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Report on the Foundation of the INTERNATIONAL MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION

A. Preliminaries

At a meeting of the *International Union of Crystallography* held in Montreal from July 10th—20th, 1957, delegates from 14 countries (Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, U.S.S.R., United Kingdom, United States) met on July 16 to consider the desirability of founding an *International Mineralogical Association* (I. M. A.). It was agreed to proceed with this scheme and a provisional committee was elected to carry out the preparatory work and to draft a constitution for the proposed Association. The provisional committee was composed as follows:

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| <i>Chairman</i> | Dr. Claringbull (Great Britain) |
| <i>Vice-Chairman:</i> | Prof. Laves (Germany) |
| <i>Secretary-Treasurer:</i> | Prof. Amoros (Spain) |
| <i>Councillors:</i> | Prof. Berry (Canada) |
| | Dr. Guillemin (France) |
| | Prof. Fornaseri (Italy) |
| | Prof. Wickman (Sweden) |
| | Prof. Grigoriev (U.S.S.R.) |
| | Prof. Buerger (U.S.A.) |

On December 10th 1957 a first circular was sent by the provisional committee to all mineralogical societies inviting them to send delegates to an *Inaugural Meeting* to be held in the week beginning April 6th, 1958 at *Madrid*. The circular also contained the provisional committee's proposals as to what commissions should be set up by the I. M. A. to cope with various problems and difficulties besetting mineralogists in all countries and therefore calling for international co-operation. Circulars with further details of the agenda and programmes of excursions to be carried out before and after the inaugural meeting were sent in February and March 1958 to the various mineralogical societies.

B. Inaugural Meeting

On Tuesday April 8th, 1958 at 10.00 a. m. in the Salon de Juntas of the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas in Madrid, delegates from 14 nations assembled for the purpose of formally founding the I. M. A. The meeting was presided over by Professor F. Laves. The following delegates were called and found to be present. (Those whose names are in italics were entitled to vote):

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| Austria: | <i>Dr. A. Preisinger</i> | Japan: | <i>Prof. T. Ito</i> |
| Belgium: | Dr. R. van Tassel | | Dr. N. Katayama |
| Canada: | <i>Prof. L. G. Berry</i> | | Dr. I. Sunagawa |
| Finland: | <i>Prof. T. G. Sahama</i> | Netherlands: | <i>Prof. F. E. de Wijs</i> |
| France: | <i>Mlle S. Caillère</i> | Spain: | <i>Prof. J. L. Amoros</i> |
| | Dr. C. Guillemin | | Prof. V. Aleixandre |
| Germany: | <i>Prof. F. Laves</i> | Sweden: | <i>Prof. F. E. Wickman</i> |
| | Prof. F. Leutwein | Switzerland: | <i>Prof. R. L. Parker</i> |
| | Prof. H. Winkler | U.S.A.: | <i>Prof. M. J. Buerger</i> |
| Great Britain: | <i>Prof. C. E. Tilley</i> | | Prof. C. Frondel |
| | Dr. N. F. M. Henry | U.S.S.R.: | <i>Prof. D. P. Grigoriev</i> |
| Italy: | <i>Prof. E. Onorato</i> | | Prof. Vlassow |
| | Dr. M. Fornaseri | | |
| | Dr. G. Fagnani | | |

By a unanimous vote of the delegates it was resolved to found the Association and to name it the *International Mineralogical Association*. Its aim shall be to further international co-operation in Mineralogical Science.

The draft statutes and bye-laws prepared and submitted by the interim committee were then discussed in detail and agreed to in amended form. The statutes as finally adopted are appended to this report.

It was suggested by the chairman that commissions be set up to deal with the following subjects: museums, abstracts, new minerals.

The meeting thereupon adjourned.

C. Business Session

This session was opened on Wednesday April 9th, 1958 by Professor Laves who on behalf of the interim committee presented a list of nominated candidates for the Executive Committee. Further candidates were nominated by delegates. In a ballot the delegates elected the following

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE I.M.A.

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| <i>President:</i> | Prof. Parker (Switzerland) |
| <i>1. Vice-President:</i> | Prof. Wickman (Sweden) |
| <i>2. Vice-President:</i> | Prof. Grigoriev (U.S.S.R.) |
| <i>Secretary:</i> | Prof. Amoros (Spain) |
| <i>Treasurer:</i> | Prof. Fisher (U.S.A.) |
| <i>Councillors:</i> | Prof. Orcel (France) |
| | Prof. Onorato (Italy) |
| | Prof. Ito (Japan) |
| <i>Past President:</i> | This office cannot be filled at present |

The newly-elected president then took the chair and conducted elections for the chairmen and secretaries of the three commissions mentioned above and for a fourth to deal with mineral data, the setting up of which had been generally desired. The results of these elections were as follows:

COMMISSION ON ABSTRACTS

Chairman: Prof. Onorato Secretary: Dr. Henry

COMMISSION ON DATA

Chairman: Prof. Strunz Secretary: Prof. Pabst

COMMISSION ON NEW MINERALS

Chairman: Dr. Fleischer Secretary: Dr. Guillemin

COMMISSION ON MUSEUMS

Chairman: Prof. Frondel Secretary: Prof. Leutwein

The members of the commissions will be elected by the member-societies who may name one representative for each commission. More than one member of a society may be present in a commission if a member of that society is an officer of the commission.

The delegates resolved to fix the value of the "Units" to be paid by each member-society at \$10.— per annum.

D. Other Sessions

In addition to the sessions mentioned above, four others were held. At these the delegates discussed the following topics: Nomenclature and new minerals; mineralogical museums; mineralogical abstracts; mineral data and publications. A *symposium* was also held dealing with present and future work in mineralogy, geo-chemistry and petrography. The speakers were: V. Aleixandre, M. Fornaseri, D. P. Grigoriev, T. Ito, F. Laves, A. Preisinger, T. Sahama, A. San Miguel, and C. E. Tilley.

After the inaugural meeting the delegates were offered a *Vino de Honor* by the C. S. I. C. They were also entertained to a formal dinner at the close of the Madrid meeting.

Many delegates took part in an excursion from Barcelona to the Costa Brava and in another which included visits to Toledo, the lead mines of Linares, Valdepeñas, Cordoba, and Granada.

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