



**Minutes of the
3rd IACS Plenary Administrative Meeting
Melbourne – June 29, 2011
12:30-14:00**

Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
1 Convention Centre Place
South Wharf, Victoria 3006

Room MR207

AGENDA and Minutes

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks (Ian Allison)

The President, Ian Allison (in the following abbreviated as P Allison) welcomed the national IACS delegates, guests at the Plenary as well as the newly to be elected- and the old IACS Bureau members to the Plenary meeting.

2. * Amendments to the Agenda**

No requests for changes of the agenda were submitted and the current one was unanimously adopted. However, in order to ensure that all national IACS delegates would be present at agenda items requiring their votes and taking into account the quite recent change in the timing for the Plenary (from 12:00-13:30 to 12:30-14:00), P Allison proposed a slight rearrangement of agenda items (see p. 2 of Appendix PL03-A). The original arrangement, however, is retained in the present minutes of the Plenary meeting.

3. An introduction to IACS and President's Report (Ian Allison)

P Allison gave a general introduction to IACS, its major goal, objectives, structure and main activities.

4. IACS activities since the Montreal MOCA-09 Assembly (Ian Allison)

This was followed by a concise report on major activities undertaken since the last Plenary, which took place during the joint IAMAS, IAPSO, IACS Assembly MOCA-09 in Montreal in July 2009 (see Appendix PL03-A for more details).

He continued by inviting any national Delegate to give a brief report on IACS related activities in her/his respective country. The Delegate of the Russian Republic, Dr. Tatiana Y. Khromova accepted this invita-

tion and presented a brief account on activities in Russia. She offered a CD with the full report, which provides more details.

5. **Secretary General's Report** (SG Lange)

*** Submission of audited accounts of IACS for 2009-2011 (see Statutes & Bylaws, 3.3b(v))

Secretary General Manfred Lange (SG Lange) presented a figure (see p. 15 of Appendix PL03-A) representing expenses (according to a number of expense categories) and income (according to a number of income categories) for the years 2008-2010 in comparison to 2011.

Before proceeding, he carried out a roll call in order to record all national Delegates present at the Plenary. The result of this roll call is presented in Appendix PL03-B.

He carried on by presenting the statement of an auditor, who had reviewed the IACS Balance sheet (as prepared by SG Lange), which had been submitted to him prior to the Plenary meeting (the statement is reproduced on p. 16 of Appendix PL03-A). P Allison asked the National Delegates present, if there was any objection on accepting the IACS balance sheet as prepared by SG Lange. Since there were no objections, the IACS Balance sheet was unanimously approved by all National Delegates present at the Plenary.

6. **Report on the 6th IACS Bureau meeting (Part I; June 27, 2011)** (SG Lange)

P Allison and SG Lange gave a brief account on some of the main decisions taken during the first IACS Bureau meeting during the IUGG2011 General Assembly.

7. ***** Election of new Bureau for 2011-2015**

P Allison gave a brief report on the process leading to the nomination of new IACS Bureau members (p 19 of Appendix PL03-A).

He introduced the new slate of candidates (p 20 of Appendix PL03-A), particularly those present at the Plenary: Charles Fierz, Andrew Mackintosh, Cunde Xiao, Hiroyuki Enomoto. Two of the current Bureau members have agreed to continue to serve in the new Bureau: Valérie Masson Delmotte and Ralf Greve. All candidates were unanimously accepted by the National Delegates present at the Plenary.

8. ***** Changes to IACS Statutes and By-laws**

P. Allison introduced a number of minor changes to the IACS Statutes and By-laws (p 17 and 18 of Appendix PL03-A). These changes, which are slightly altered in comparison to an earlier version, which had been sent to the Delegates in due time were unanimously accepted by the National Delegates present at the Plenary. The new versions of the IACS Statutes and By-laws in English and French are provided in Appendices PL03-C and D, respectively.

9. **IACS Future activities**

9.1. Divisional activities

P Allison summarized reports of Division heads that had been presented during the first IACS Bureau meeting during the IUGG2011 General Assembly.

9.2. Sponsored Scientific meetings

A brief summary was given at the Plenary for "information only".

9.3. IAMAS/IACS Assembly, 2013 (DACA-13) (short presentation by Swiss National Organizing Committee)

Two members of the Swiss National Organizing Committee of the IAMAS/IACS Assembly, 2013 (DACA-13) briefly introduced the main rationale and the envisioned structure of the joint IAMAS/IACS Assembly, which will take place in Davos, Switzerland in the summer of 2013 (for more details, see the DACA-13 web-site: www.daca-13.org).

9.4. Call for future "Scientific Assemblies"

A brief summary on "Scientific Assemblies" was given at the Plenary for "information only".

9.5. Working Groups and Standing Groups

P Allison briefly referred back to the existing as well as to a few new WGs or SGs, which had been presented and discussed during the first IACS Bureau meeting during the IUGG2011 General Assembly.

9.6. Relationship with other organizations

A brief summary on Relationship to other organizations was given at the Plenary for "information only".

9.7. Revitalisation of the inter-organisational "Cryo-managers meetings"

A short report on an initiative involving a number of IACS Bureau members and various organizations involved in Cryospheric research was given by PE Fierz.

10. Gaps and new directions (open discussion)

There was no response from the audience to voice any opinions about existing gaps and possible new directions in IACS portfolio of activities.

11. Any other business

***** Honorary IACS membership to Past President Gerald Jones**

P Allison briefly introduced a proposal by the IACS Bureau to bequest Honorary Membership in IACS on PP H Gerald Jones (Canada). An account on this initiative is given on p. 21 of Appendix PLO3-A. This was unanimously accepted by National Delegates

12. Closure

After thanking all participants of the meeting, in particular the IACS National Delegates, the meeting was closed by P Allison at the set time of 14:00.

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Items marked ***

Only nominated national Delegates, or their formally notified proxy, can vote on these issues. A list of candidates for Bureau election, and the proposed changes to the Statutes and By-laws, has been distributed to Delegates and national correspondents. Delegates unable to attend and without a Proxy can vote by mail, provided their correspondence is received by the Secretary General before the day of the Plenary Administrative meeting.