodya Kossobokov, Uri Shamir, Harsh Gupta, Slava Gusiakov.

0. The meeting was opened and presided by the commission's actual president, Tom Beer. No changes to the agenda were suggested.
1. Report of the Chair of the GeoRisk Commission (July 2003 to November 2004), Tom Beer: The president's report (*see Appendix 1*) was discussed and unanimously accepted by the Commissioners.
2. GeoRisk Commission's interaction with the GeoUnion Hazards Initiative, Tom Beer : The report was discussed with the emphasis to intensify contacts with the GeoUnion activities (*see Appendix 2*). All GeoRisk Commissioners are asked to contribute.
3. Report of the Treasurer on the budget (July 2003 to November 2004), Paula Dunbar : The treasurer reported on the budget (*see Appendix 3*). In the discussion of the budget the regular annual IUGG-contribution of US\$ 6000.— appears to be rather low. This is so in particular, because the “Webcyclopedia” costs about USD\$ 3000.—per year (see item 5 on the agenda). It was understood that there should be an increase in the annual income of the commission.
4. Report of the Vice-Chair of the Commission on the Stockholm meeting (26-27 August 2004), Alik Ismail-Zadeh : The meeting was held 26 and 27 August 2004 in Stockholm. The topics covered all natural risks and brought together scientists, journalists and the public. Some of the results were published (Nature 431, 2 September 2004, page5; Science 304, 3 September, page 1387).
5. Webcyclopedia and the web-site of the Commission, Tom Beer and Alik Ismail-Zadeh: The commission's webpage contains information on geophysical risk and sustainability (www.mtip.ru/georisk/webcyclopedia/index.html). Contributions to this webpage are needed and the commissioners are asked to find ways to contribute to the webpage.

6. Introduction of the Executives, Tom Beer : The new executives of the commission for the period 2005-2007 are : Alik Ismail-Zadeh (president), Ramesh Singh and Kuniyoshi Takeuchi (Vice-Presidents), Paula Dunbar (Treasurer), Gerd Tetzlaff (Secretary General). The new executives were confirmed by the assembled commission members.
7. Responsibilities of the executives, Tom Beer and Alik Ismail-Zadeh : The duties as presented (*see Appendix 4*) were confirmed by the commissioners.
- 8.1 IUGG-EMI International Workshop “Recent Geodynamics, Georisk and Sustainable Development in the Black Sea to Caspian Region”, 3-6 July 2005, Baku, Azerbaijan, Alik Ismail-Zadeh. The symposium is well on its way and the program almost terminated (*see Appendix 5*). For details contact Alik Ismail-Zadeh (Alik.Ismail-Zadeh@gpi.uka.de)
- 8.2 Symposium “Marine Risks and Sustainability”, IAG/IAPSO/IABO Joint Assembly, Cairns, Australia, August 22-26, 2005. For details contact Evgeny Kontar or Tom Beer (ekontar@ocean.fsu.edu, tom.beer@csiro.au).
- 9.1 L. Kantorovich Award for Achievements in Georisk Analysis – a Proposal for IUGG GeoRisk Commission Award, Alik Ismail-Zadeh. The president presented the new award (*see Appendix 6*).
- 9.2 Publications, Tom Beer and Alik Ismail-Zadeh : There will be a possibility to publish the contributions to the conferences in Stockholm and in Hyderabad in a special issue of “Natural Hazards”. The editors are Tom Beer and Akil Ismail-Zadeh. Manuscripts should be 10 published pages, the deadline for the receipt of manuscripts is the 01 March 2005.
- 9.3 GeoRisk Commission’s Participation in the EC ICZM Project Proposal, Evgeny Kontar. The proposal was presented to the commissioners and was welcomed.

Tom Beer the founding and former president of the commission thanked the commission for the efforts and wished the new executive members success in their future work.

Gerd Tetzlaff
Secretary General