

**International Mineralogical Association  
Commission on Museums Activity Report  
2012-13**

**Preamble**

The main event this year has been the 7<sup>th</sup> Mineralogy and Museums Conference in Dresden during August 2012. It was a very successful conference and the IMA-CM was able to organise a Special and General Meeting for National Representatives and other interested delegates. A number of other activities took place and these, along with a brief report from M&M7 are listed below.

**Commission Activities**

1. Filling the vacant Chairman post has proved to be more difficult than first envisaged. An attempt at electing a new Chair was made at the Special Meeting of the IMA-CM at M&M7 but was abandoned after some confusion and debate about the procedure. It was accepted that this was due to a lack of familiarity with IMA procedures by the secretary and a full apology was given. The secretary agreed to make a call for nominations for the post as soon as possible and that an election be held as soon as possible by e-mail. A call for nominations has now gone out and it is hoped that a new Chair will be in place by Summer 2013. Nicolas Meisser from Lausanne gave us an update of his work on the Catalogue of Type Mineral Specimens and made a speech in memoriam of Toni Stadler formerly of the Museum of Natural History in Bern who died in 2011. The meeting held a respectful minute's silence.
2. Ad hoc meetings have been held in conjunction with the Society of Mineral Museum professionals at the Denver, USA; Tucson, USA and Munich, Germany shows.
3. At the General Meeting of the IMA-CM, a presentation was made by the Japanese Association of Mineralogical Sciences to host the next Mineralogy and Museums conference (M&M8) in Itoigawa in September 2016. After the meeting, the secretary was approached by a delegate from the Geological Museum of China with an enquiry regarding hosting M&M8 in Beijing. The secretary urged the Chinese delegation to draw up a submission as soon as possible for consideration by the Commission.

4. The list of Commission Council members is continually being updated. There have been a number of changes over the last couple of years and these have been noted.
5. As noted in last year's report, a Facebook site has been opened under the name of the Society of Mineral Museum Professionals. This will be supplemented by an online discussion forum hosted by the MinDat site. Activity at the Facebook site has been very disappointing but there has been a reasonable level of discussion at the Forum.

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