

# COMMISSION ON MUSEUMS (CM)

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### **Report about the activities of the CM for the year 2002/2003**

1. An annually Ad Hoc – Meeting of the IMA – Commission on museums (CM) was held on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002 in Munich during the Munich fare. 17 curators from 8 countries attended the meeting. (Minutes will be added as attachment).
2. A new website(homepage) of the CM was installed by Dr. Antony R. Kampf from Los Angeles ([www.smpm.net/IMA-CM/](http://www.smpm.net/IMA-CM/)) containing e.g. a complete membershiplist and the CTMS-Catalogue (a complete list of type mineral specimen and their depositories).
3. The 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Mineralogy & Museums, September 5-8, 2004 in Paris, France will be sponsored by CM. The Chairwoman of CM Dr. Lydie Touret is Head of the Organizing committee and will present details at our Ad Hoc – Meeting in Munich, October 31<sup>st</sup>,2003. All details of this Conference will be spread in the late autumn of this year.

Marburg, October17th, 2003 - Kay U. Schuermann

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MINUTES FROM THE IMA – COMMISSION ON MUSEUMS AD HOC – MEETING, MUNICH, OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003

Our annually Ad Hoc – Meeting during the Munich Fare was held on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003 from 4: 00 pm in the meeting room A 51.

27 curators from 9 countries attended the meeting. The chairwoman of the commission,

Dr. Lydie Touret (Paris/France), opened the meeting and presented a nice draft of the 2<sup>nd</sup> circular of M&M5 (5<sup>th</sup> International Conference MINERALOGY AND MUSEUMS –

September 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004, Paris, France). The 2<sup>nd</sup> circular will be distributed in the next weeks. A website for M&M5 with all informations necessary will be installed:

<http://www.musee.ensmp.fr> (on line early December 2003).

Please encourage all your colleagues to join this meeting!!

The CM has to go in contact with the publisher of the “World Directory of Mineral Collections” for realisation of soft copies of the new edition beneath the electronical version.

As usual short statements have been made by the curators about the situation regarding their museums:

The Mineralogical Museum of the University St. Petersburg/Russia (G. Anastasenko) reported about 40.000 mineral specimen and their collection of specimen from closed down russian deposits.The museum will organize a new symposium on Mineralogy and Museums.

Mineralogical Museum of the University of Paris – Pierre et Marie Curie/France (J.C. Boulliard) is supporting the M&M5 Conference.The exhibition on geology and petrology has now about 1.000 visitors per day.

The museum of the School of Mines (L. Touret, J.M. LeCleach, and A. Djemai) Paris/France reported, that big parts of the whole collection are not visible to public, but they have many files in the internet. There is a lot of international research especially with the Egyptian library in Alexandria.

Norwegian Mining Museum Kongsberg (F.S. Nordrum) told us, that the Norwegian government is carrying out a general reform of museums in two steps, because there are too many museums in the country. In the first step there will be made one unit of all smaller museums for each of the 19 counties. During the second step museums having the same priority will be connected in national networks. The Kongsberg Museum had a 20% budget increase for 2003 and expects the same for 2004.

The Collection of Mineralogy of the University of Granada/Spain (P. Fewell Hach-ali) gave information about a new protected area of about 30 km<sup>2</sup>, where in summer 2004 a geoscientific exhibition road will be opened.

The Museum of Natural History in Milan/Italy (F. Pezzotta and A. Guastoni) will be further modernized (e.g. air condition) with costs of about 2 Mill. € and presents now photographic and analytical collections in new displays. Moreover the Midrachil Collection with 160 outstanding specimens is shown.

The University of Modena/Italy (G. Garuti) is carrying out a project to build a new big museum including mineral displays. Up to now the mineralogical exhibition is open on request.

The Mineral Collection of the University of Leoben/Austria (F. Zaccarini) presents now a new and modern mineral exhibition.

The Cincinnati Museum Center/U.S.A. (T. Huizing) has built up a new mineral collection display and more research facilities.

The Museum of Natural History in Bern/Switzerland presents a new special exhibition:

“Ping-Pong in Space” from November, 28<sup>th</sup> 2003 to September, 30<sup>th</sup> 2004 showing among a huge amount of meteorites recovered from Oman meteorites from Mars and Moon.

The Mineralogical Museum (Mineralogische Staatssammlung) in Munich (G. Simon and G. Grundmann) gave information about the handling of the second part of the “Neuschwanstein”-meteorite and the 200-year ceremonies of the collection.

Additional short comments by B. Kreher-Hartmann (Mineralogical Museum Jena), H.J. Höbner (Mineralogical Collection Leipzig), J. Schlüter (Mineralogical Museum Hamburg), K. Rank and A. Massanek (Geological and Mineralogical Collection Freiberg), H.P. Schertl (Mineralogical and Petrological Collection Bochum), G. Lentz (Mineralogical Collection Kiel), and R. Hollerbach (Mineralogical Museum Cologne) rounded off the meeting, which ended at about 5 pm.

Our special thanks go to J. Keilmann, who makes possible, that we could use this special

room for our meeting during the Munich Fair and who announced our meeting very properly in the catalogue.

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003 - Kay U. Schuermann

(Secretary of the CM)