

International Mineralogical Association Commission on Museums

August 15, 2018, 5:45-6:45pm

Present

Voting Members (26 total at time of the meeting, 10+1 voting present, not quorum)

Mike Rumsey, National Representative United Kingdom, Interim Chair, IMA-CM

Kim Tait, IMA-CM Secretary and National Representative USA

Ruslan Kostov, Presenter and National Representative Bulgaria

Melaine Kaliwoda, National Representative Germany

Dermot Henry, National Representative Australia

Jörgen Langhof, National Representative Sweden (call-in)

Toshiro Nagase, National Representative Japan (substitute)

Boglarka Anna Topa, National Representative Hungary (substitute)

Fédéric Hatert, National Representative Belgium (substitute)

Aaron Lussier, National Representative Canada (substitute)

Federico Pezzotta, past- Chair, IMA-CM,

Guests

Stu Mills, representing IMA Council

Oskar Lindenmayer (Museum Victoria)

Ralph Botrill (Tasmania Museum)

Peter Downes (Western Australia Museum)

Apologies

Roger Dixon, National Representative South Africa

Giovanni Pratesi, National Representative Italy (who indicated by mail he automatically agrees to any vote or decision made during the meeting)

1. Introduction (Mike Rumsey) Thank you to Federico Pezzotta for his service to this commission as Chair, thank you to Alan Hart for his service to this commission as Vice-Chair, thank you to Peter Davidson for his service to this commission as Secretary

2. Presentation Ruslan Kostov, Bulgarian Mineralogical Society President, Sofia, Bulgaria, June 19-21, 2020

Notes:

-July 5-7, 2020 proposed alternative dates to avoid St. Marie Mines mineral show

-Initiated by Bulgarian Mineralogical society. Main Institutions with members Sofia University, University of Mining and geology, University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Ministry Culture, Business firms

-Will be held at the National Museum 'Earth and Man', Sofia, the largest mineralogical museum in Bulgaria

-One day post conference Elatsite porphyry copper-gold deposit and a series of pre- and post-conference trips planned

-Field trips A and B Plovdiv, European capital of culture for 2019 and Varna The Black Sea capital of Bulgaria

-Social program- for children Muzeiko is a 3500m² largest science museum for children in SE Europe. Sofia Guided tours, art museums etc.

-Date discussion with commission members- July 3-10, 2020 (officially July 5-7, 2020 agreed on
-M&M8 vs M&M9- commission informally voted on, and those in the room unanimously agreed moving forward Sofia, Bulgaria will be referred to M&M9. There are a number of opinions on this and the acting chair has determined that the discussion is now closed.

3. M&M 10 (2024) discussion. One possible bid from the UK. European Mineralogical Conference same year would like to have them back to back to maximise attendance

4. Mission statement proposal passed around, tasked with reading and send comments to secretary and/or chair

5. Website update (Kim Tait) hope to have up and running by September 2018

6. Type catalogue (Mike Rumsey) Nicolas Meisser passed this onto Jacques Lapaire hope to update regularly and dovetail with the CNMNC database to produce online resource like the IMA mineral list.

7. Mike Rumsey has spoken to IMA Commission to see going forward if we can video conferences, email conferences and there is no issue with the Commission

8. Missing National Representative Members, Kim listed missing members. Ask for help with reaching out to these countries that we are missing.

9. Role of National Representatives. Communicate with members in their countries and report back to the IMA-CM on the 'state of affairs'. Mike Rumsey sent around the UK report on museums in the UK, propose we do something similar in our countries. Need to show activity of this commission, and also send to our mineral societies. Proposed that this is done every 6 or 12 months.

10. Discussion on hosting on website a list of mineral museums that are active in scientific research, and or have dataportals and online information, possibly coordinated by individual NR's. Dermot Henry has agreed to work on this.

11. Would like to see more members with IMA-CM as non-voting members, perhaps cross-member with SMMP, the IMA-CNMNC and an official former Chair role for continuity, agreed that these invitations appointments were sensible. Currently IMA-CNMNC cross over can be facilitated by Stuart Mills, SMMP by Mike Rumsey and Federico Pezzotta agrees to stay on as ex-chair for continuity (see above).

12. Commission members nominated two people for roles within the commission: Mike Rumsey was nominated by Kim Tait, seconded by Dermot Henry. Present voted 11-0. Stuart Mills was nominated by Kim Tait as Vice-Chair, seconded by Mike Rumsey. Present voted 10-0 (Jorgen was disconnected). Did not have quorum to officially elect, so will send on by email for other absent members to vote. Closing date will be September 30, 2018.

7:03pm, meeting adjourned.