

IMA-Commission on Applied Mineralogy (CAM)
Business Meeting
Tuesday, July 25, 16:30-18:30, Room 304
Minutes

Date/Time: July 25, 2006, 16:30-18:45
Place: International Conference Center, Kobe, Japan, Room 304
In attendance: Richard D. Hagni (Chair), USA
Dogan Paktunc (incoming Chair), Canada
Alfonso Trudu, Australia
Dieter Rammlmair, Germany
Olga Kotova, Russia
Herbert Pollmann, Germany
Carlo Aurisicchio, Italy
Akira Yoshiasa, Japan
Kazumasa Sugiyama, Japan
Mohamed Mondour, Egypt
Volker Kahlenberg, Austria
Tonci Balic-Zunic, Denmark
Regrets: Eric Pirard (Vice-Chair)
Henrique Kahn (Secretary)

Minutes by Dogan Paktunc

1. Welcoming remarks by Dick Hagni
2. Members in attendance introduced themselves and signed the attendance sheet with their names, affiliations and e-mail addresses. A Questionnaire was also distributed.
3. Brief History of the organization of CAM and its interactions with ICAM provided by Dick Hagni.
4. Hagni described the CAM activities during ICAM-Brazil-2004 meeting in the form of co-sponsorship of sessions, pre-meeting and post-meeting field trips, and short courses. The meeting was attended by 326 applied mineralogists from many countries. CAM organized or co-sponsored the following sessions during IMA-Kobe, Japan-2006 meeting: Process Mineralogy; Crystals, ceramics and glasses with advanced physico-chemical properties; Bio-Geo Interface in minerals; Mineral-water interactions: From microscopic to macroscopic aspects; Environmental and Medical Mineralogy; Clays and zeolites: Natural and synthetic materials.
5. Hagni described other CAM activities including (1) preparation of a CAM poster by Dogan Paktunc, (2) preparation of ICAM/CAM web sites by Henrique Kahn, (3) publication of a short article in December, 2005 issue of Elements magazine on "Applied Mineralogy: Present and Past" under IMA Society News (by Dick Hagni)
6. Paktunc thanked Dick Hagni for his efforts over 16 years as the Chair of IMA-CAM and invited him to remain active in the management of CAM.
7. Paktunc described the following as the provisional vision and strategic goals of CAM:
Vision: to provide leadership in knowledge sharing for the broad range of applied mineralogy fields and to offer means for professional development for applied mineralogists.
Strategic goals:
 - a. Strengthening the linkage between IMA-CAM and ICAM;
 - b. Organization of sessions and symposia during the ICAM 2008 meeting in Australia and IMA 2010 meeting in Hungary;
 - c. Investigation of the feasibility of developing and offering modular short courses, conceptualized as one or several day long courses to be given by one or several specialists on a certain topic with the aim to minimize the effort and costs;

- d. Organization of workshops and short courses on applied mineralogy;
- e. Establishment of awards recognizing excellence and outstanding achievements and contributions of CAM members;
- f. Update of the membership (individual and corporate) and national representatives;
- g. Development and maintenance of a membership database;
- h. Inquiry of funding from the industry in the form of sponsoring events, awards, competitions and web-page administration;
- i. Establishment of sub-committees on a number of sub-disciplines;
- j. Promotion of the applied mineralogy field.

Attendees provided feedback on the strategic goals.

8. Discussion on the collaboration with other commissions, WG and organizations: CAM has a broad scope covering full spectrum of activities that involve mineralogy from mineral exploration to metallurgy and to disposal of mine and other industrial wastes, some of which overlap the interest areas of COM and the WG on environmental mineralogy (WGEM). CAM will approach COM and WGEM to seek ways to work together and collaborate in activities that are of common interest.
9. Alfonso Trudu (ICAM 2008 Chair) described the planning of the congress to be held in Brisbane. Details are available from the new website www.icam2008.com
10. Discussion about the IGC 2008 meeting to be held in Oslo, Norway. There is an ongoing conflict between the quadrennial IGC and ICAM meetings. CAM is committed to support ICAM meetings; therefore, organization of a big event during IGC meetings is unlikely. However, IMA-CAM can make its presence known perhaps in the form of a short course or sponsoring a session with other IMA commissions (i.e. COM, WGEM). Because IMA business meetings are held during IGC, there is an incentive for CAM to investigate the value of making a presence. In addition, IGC may prove to be a potential venue for reaching to a broader audience.