

# INTERNATIONAL GLACIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2003

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL GLACIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

5 June 2003, Sanada Room, International Congress Centre, Davos, Switzerland

The Vice President, Dr Atsumu Ohmura, was in the Chair.  
27 members from 8 countries were present.

1. The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, published in the ICE, 2002, No 129, p. 9–11, were approved on a motion by K. Hutter, seconded by M. Sturm and signed by the Vice President.

2. The presidents Report for 2002-2003 was given by the Vice President:

This is my first report as IGS President and it comes at the end of a year that has seen significant changes for the Society. Simon Ommanney has stepped down as

Secretary General, after almost 10 years in the post, to return to his family in Canada. His successor, Magnús Már Magnússon, was appointed following our meeting last year in Chamonix and arrived in Cambridge at the end of April to take over. Simon will remain until the end of July to help with the transition before moving to Toronto. The arrival of a new Secretary-General will naturally bring changes and Magnus and I hope that Council Members will not hesitate to bring forward their own new ideas for organising the Society so that we can have a broad-ranging discussion about the way forward. One thing we have already started, is updating the Office IT systems.

Simon as you know worked extremely hard on matters concerned with the publication side of our work and had to contend with a shortage of man-power in this area. Some of you who were at the Chamonix meeting met our new Production Manager, Tim Labrum, there. We hoped that we had at last solved the problem of finding a good assistant for Simon, but unfortunately, things did not work out that easily and Tim left before the end of the year. We have now decided to try the experiment of using two half-time people as production assistants. The job has been advertised and a number of candidates have applied. Interviews will be held next week and we hope to have the new people in place and trained before Simon departs. The Cambridge office has been closed this week to allow Linda Gorman, the assistant to the Secretary General, to join us here in Davos. Many of you will have communicated with her over the years and now you have had an opportunity to put a face to the name. Two others who help with the production of the *Journal of Glaciology* and *Annals of Glaciology* are not with us today. Ann Leeding, who typesets your papers, and Ken Moxham, who reads every word you write with utmost care and tries to correct those inadvertent mistakes that even the most careful writer can make. I would like to express my appreciation to the Society's staff in Cambridge for the hard work they do on your behalf.

I would now like to update you on our extensive publication efforts. Last year saw the production of two new *Annals* volumes. Volume 34, containing selected papers from our International Symposium on Remote Sensing in Glaciology, held in Maryland, U.S.A., which was edited by Jan-Gunnar Winther and Rune Solberg. Volume 35, with selected papers from our International Symposium on Ice Cores and Climate, held in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, was edited by Eric Wolff. Distribution of this volume did not actually take place until earlier this year. Thanks to arrangements we have made with Ingenta, both these volumes, and all future ones, will be available to subscribers online and details of how to register for access will be published in the next *Annals* and the next *Journal*.

At the moment, the office is working on the next two *Annals*. Selected papers from the meeting in Yakutat, Alaska, U.S.A., on Fast Glacier Flow, edited by Charles F. Raymond and Kees van

der Veen, have been set and edited and the final proofs are with Page Bros, our printers in Norwich. The pagination has been done, so the table of contents of *Annals* 36 can now be viewed on our web-site. All the papers from the International Symposium on Physical and Mechanical Processes in Ice in Relation to Glacier and Ice-Sheet Modelling, held in Chamonix-Mont Blanc, France, last August, and edited by Paul Duval for *Annals* 37, have been copy-edited, set and most of the proofs already received back from the authors. About two-thirds of the papers will be shipped to Page Bros by mid-June, and the balance once the remaining proofs are returned from authors.

We have experienced significant delays with the production of the *Journal of Glaciology*, so that although No.163 has been printed you will not yet have received it. This year, we are moving the printing of the *Journal of Glaciology* from Lochemdruk to Page Bros. Our Dutch printers have seen us through many changes, but as we make the transition to providing web access to our journals, we have decided that it is time to change to a company with broader experience of journal publishing and, in particular, with the proven ability to provide the necessary products for electronic journals. Papers for the first two issues of the *Journal* for 2003 are now with Page Bros, but it will likely be a month or two before these are in your hands. We do expect the last two issues of this volume to follow fairly quickly, so publication of the *Journal* will be back on schedule by the end of the year. The arrangement with Ingenta also covers the *Journal*, so issues published in this and subsequent years will also be available to subscribers online.

