



Participants of field trip #6.



Zhaoshan Chang identifies the giant andradite crystals in the skarn sample that Larry Meinert is holding from near the Anqing deposit in Anhui Province, China during SGA field trip #6.



Jan Pasava (SGA Executive Secretary) and Mei-Fu Zhou (SGA Regional Vice President for SGA).



Hartwig Frimmel, SGA President 2006-2007 keeping a watchful eye for new members at the SGA exhibit.



Some of the students at the conference. Front row. Left to right: Ana Jesus, Ágata Dias and Patrícia Conceição and back row from left to right: Álvaro Pinto, Raul Jorge, Carlos Rosa and Jorge Relvas.



Student volunteers at the closing ceremony



Student volunteers aoutside the Academic Exchange Center of the China University of Geosciences



J. Mao with organizing personnel aoutside the Academic Exchange Center of the China University of Geosciences



J. Mao with student volunteers aoutside the Academic Exchange Center of the China University of Geosciences



Susan Leach (Coordinator of the guest program) and Kayla Martin enjoys a ride in a rickshaw in Beijing's ancient Hutong neighborhoods.



J. Mao (left) and J. Pasava (middle) with some of the Meeting participants at the Beijing Duck dinner.



SGA members G. Beaudoin, M. Malo, J. Pasava, and A. Cheilletz (left to right)celebrating the end of the SGA Biennial Meeting at the Beijing Duck party together with two Chinese members of the organizing personnel.

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News of the Council

Report of the President (D. Leach)

D. Leach reported on the period from the last Council Meeting (August 2005), which was mostly devoted to various issues related to the Beijing meeting. Then he thanked the Council for active collaboration on SGA matters during his presidential term. The Council highly appreciated his outstanding performance as SGA President.

Status of revisions to the SGA document "Organizing a SGA Biennial Meeting" (D. Leach)

D. Leach informed Council about his ongoing work on a revision to the "Guide to organizing a biennial meeting – which will include requirements for recognition of session leaders, reviewers, and selection of the editors for the proceedings. The document should be completed in about 2 months.

Report of the Executive Secretary (J. Pasava)

J. Pasava reported on new memberships from August 16, 2005 to December 6, 2005 and other administrative activities associated with his position (various correspondence with IUGS, SGA members, SEG, IAGOD, UNESCO and other agencies). He also informed Council members that the SGA Historical Archive received from Dr. L. Weber (Austria) turned out to be a part of membership archive without any founding documents. He also prepared the 2005 Annual Report for IUGS.

Report of the Treasurer (P. Herzig)

P. Herzig reported on results of the recent audit of SGA financial reports for 2003-2005. The Council expressed great appreciation for his more than 10 year's of hard work that resulted in the healthy financial situation of the Society. The financial report for 2005 will be submitted to the next SGA Council meeting.

Report of the Chief Editors, MD (B. Lehmann, L. Meinert)

B. Lehmann informed the Council about the 6 month-delayed schedule in printing MD, which resulted from changes in Springer administrative and editorial staff as well as the reduction of acceptable manuscripts. To date 5 issues were printed and the next issue (double 6/7 with 150 pages) will be printed in early January 2006. It is expected that the printing schedule will be back on track during spring 2006. In addition, the total number of pages annually has been revised so that in the future Mineralium Deposita will have 900 pages each year. The Council thanked the Chief Editors for their efforts.

Reports of Regional VPs

Updates on activities were received from RVPs for Australia/Oceania, Europe and North America.

SGA Council then discussed various issues related to RVPs reports and approved the following:

- to not go for deals offered by Publishers that are not willing to reduce prices of past SGA proceedings volumes,
- to use these volumes only for display at meetings to document what SGA does,
- to offer available sets of Proceedings from Athens (2003) for USD 90 and Proceedings from Beijing (2005) for 130 USD at various SGA organized and/or sponsored meetings
- to send several reminders about SGA membership fee payments
- to introduce the following late SGA membership fee payments:

New prices (EUR)

	By January 31	After January 31
Regular	65	80
Senior	45	50
Student	10	15
Corporate	200	200

Council thanked all RVPs and approved their reports with great appreciation.

Suggested changes in the nominating procedure for SGA officers (H. Frimmel)

H. Frimmel presented a proposal for changes in the nomination procedure for candidates for SGA officers. After discussion the Council approved unanimously the following:

- changes in Article III - Section 1 (By-laws), which now reads:

Section 1- Nomination

The Nominating Committee shall, during the first year of tenure of the President, ask Council and the membership at large for suggestions pertaining to the nomination of candidates for each office to be filled, and transmit its nominations to the Secretary prior to February 1 of the following year. Nominees must have shown their commitment to, and interest in, the Society prior to their nomination, e.g. through membership of SGA. Any member may nominate other members for an elective office provided such nomination shall have been endorsed by the signature of twenty-five (25) or more members and shall have been received in writing by the Secretary prior to February 1 of the second year of tenure of the President. The Secretary will within one month submit in writing the nominations to the Council for approval. In the case of one or more nomination(s) not having received approval, the Nominating Committee, in consultation with Council, must provide alternative nominations to be decided upon and approved by Council prior to

July 1 of the second year of tenure of the President.

-creation of the Admission Committee (J. Pasava-chair, T. Graupner, S. Hagemann, E. Ronacher, A. Vymazalova), the Finance Committee (P. Herzig-chair), and the Program Committee (Rich Goldfarb – chair, Adrian Boyce, Frank Bierlein, Gerry Stanley, Colin Andrew).

Progress report on the preparation of the 9th SGA Biennial Meetings 2007 (G. Stanley)

The last progress report was presented by G. Stanley and the leaflet – 1st announcement for the 9th SGA Biennial Meeting was distributed to all 8th SGA Meeting participants in August 2005 in Beijing. The electronic version of this document is available at the conference website www.conferencepartners.ie/sga2007.

Proposals for the 10th SGA Biennial Meetings

in 2009 (Australia and Chile) Council received two high level proposals – one from Australian group and the second one from Chilean group. After a long discussion Council decided to postpone the final decision on the 2009 venue of the 10th SGA Biennial Meeting to the next Council meeting (spring 2006). The Council appreciated a high quality of both proposals and decided to ask both groups for some additional information.

SGA-SRG collaboration update (J. Pašava) J. Pasava reported on exchange with representatives of the Society for Resource Geology. Both Societies will look for opportunities for closer collaboration in the future.

SGA-SEG-IAGOD contribution towards IUGS/UN activities (IYPE) – J. Pašava and D. Leach

J. Pašava informed about the status of a revised joint SGA-IAGOD-SEG proposal,

which was submitted to both IUGS grant competition and also to ICSU grant competition through IUGS at the end of 2004. To date, no official reply has been received either from IUGS or ICSU despite a reminder from SGA Executive Secretary. A letter from the chair of the management team of the IYPE, Ed de Mulder was received and discussed. Council decided to include all major SGA events during 2007-2009 under IYPE umbrella.

Report on the modification of SGA website (G. Beaudoin et al.)

G. Beaudoin reported on the results of a call for proposals for the modification and maintenance of the SGA website. The Council highly appreciated efforts of the website committee and authorized G. Beaudoin to negotiate with SYS-TECH and Intellogix a possible contract for hosting and upgrade of the website for 5 years. The final results should be presented at the next Council meeting.



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