

Minutes

of the

Annual NC-IUGG Committee Meeting

4 November 2020, 09:00 – 10:15

Online meeting

Committee members present

Prof. Dr Jan Seibert, President, IAHS	
Dr Charles Fierz, Secretary and treasurer, IACS	
IAG	Dr Elmar Brockmann
IAPSEI	Dr John Clinton (first 30 min)
IPA	Dr Jeannette Nötzli
IAVCEI	Prof. Dr Luca Caricchi

Committee members absent with regrets

IACS	Dr Andreas Bauder
IAGA	Prof. Dr Alexey Kuvshinov
IAMAS	Dr Zamin Kanji

President J. Seibert opens the meeting and welcomes the committee members present and notes that the quorum required by our bylaws is attained. Dr Andreas Bauder, Prof. Dr Alexey Kuvshinov, and Dr Zamin Kanji excused themselves for various reasons.

1 Acceptance of the agenda

No additions or amendments are requested by the members present.

2 Approval of the minutes of the 2019 meeting in Fribourg

The minutes are accepted as is with thanks to NC-IUGG secretary C. Fierz.

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3 Treasurer's report

The treasurer tables his report for 2019. The report displays an income of **CHF 8 000.00** and an expenditure of **CHF 14 010.00**. The bank account balance on 31 December 2019 amounted to **CHF 193.40**. The report is accepted unanimously by the members present.

4 Budget 2021

IACS, IAG, IAGA, IAHS, and IAMAS requested each CHF 2 000.00, and IASPEI CHF 2 500.- as travel support to attend IUGG related meetings in 2021; in addition, CHF 1 000.00 were requested to support the Union Lecturer at SGM 2021 (see also Agenda Item 7). The 2021 budget is pending acceptance first by the PF Geoscience and then by the Executive Council of SCNAT.

Notes:

- ◇ *The surplus of CHF 190.- was not returned to SCNAT as this would have left the committee with no funds to even pay one month of account charges.*
- ◇ *CHF 9 500.- (travel support) approved by SCNAT as of 16 December 2020.*

5 Reports from the members

Most if not all meetings in person were cancelled due to the pandemic. Online meetings could partly bridge the gap at the cost of almost no discussions and even more anonymity. Unfortunately, there were very few if no additional IUGG related activities during the year.

Short reports about other activities in 2020

IAVCEI (by L. Carricchi)

- Geneva would like to host the 2025 IAVCEI Scientific Assembly. It would involve Switzerland, Italy, France, and Germany as hosts of the Alps. A hybrid format is thought that would increase participation from low budget countries. Such meetings are feasible and are supported in particular by the University but also by Geneva Tourism.

IPA (by J. Nötzli)

- The Swiss Permafrost Monitoring Network (PERMOS) celebrates its 20th anniversary! Report articles, a special session at the SGM 2020, initiation of a new IPA Working Group on Rock Glacier Dynamics by the University of Fribourg, etc. underlines this jubilee;
- PERMOS is also involved in developing a best practice chapter on permafrost measurements to be published in the WMO Guide on Instruments and Methods of Observation.

6 Discussion on future committee leadership

- President Jan Seibert is willing to be reelected in that position for one more period. A new President will have to be found for the IUGG General Assembly in 2023 though.
- Secretary and Treasurer C. Fierz also underlines the need to think of a transition period as he will step down the latest in 2023. He notes that he 'sits' in that committee since 2007!

7 Union Lecture

It is believed the Union Lecturer 2020 will be Stephen Sparks from the University of Bristol. His talk "*Large silicic magma bodies and very large magnitude explosive eruptions*" is not announced as Union Lecture though. *Note: there were no expenses to cover as the meeting was online.*

As in 2019, C. Fierz asks the members present whether NC-IUGG should continue to support the Union Lecture. The committee agrees to support the Union Lecture at the SGM 2020 in Geneva as budgeted, but to start thinking about alternatives.

The idea comes up to promote an Early Career Research IUGG network, and we would like them to play an active role in suggesting potential speakers to the local organising committee. This initiative has the double target of promoting Early Career Researchers from Switzerland and IUGG in a more broad sense. An alternative could be a Swiss IUGG Early Career Price. Scope, organisation, etc. would have to be defined before the next budget submission.

8 Web page

C. Fierz is currently 'webmaster' and contact person for our webpage (<https://nc-iugg.scnat.ch/en>). In principle, SCNAT would like to have only one person per body to be given access to the portal as editor. On the other hand, the committee proposes to hire a student to fulfil this job. C. Fierz to inquire with SCNAT whether a second person could have access as 'co-webmaster'.

9 Varia

None.

10 Next Meeting of the committee

SGM 2021 will take place 19-20 November 2021 in Geneva. Depending on the situation the committee will meet in person or online.

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