COMMISSION ON CLASSIFICATION OF MINERALS (CCM)

Summary of the activity of CCM (2003)

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The main activities of the Commission in 2003 can be summarized as follows:

- 1) The contribution to the activity of the commission is connected with two fundamental books published in 2003:
- J.Lima-de-Faria "Classification of Minerals" Volume 2: Minerals with ApBqCrDs to ApBqCrDsExFyGz General Chemical Formulas. Kluwer academic Publishers, Solid Earth Science Library, Vol.11A, Dordrecht, 2003.
- N.V.Chukanov et al. « Minerals of labuntsovite group», Moscow, « Nauka », 2003, P. 323.
- 2) Home-page of the commission on the classification of minerals was updated in IMA www site. The home-page comprises: i) objectives; ii) various approaches to the classification of minerals; iii) news, current events and information about recent publications.
- 3) The list of the CCM members was updated.
- 4) The CCM is among the main organizers of the General symposium G 15.03 titled "Crystal structures of minerals: topology and classification" (convenors: D.Pushcharovsky, E.Tillmanns)-IGC-32 in Florence (2003). The convenors began to elaborate the program of this symposium.
- 5) Members of CCM participated in the conference "XRD studies of minerals" which was organized in S-Peterburg (Russia) September, 2003.
- 6) The main subdivisions of classification of China gemstones were elaborated.