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## Organizational Meeting of the (Provisional) International Mineralogical Association

Call to order by the convener

- A. The meeting was called to order by the convener, Professor M. J. Buerger, in room 106 of the Physical Sciences Center of McGill University, Montreal, at 10 AM on Tuesday, July 16, 1957 this time having been published in the Programme of the 4th International Congress of the International Union of Crystallography. The delegates listed below and about 50 other interested crystallographers and mineralogists were present.

(The convener distributed a list of "suggested agenda". All items on this list were considered in the meeting though not exactly in the order listed. The headings underlined in these minutes are taken from the list of "suggested agenda".)

B. Recognition by the Convener of Delegates from the several countries.

The following delegates were recognized:-

|                         |   |                |
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| Dr. Anton Preisinger    | - | Austria        |
| Prof. W. Dekeyser       | - | Belgium        |
| Prof. L. G. Berry       | - | Canada         |
| Dr. Mauricio Taba       | - | Chile          |
| <u>Prof. Jean Wyart</u> | - | <u>France</u>  |
| Prof. F. Laves          | - | Germany        |
| Prof. Angelo Bellanca   | - | Italy          |
| Dr. R. Sadanaga         | - | Japan          |
| Prof. J. L. Amorós      | - | Spain          |
| Professor Gunnar Hägg   | - | Sweden         |
| Prof. Werner Nowacki    | - | Switzerland    |
| Academician N. V. Belov | - | U. S. S. R.    |
| Dr. G. F. Claringbull   | - | United Kingdom |
| Prof. M. J. Buerger     | - | U. S. A.       |

Professor T. G. Sahama, the delegate from Finland, was unable to attend.

The convener reported that no delegates had been nominated from Brazil or Norway though preliminary communications had been sent to the appropriate persons in those countries.

(In order to inform those present the convener then read the letter which had been sent to mineralogical societies throughout the world inviting them to send delegates to this meeting.)

C. Election of Chairman for the meeting.

M. J. Buerger was elected

D. Election of Secretary for the meeting.

A. Pabst was elected

E. Discussion of the form and characteristics of the International Mineralogical Association.

Professor Fornaseri raised the question of whether the new organization should be a "Union" or an "Association". Amorós, Buerger, Claringbull, Donnay, Mason and Nowacki contributed to the following discussion. Dr. Claringbull gave a brief account of preliminary consultations which had taken place in Europe. Professor Buerger suggested that the organization be "an association of mineralogical societies". Dr. Mason raised the question of possible participation by two or more societies which may exist in the same country or region.

Chairman Buerger summarized the discussion in these words:-

"It is the sense of this meeting that the proposed organization be an association of mineralogical and related societies operating on a national basis."

This summary was approved by the delegates.

The existence of a multiplicity of so-called "Mineral Societies" in some countries and the absence of mineralogical societies in others and the existence of "Natural History Societies" which include mineralogy in their fields of interest was mentioned in the discussion.

A vote was taken on the question of permitting adherence of two or more societies representing one country. It was unanimous that only one society should be permitted to represent each country.

Chairman Buerger then outlined proposed activities for the Association. This outline was based in part on suggestions that had been offered by various persons in the course of preliminary correspondence. It was clear from this correspondence that certain mineralogical business should be dealt with on an international basis through Commissions of the Association. The Chairman suggested that the following Commissions should probably be established:-

1. On new species
2. On preservation and accessibility of type material
3. On nomenclature
4. On abstracts
5. On the continued publication and revision of the System of Mineralogy

The Chairman also mentioned the need for:-

6. A program committee
7. A committee on excursions.

Professor Amorós stated that it would be desirable to establish a committee of directors and curators of mineralogical museums. After some discussion it was agreed that there be added to the list above-

8. Commission on museums. (Dr. A. J. Frueh disagreed with this proposal.)

Dr. P. A. Sabine mentioned the recent organization of a Geochemical Association on an international basis. Professor Fisher responded that this might be considered to have no connection with mineralogy and Chairman Buerger pointed out that it is an association of individuals. It was suggested that it might even become one of the constituent organizations of the proposed I. M. A.

Professor Fisher pointed out the need for a Committee on Committees.

F. Selection of time and place of next meeting of "The (Provisional) International Mineralogical Association".

Professor Amorós proposed that the meeting be held in Madrid in April, 1958.

Professor Nyart inquired how many would attend the meeting.

The proposal of Professor Amorós was unanimously adopted.

Dr. Claringbull offered interim facilities for conducting the business of I. M. A. in the office of the Mineralogical Society, 41 Queen's Gate, London SW 7.

G. Election of committee to draw up a constitution.

Election of Interim Chairman.

Election of Interim Secretary.

Election of Interim Treasurer.

Election of (two) Interim Councilors.

These items on the "Suggested Agenda" were considered together.

a. It was moved by Professor Amorós and duly seconded that :-

The committee to draw up the constitution be selected from the interim officers.

After discussion this motion was unanimously adopted.

b. It was moved by Professor Amorós, seconded by Professor Laves and unanimously adopted that :-

Six interim councilors should be elected.

c. Chairman Buerger then called for nominations for the several offices. The nominations were in some cases accompanied by suggestions for minor changes in the proposed list of officers and it was considered desirable that the interim officers be resident in Europe and that the total of officers and councilors be an odd number.

The following interim officers were elected by vote of those present at the meeting:-

|                     |                         |               |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Chairman            | Dr. G. F. Claringbull   |               |
| Vice-chairman       | Professor F. Laves      |               |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Professor J. L. Amorós  |               |
| Councilors          | Professor L. G. Berry   | (Canada)      |
|                     | Dr. C. Guillemin        | (France)      |
|                     | Professor M. Fornaseri  | (Italy)       |
|                     | Professor F. Wickman    | (Sweden)      |
|                     | Professor Grigoriev     | (U. S. S. R.) |
|                     | Professor M. J. Buerger | (U. S. A.)    |

Dr. Taba moved and it was duly seconded that :-

The elected officers and councilors be empowered to choose a committee from among their own number to draft a constitution.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Dr. Claringbull moved and it was duly seconded that :-

The committee to draft the constitution shall have the power to co-opt members.

The motion was unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at about noon.

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 These minutes are being distributed to:-

1. Members of the committee which carried on preliminary correspondence
2. All delegates to the Organizational Meeting
3. All officers and councilors elected at Montreal
4. The principal officers of scientific mineralogical societies ~~for~~ so far as known.

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