

REPORTS OF IAEG MEETING 2015

—IAEG Meeting of Executive Committee and Council Held in New Delhi, India

IAEG has held its Meetings of Executive Committee and Council on October 25th and 26th , 2015 in New Delhi, India during the Celebrating 50 Years of ISEG— International Conference on Engineering Geology In New Millennium 2015 . The president of IAEG Professor Scott Burns chaired the meetings.

I. Executive Committee Meeting

All the 11 Executive members attended the Executive Committee meeting on 25th October, Scott made the welcome address the President, Immediate Past President, Secretary General, Treasurer, Vice Presidents, Editors in Chief of Bulletin and of Website have given their reports, and some important issues have been discussed referring finance situation, the membership fees recruiting, the establishment of strategy of Commission and Education Commission, relationship with sister societies, Bulletin, website, the FedIGS meeting and the FedIGS Cooperation Agreement, proposal for IAEG-International Research Program (IRP) & IAEG Science-Technology Awards (S-T Awards).

After the Executive Meeting, the India Group members have been to the meeting room, showing the great welcome to all the IAEG Executive Members.



Group Photo of the ExCom Members



Group Photo of the ExCom Members with the India Group

II. The Council Meeting

The Council meeting was held on 26th October, representatives of 26 national and regional groups, 11 Executive Committee members, 3 past presidents and chairmen of 4 Commissions attended the meeting.

Professor Resat Ulusay is invited to present the meeting on behalf of ISRM.

Scott chaired the meeting, and made the welcome address. The following issues have been discussed and related decisions have been made in the meeting:

1. The secretariat work

The state of membership was introduced by the Secretary General, Faquan Wu. IAEG now has 4162 members including 1967 with Bulletin, a big progress compared with the year 2014, a 8% increase has reached. For the inactive national groups, the Executive Committee members proposed to keep close contact with them by email, phone calls, postal letters and traveling to the national group. The Secretariat also proposed to promote the development of the discipline of Engineering Geology and advance the development of science and technology in the field of engineering geology and the environment, advocating the establishment of IAEG Strategy Committee and Education Committee.

2. The financial state of IAEG

Jean-Alain Fleurisson introduced the Financial report of 2015, Budget for 2016. The financial result for 2014 is 49.9k€ in debt, but IAEG still has 394k€ in the bank account, the most reason for the negative financial balance of last financial year is mainly because of celebrating the 50th anniversary year, and the expense for the Marcel Arnould medal of Torino conference 2014, these two reasons mainly caused the big negative number for last financial year. But the budgets will get back to normal for the next year.

3. Bulletin

Martin Culshaw gave a presentation on the Bulletin work, lots of work have been done by Martin and his working team , the presentation shows the progress and also the problems need to be solved in Bulletin work, Bulletin may move to on-line only publication in the future.

4. Website

The new IAEG website provides two main developments including efficient management of the web pages and users, and compatibility with the modern devices. During these years three versions of the website have been published in order to follow technological progress and to grant better functionalities to the members. Fresh contents as video lectures, IAEG Congress video streaming presentations, blog posts, courses, news, and IAEG events are the core of the site and key elements necessary to maintain in step with the times for our association.

5. IAEG Fee Recruiting

Martin Culshaw gave a report on IAEG Sub-Committee on Fees which consists of Martin Culshaw, Jean-Alain Fleurisson, Giorgio Lollino and Fred Baynes. Martin gave a review on the IAEG fee structure and fee levels, and recommend some changes for the Fees Recruiting.

6. Commissions [TOC]

Carlos introduced the reports from the members of Technical Overseeing Committee (TOC) on the state of IAEG Commissions, though some Commissions are closed last year, we still have active Commissions making efforts to push the development of the Commissions, these Commissions are strong and have potential ability to keep moving on. The new established Commission on LANDSLIDE NOMENCLATURE will bring more communications and interactions for IAEG.

7. IAEG sponsored meetings

- 1) The Council approves the IAEG sponsorship to the International Symposium on Challenges for Engineering Geology and Geotechnics after Natural Disasters on 20th -23th June, 2016 in Sofia, Bulgaria.
- 2) The Council approves the IAEG sponsorship to the International Symposium on Marine Engineering Geology (ISMEG 2016) on 21th -23th October, 2016 in Qingdao, China.
- 3) The Council approves the IAEG sponsorship to the 2017 IAEG Congress GeoMEast International Conference on 15th -19th July, 2017 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.
- 4) After secret ballot between Malaysia and Nepal by the Council, the 11th Asian Regional Conference of IAEG 2017 will be hold in Nepal .
- 5) The Council approves the IAEG sponsorship to the International Symposium on Engineering Geology for Urban Sustainability in 2017 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

6) The Council approves the report of IAEG Congress 2018 in Los Angeles USA.



Photo of Scott Burns chairing the Council meeting



Group Photo of the Council Members in New Delhi 2015