As will be noted in the Treasurer's report, there has been an increase in the number of pages printed by the Society in its journals from 1668 pages in 2001 to 1694 in 2002.

Another transition that will take place later this year is that of the editorial office for the *Journal of Glaciology*, from the Geophysical Institute at the University of Alaska to Hobart, Australia. We are immensely grateful to our Chief Editors, Will Harrison and Matthew Sturm, and their extremely capable assistant, Monica Court, for their management and running of this office during the past six years and we will definitely miss them. Jo Jacka, the new Chief Editor, will start taking papers in September. We would like to thank all those editors who have served on the Editorial Board during the past year, who have helped maintain the high standards we expect.

Three issues of ICE were published last year. The first issue for 2003 has been delayed pending receipt of a national report. As the publication schedule of ICE does depend a great deal on the regular flow of national reports, I would like to encourage all National Correspondents to try and ensure that reports on national activities are provided at regular two-year intervals. The name of your National Correspondent is published in ICE and on our web-site, so do contact yours if you feel too much time has elapsed since the last time your work was profiled.

Let me also update you on IGS-sponsored or co-sponsored meetings. With regard to the meeting being held here in Davos, I would like to thank Walter Amman for the support of his Institute and so many of his staff, and commend the local committee, particularly Paul Föhn, Barbara Miller and our Kongress Centre contact Daniela Schenk for their hard work and excellent organisation, as well as that of our Cambridge team. We also very much appreciate Paul and his team of editors, Massimiliano Barbolini, Bob Brown, Richard Essery, Bruce Jamieson, Eric Martin, Mohamed Naaim, Kouichi Nishimura, Frode Sandersen, Jürg Schweizer, Michael Staudinger and Matthew Sturm for the job they have done; unfortunately not all were able to be with us

this week. We are most grateful to Yves Durand for stepping to help with Eric Martin's papers. They have been considering some 90 papers for possible inclusion in *Annals of Glaciology* Vol. 38. We are expecting final versions of all the accepted papers in Cambridge by mid-July, for publication in 2004.

Later this year, we will be receiving papers from the SCAR Seventh International Symposium on Antarctic Glaciology (ISAG-7) for review, editing and subsequent publication in *Annals of Glaciology* Vol. 39. As more than 250 abstracts were submitted for this meeting, the publication could be another very large volume along the lines of *Annals* 27 or 33. We are most grateful that Jo Jacka has agreed to edit this volume, despite the commitment he has made for the *Journal of Glaciology*.

Next year, we will be back to hosting two meetings: an International Symposium on Ice-Water Interactions, to be held at Portland State University, Portland, Oregon, U.S.A., in July; and an International Symposium on Arctic Glaciology, to be held in Geilo, Norway in August. We already have commitments for 2005, but anyone wanting to work with us on a meeting in 2006 or later should contact the Secretary General as soon as possible.

Later this year, we are co-sponsoring the Third International Conference on Mars Polar Science and Exploration, in Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada. We also agreed to co-sponsor all the cryospheric sessions at the recent EGS-AGU-EUG Joint Assembly, held in Nice, France. As you may know we are also co-sponsors of 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Permafrost to be held in Zurich, Switzerland, 21-25 July this year.

In summary, the activity of IGS remains very high. We have had some difficulty in keeping up with the publication schedule but my feeling is that, with a combination of new technology in the office and the appointment of new staff we should be able to get back on track reasonably quickly. My personal aim is to make sure that the new Secretary General has all the support he needs in this first critical year.

And finally, I am delighted to be able to tell you that last night, following the recommendation of our Awards Committee, Council unanimously approved the award of a Seligman Crystal to Professor Koloman Hutter. This award is made to Koli in recognition of his fundamental contributions to mathematical glaciology that have helped illuminate the coupled physics that controls ice in the environment and underlies a variety of complex phenomena including thermomechanical processes in polythermal glaciers, the flow of water through ice-walled conduits and the dynamics of icy mixtures.

No new Honorary Memberships can be considered because we currently have the twelve which is the limit set by our Constitution.

Unfortunately we do not have our Treasurer, John Heap, with us today. In a moment, our former Secretary General will present the accounts on behalf of the Treasurer and report on the state of our finances. At its next meeting, Council will be considering a slight increase in the rates for 2004 to offset the effects of new legislation, regulations and taxation in the U.K. and some reductions in our normal sources of revenue.

