



IUGG Geophysical Risk and Sustainability Commission (GRC)

Business Meeting Minutes

Melbourne Convention Centre, Room 219
30th June 2011, 12h00 to 13h30.

Present:

Members:

Kunyoshi Takeuchi, IAHS, President
Ramesh Singh, IASPEI, Vice-President
Vladimir Kossobokov, IASPEI, Vice-president
Gerd Tetzlaff, IAMAS, Secretary General
Paula Dunbar, IAPSO, Treasurer
Alik Ismail-Zadeh, IASPEI, Past-President
Harsh Gupta, IASPEI
Viacheslav Gusiakov, IAPSO
David Jackson, IASPEI
A Jayawardena, IAHS
Evgeny Kontar, IAPSO
Susan McLean, IAGA
Tom Beer, IAMAS, Honorary Member

Incoming Members:

Diana Greenslade, IAPSO
Servando de la Cruz Reina, IAVCEI
Alan Thomson, IAGA

Apologies:

Members:

Steve McNutt, IAVCEI
Uri Shamir, IAHS
Hermann Drewes, IAG
Martin Funk, IACS

Incoming Members:

John Labreque, IAG
Joan Marti, IAVCEI
David Boteler, IAGA

The meeting opened at 12h25

1. Opening

The President opened the meeting and welcomed all members of the GRC and in particular, the incoming members.

2. Introductions

All of the members present, both existing and incoming, introduced themselves briefly.

3. Agenda

The agenda had been previously circulated via e-mail. The agenda was agreed upon with no changes.

4. Activity reports (President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary General)

The President reported on his activities, describing meetings and conferences as described in the GRC Report to the IUGG Executive Meeting, namely several joint conferences with ENHANS project including the Union session as organized for the XXVth General Assembly (Melbourne, 2011). The Integrated Research on Disaster Risk Programme (IRDR) was presented as another major initiative for GRC. The upcoming IRDR Conference in Beijing (October 31 – November 2) was introduced and participation encouraged. Finally, the President addressed the new Terms of Reference (ToR) for GRC as approved by the IUGG Bureau in 2010. The President pointed out that the ToR needed some modifications in relation to membership definitions.

The reports of the two Vice-Presidents Ramesh Singh and Vladimir Kossobokoy expanded on the President's report, adding further activities such as conferences and research activities.

The Secretary General noted the importance of all members of GRC to make their relevant activities for GRC clearly visible. It was also noted that a more proactive introduction of these activities into the GRC reporting system would greatly improve the work of GRC.

In the subsequent discussion of the reports it was made clear that the visibility of GRC could best be achieved by organizing and running a GRC conference and/or event. Possible opportunities for this were during the joint IASPEI/IAPSO/IAHS conference in Gothenburg, Sweden in 2013, or a focussed GRC meeting in California (suggested by David Jackson and Ramesh Singh).

5. Financial Report

The Treasurer, Paula Dunbar, reported on the current financial status. The overall finances were sufficient to cover all running costs. The current state of the account shows a build-up of cash equivalent to about one annual allocation from the IUGG. The report also noted that the administrative conditions, and in particular, the requirements imposed by US tax laws, provide a complex operating environment.

6. New ToR

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7. Honorary Members and Advisors

The question of different types of memberships (Ordinary members, Honorary members, Advisory Board members, "Affiliated" members) was discussed. It was pointed out that there is room for improvement in the ToR.

The discussion of these items took up most of the remaining time of the meeting, with several members having to leave from 13h00 due to other commitments.

Any decisions on Honorary and Advisory members were postponed for e-mail discussions.

8. New officers

The nominated incoming members Diana Greenslade, IAPSO; Servando da la Cruz Reina, IAVCEI; Alan Thomson, IAGA; John Labreque, IAG; David Boteler, IAGA; Joan Marti, IAVCEI were formally confirmed.

Kuni Takeuchi and Vladimir Kossobokov were re-elected as President and Vice-President of the Commission, respectively.

The other officers (another Vice-President, Secretary General and Treasurer) were not elected during the meeting as no prior nominations had been made. It was not possible to nominate and elect new officers during the meeting. David Jackson volunteered for Vice-President, but the election process did not taken place during the meeting. It was decided to elect remaining officers after the meeting on an e-mail basis.

Items 9 (Future activities) and 10 (Other Business) on the agenda were postponed.

11. Closure

The meeting was closed by the President at 13h40.

G Tetzlaff (Secretary-General 2007 – 2011)

D Greenslade (Secretary-General 2011 – 2015)