

Minutes

of the

Annual SNC-IUGG Committee Meeting

18 November 2016, 08:45 – 10:00
ETH Zürich, NO Building, Sonneggstrasse 5, 8092 Zürich, room F47

Committee members present

Prof. Dr Jan Seibert, President, IAHS
Dr Charles Fierz, Secretary and Treasurer, IACS
IACS Dr Andreas Bauder
IAG Mr Adrian Wiget
IAGA Prof. Dr Peter Wurz
IAPSEI Dr John Clinton
IAVCEI Prof. Dr Peter Ulmer
IPA Dr Marcia Phillips

Committee members absent

IAGA Prof. Dr Peter Wurz
IAMAS Dr Christopher Hoyle

President Jan Seibert opens the meeting and welcomes the committee members present. The necessary quorum required by the bylaws is **not** attained. *Comment:*

1. Acceptance of the agenda

Adapt sub entries 4 and add 5 Nomination of Swiss IUGG Council Delegate 2015-2019.

2. Minutes of the annual committee meeting in Basel, 20 November 2015

The minutes are accepted with thanks to SNC-IUGG secretary C. Fierz.

3. Communications

Send or let send invoices to personal address: Secretary SNC-IUGG, c/o C. Fierz, Gadenstattweg 4, 7276 Davos Frauenkirch

4. Reports of the members with particular focus on the XXVI IUGG GA 2015

4.1. IUGG GA Delegates and / or Association correspondents

IUGG

- *The Swiss National Committee for IUGG supported the nomination of Prof. Michael Sideris for the position of IUGG President 2015-2019 as well as the nomination of Prof. Chris Rizos and Dr Isabelle Ansorge as members of the IUGG Bureau 2015-2019. All three were elected.*
- *Andreas Fichtner (seismology; ETHZ) and Matthias Huss (glaciology; UniFR/ETHZ), both IUGG Early Career Scientists awardees delivered lectures during a special Symposium*
- *Introduction of permanent Council Delegates*
- *Introduction of Individual Membership at Association level. Current solution fits well with Swiss feedback to IUGG*
- *2019 in Montréal*

IACS (attended)

- *IUGG about 200 – 300 cryospheric scientists present, x from CH (good turnover); IACS sessions well attended, including business sections. Many IACS partners present (IPA, UNESCO-IHP, CliC, APECS, etc.)*
- *Individual membership to be introduced by IACS in near future*
- *IACS presented its first Early Career Scientist Prize to Mathieu Morlighem*
- *The newly created Swiss Chapter of APECS organized the IACS sponsored Workshop, ~ 100 attendees, younger and older, very lively*
- *CH applied for observer status in Arctic Council: decision postponed. CH researchers more active in IASC and SCAR, in particular topic snow*
- *Evaluation GTN-G 2014 (WGMS): letter to MeteoSwiss*
- *Global Cryosphere Watch, cross-cutting WMO initiative, one of seven WMO priorities (Cg-XVII, attended by C. Fierz) => Swiss CryoNet station and site Weissfluhjoch-Davos*
- *IPCC: IACS regrets non-nomination of Th. Stocker but IACS still well represented by V. Masson-Delmotte*

IAG (attended)

The SGC produced a quadrennial report to IAG that can be found under

<http://www.sgc.ethz.ch/publications#national>

Annual report tabled and attached

IAGA (attended)

- *7 scientists from ETH took part in IAGA part of 26th IUGG General Assembly*
- *Equipping geomagnetic observatory at Valentia (Ireland) with instruments for electric field measurements, 2 – 7 May (1 scientist from ETH);*
- *Participation in ESA Swarm data quality meeting, Paris, France, 7-10 September (2 scientists from ETH)*

IAHS (attended)

T. Jonas elected President-Elect of ICSIH

IAMAS (attended)

Remember anything important: The answer is no - except of course of the elections

IAPSO

No correspondent

IASPEI (attended)

IAVCEI

IPA (attended)

- MP was at the IUGG meeting in Prague (permafrost session co-convenor).

Thank you to IUGG-CH for the financial support! IPA president Antoni Lewkowicz was also present.

- Jeannette Nötzli (PERMOS office 50%) is now based at SLF in Davos. The PERMOS Office headquarters are at the University of Fribourg, as is the other 50% part of the position.

- The permafrost researchers at SLF will be going to the XI International Conference on Permafrost in Potsdam (June 2016) - with MP as session co-convenor, field trip co-organiser and with various talks and posters.

- MP has been asked by the IPA to collaborate on the revised permafrost glossary (However there are no current updates on this project at present...)

- The summer 2015 heatwave had some very interesting effects on mountain permafrost in the Swiss Alps (e.g. increased rock fall activity and some increased active layer thicknesses - but NO increases in Active Layer thickness in ice-rich substrates).

4.2. Request for nominations for three IUGG Committees (2015-12-31)

- Capacity Building and Education Committee
- Honours and Recognition Committee
- Statutes and By-Laws Committee

5. Nomination of the Swiss IUGG Council Delegate 2015-2019

see letter Alik

Each Council Delegate, normally the President of the relevant IUGG National Committee, is expected to serve until the beginning of the first session of the subsequent Council meeting. appoint a Council Delegate with the authority to vote from 1 Dec 2015 until the beginning of the next meeting of the Council in 2019.

6. Treasurer's report

The treasurer tables his report for the. The report displays an income of CHF 7 002.15 and expenditures of CHF 6 687.60 of which CHF 290.80 is the surplus 2013 returned to SCNAT. The bank account balance on 31 December 2014 amounted to CHF 2 463.80.

Note: surplus 2014 to be returned: CHF 2414.-

The report is ~~accepted by the members present~~ with thanks to the treasurer.

7. Budget 2016

2016

Our requests for Union Lecture, travel assistance, and expenses allotted at Platform level.

[Kürzung CHF 60.-]. The allotted budget is pending acceptance by the Executive Council of SCNAT.

8. Web page

Secretary C. Fierz should update the committee page on the SCNAT portal ☹
[Portals Naturwissenschaften Schweiz www.naturwissenschaften.ch]
Zukünftig nur noch Minutes publizieren sowie Liste aktiver IUGG CH-Forscher

9. Union Lecture

2015

Dr Gupta (see SGM program). Mainly decided by SGM LOC

2016

More involvement sought from Committee?

10. Activities 2016

Presence at various meetings. Polar sciences in CH.

11. Varia

POLAR2018 Davos: preparation advancing well.

12. Next Meeting

Something to be changed?

18 November 2016 in Zürich (SGM 2016), time to be announced.

2015-12-01 / C. Fierz