Later this year we will be sending our Constitution to all members for ratification. Following review by the Charity Commissioners, it appears that the 1992 version and some of the previous amendments have not been properly filed with them. Hence, there is a legal requirement for your approval of the current Constitution. I hope that all of you will return your ballots when requested.

In closing I would like to say that you all benefit from the publication of quality papers in our journals, but this ability, and the continuation of this activity, depends very much on the degree to which you, individually, are willing and able to support us through your membership and the commitment of your time in

support of our work. This society is here to help you further your science and your career, through the publication and promotion of your work. Its future, and the future of the *Journal of Glaciology* and the *Annals of Glaciology*, depend very much on the personal commitment you, as an individual, are willing to make in support of your professional organisation.

Thank you for your kind attention.

R. Bindschadler proposed, and K. Hutter seconded, that the President's report be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

3. The former Secretary general C. Simon L. Ommanney, presented the following reported with the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2002, on behalf of the Treasurer, Dr. J.A. Heap:

"The state of the Society's finances is best summarised by considering the changes from 31 December 2001 to 31 December 2002 in the following funds, as shown on page 13 of the accounts:

Seligman Fund: decreased from £7283 to £7143 as a consequence of a disbursement of £452 for two crystals set against accrued interest of £595;

Contingencies Fund: maintained at the same level of £12,684; Annals Fund: decreased from £93,937 to £60,437; due to the loss incurred on the Maryland meeting. The fund was established to guard against this eventuality but this is the first time it has been needed;

Publications Fund: increased from £21,825 to £26,090, as a consequence of sales, royalties and interest accrual;

Future Volumes: decreased from £22,378 to £44,384 reflecting late payments for *Annals* 35 and advanced income received with respect to *Annals* 36 and *Annals* 37;

Accumulated Fund: increased from £360,464 to £423,589 (page 6) consequent upon a profit in that account for the year of £63,125 which included a loss of £2,124 in the value of investments due to an adjustment to market value (page 12, note 7). Although there was once again a substantial reduction in expenditure due to staff vacancies, income from memberships and library sales was down and that from page charges was substantially lower than forecast. Without the £75,500 legacy from Loris Seligman, the Society would have shown a loss for this fiscal year.

In 2002, the Society published 642 pages in the *Journal of Glaciology* and 1056 pages in the *Annals of Glaciology*. In 2001 the figures were 696 for the *Journal* and 972 for the *Annals*, a year with two issues of the *Annals*. The reduction of more than £16,000 in page-charge revenue, almost half the total revenue received from members' dues, indicates how vulnerable we are to fluctuations in this income and how particularly grateful we must be to all those authors who have been both able and willing to support the Society in this way.

May I, again, make a plea to members of the Society to do all in their power to increase the membership. Although we are continuing to receive new memberships these are now balanced by those retiring or moving to other fields. Our target is a base of at least 1000 and there is still some way to go. Please encourage your colleagues and students to join. I believe they will find it is extremely good value for money. Also, please ensure that libraries in any institutions over which you have influence either maintain their subscriptions or take one out."

R. Bindschadler proposed, and M. Sturm and J. Meyssonier seconded, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

4. Election of auditors for 2003 accounts.

K. Hutter proposed, and J. Meyssonier seconded, that Messrs Peters Elworthy and Moore of Cambridge be elected auditors for the 2003 accounts. This was carried unanimously.

5. Elections to Council. After circulation to all members of the Society of the Council's suggested list of nominees for 2003–2006, no further nominations were received, and the following members were therefore elected unanimously.

Elective Members (3)	Anthony J. Payne Stephen G. Warren Yao Tandong
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In addition, Edwin D. Waddington had been proposed by the Council to fill the balance of Keith Echelmeyer's term (until 2004), following Keith's resignation from the Council. This appointment was unanimously approved by the AGM.

6. Other business:

Vice President announced that the Council had unanimously approved the suggestion by the Awards committee to award the Seligman Crystal to Professor Kolumban Hutter.

Professor Hutter responded and thanked the society for this honour. He also expressed his appreciation to his mentors and to his students.

The retired Secretary General Mr. Simon Ommanney addressed the AGM and thanked the members for a fruitful collaboration over his 10 year term as Secretary General. He called upon his assistant Linda Gorman, his assistant throughout his term as Secretary General and formally thanked her for their collaboration during the last 10 years and presented her with an engraved dish.

The AGM was adjourned on a motion from R. Bindschadler, seconded by K. Hutter.