

Meeting summary of the first meeting of the IAG Executive Committee 2007 – 2011

Place: Department of Education, Main Hall, Perugia, Italy

Time: Tuesday, 10 July 2007, 17:00 – 20:05

Attendees:	IAG President	Michael Sideris
(voting)	IAG Vice-president	Chris Rizos
	IAG Secretary General	Hermann Drewes
	Immediate Past President	Gerhard Beutler
	President Commission 1	Zuheir Altamimi
	President Commission 2	Yoichi Fukuda
	Vice-president Comm. 3	Richard Gross
	President Commission 4	Sandra Verhagen
	Chair of GGOS	Markus Rothacher
	President of the COB	József Ádám
	Representative of Services	Steve Kenyon
	Representative of Services	Ruth Neilan
	Representative of Services	Harald Schuh
	Member at Large	Richard Wonnacott
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Attendees:	Chair of ICC on Theory	Nico Sneeuw
(non-voting)	Vice-chair of ICCT	Pavel Novák

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Status of IAG in overview
3. Structure of Commissions: Vice-Presidents, Steering Committee
4. Status of Services
5. Status of GGOS
6. Status of Communication and Outreach Branch
7. Inter-Commission Committees
8. Study Groups: Inter-Commission, Commissions-Services
9. The Geodesist's Handbook 2007/2008
10. Next IAG EC meeting
11. Any other business

1. Welcome

M. Sideris welcomed the members of the new IAG Executive Committee (14 out of 15 voting members and 2 non-voting members) and presented the agenda. It was unanimously adopted.

2. Status of IAG in overview

M. Sideris and *G. Beutler* gave a general operation breakdown of IAG and informed that changes of the IAG Statutes and Bylaws were adopted by the IAG Council during the General Assembly in Perugia (new Statutes and Bylaws to be found at <http://iag.dgfi.badw.de>).

M. Sideris explained the formal procedure in the EC which strictly follows Robert's rules of order. Voting will be done only after a proper motion which is seconded by at least one other EC member.

3. Structure of Commissions

M. Sideris presented the names of the Commission's Vice-presidents as proposed by the Commission Presidents:

- Commission 1: Michael Craymer
- Commission 2: Peter Visser
- Commission 3: Richard Gross
- Commission 4: Dorota Grejner-Brzezinska

There was a general discussion whether Commissions and Sub-commissions should have formal memberships (lists of names). It was agreed that they should not, but only Projects, Study Groups and Working Groups should have nominated members.

Z. Altamimi, Y. Fukuda, R. Gross, and S. Verhagen presented the draft structures of Commissions 1, 2, 3, and 4.

4. Status of Services

S. Kenyon gave an overview of the International Gravity Field Service (IGFS) with its "IGFS-Centres" BGI, IGeS, ICET, ICGEM, IDEMS (see <http://www.igfs.net>). He reported on main IGFS activities like global gravity field models, global vertical datum, altimetry service, GPS levelling, temporal gravity changes, gravimetry networks, etc.

R. Neilan gave the report on IGS, PSMSL and DORIS. She mentioned that five members of the IAG EC are identical with members of the IGS Governing Board, so there is a close connection. The PSMSL participated in the GOOS Workshop in Paris (GLOSS-GE-X, 6-8 June 2007). IDS published a special issue of Journal of Geodesy.

M. Rothacher reported on the IERS, ILRS and IBS. There will be two workshops related to the IERS in Paris, 17-21 September 2007, namely the Journées 2007 "Systèmes de référence spatio-temporels" followed by the "IERS Workshop on Conventions". The ILRS had a Working Group meeting in Perugia, 9-10 July 2007 and will have its "Fall ILRS Workshop and ILRS AWG Meeting" in Grasse, France, 24-28 September 2007.

H. Schuh added the recent activities of the IVS. Harald Schuh was elected as the new IVS Chair at the IVS Directing Board meeting in Wettzell, February 2007. He also mentioned the IVS Analysis Workshop and the Second VLBI 2010 Working Meeting in Vienna, as well as the 4th IVS Technical Operations Workshop at Haystack Observatory, all in April 2007.

5. Status of GGOS

M. Rothacher presented the status of the Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS). With the changes of the IAG Statutes, adopted by the IAG Council on 9 July 2007, GGOS is no longer an Association Project, but an IAG component like commissions and services. The GGOS terms of reference were changed accordingly, and new elements were included in the structure. Recent activities were the IUGG Union session US003 and the IAG Symposium GS005 in Perugia. He also highlighted the activities in the Group on Earth Observations (GEO). Upcoming meetings are a GGOS workshop in conjunction with the Third Workshop of the IGOS-P Geohazard Theme (Frascati, Italy, 5-9 November 2007) and a Unified Analysis Workshop together with the IAG Services before the AGU Fall Meeting (San Francisco, CA, 5-7 December 2007).

6. Status of Communication and Outreach Branch

J. Ádám explained that the new COB Steering Committee has to be set up. According to the IAG Bylaws (§18f) there are three ex-officio members (COB President, IAG Secretary General, JoG Editor-in-Chief) and up to five other members appointed by the EC upon proposal of the COB President. *C. Rizos, M. Poutanen, G. Todt, R. Neilan, and H. Hornik.* were unanimously appointed.

M. Sideris mentioned the new IAG brochure in preparation and asked the commission presidents for support in the update (see IAG web-page <http://www.iag-aig.org>). *J. Ádám* asked also for assistance in the update of the IAG flyer and drew the attention to the IAG newsletters. Up to date there were 42 issues edited.

7. Inter-Commission Committees

Actually, there is only one Inter-Commission Committee, namely the ICC on Theory (ICCT). According to the IAG Bylaws (§17b) the President and Vice-president are appointed by the EC. *N. Sneeuw* was appointed President and *P. Novak* Vice-president.

8. Study Groups: Inter-commission, Commission - Services

This topic has been covered by the presentations and discussions under agenda topic 3. The final structure will be included in the outline of commissions and services for the Geodesist's Handbook (see below).

9. The Geodesist's Handbook 2007/2008

The Geodesist's Handbook with the IAG structure for the period 2007-2011, the reports on the XXIVth General Assembly, and administrative issues will be edited jointly by *J. Ádám* and *H. Drewes* as the first volume of the Journal of Geodesy in 2008 (see *J. of Geodesy*, 77, 11-12, 2004).

10. Next IAG EC Meeting

M. Sideris proposed to have the next EC meeting during the AGU Fall Meeting in San Francisco, CA, 8-14 December 2007. The definitive date will be given as soon as possible.

11. Other Business

M. Sideris informed that the three IUGG resolutions proposed by IAG have been approved, but some changes have been made in the text. *V. Dehant* will look after the severity of changes and eventually claim them back at IUGG.

End of session: 08:05 p.m.

Hermann Drewes
Secretary General