

IMA
WORKING GROUP- INCLUSIONS IN MINERALS

NOTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
HELD IN EDINBURGH ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2002.

We had a good FI session at IMA 2002 and the business meeting went well with. Prof Zhaolin and Dr Sminov were duly appointed as the next Chair and Secretary of the Group. Hope all is well, thanks for all your efforts over the past four years.

The following is a summary of the main outcomes of the group business meeting. As your last act as secretary could you please send this out to all national WG reps :

1. The chair of the WG (Prof A H Rankin) welcomed WG representatives (or their nominees) from the following countries: UK, Sweden, Hungary, Slovakia, Canada, China and France.

Apologies for absence were received from the Group Secretary, Dr B Buehn.

2. The future role of the WG was discussed in the light of a general feeling within the IMA council that some WGs and Commissions (but not our WG, I should add) were not really functioning..

The general feedback from Council was that our group had operated quite effectively and efficiently and should continue, but that we could have been a bit more active.

The feeling of members attending the the WG business meeting was that the group should really re-define (or reaffirm) its role and purpose if it is to develop, perhaps in to a commission, in the future.

The organisation of sessions at quadriennial IMA meetings and involvement with other meetings, though important, does not really define the heart or mission of the group. Other activities, such as establishing analytical (and other) standards, nomenclature and definitions relating to Fluid Inclusions, short courses and User Schools were thought to be of equal if not greater importance.

The relationship between the WG and organisers of ECROFI and PACROFI biennial meetings (and proposed, equivalent, SE ASIAN/AUSTRALASIAN meetings) also needs to be clarified, with the WG perhaps taking on an overarching, co-ordinating role. Prof Rankin and Prof Samson agreed to take soundings at the forthcoming meetings of ECROFI and PACROFI respectively. The new Chair and Secretary could take similar soundings at

forthcoming meetings in Asia/Austarlasia and Russia/FSU respectively.

3. The Hungarian WG representative, Erzebet Toth, outlined the arrangements for the next ECROFI meeting in Budapest. It was noted that Prof Rankin, through his involvement with the scientific advisory group for this meeting, would represent the interests of the IMA WG.

4. A proposal to convene a joint meeting with the IMA commission on Gems and Gem materials on "Inclusions in gemstones" was well received. Prof Rankin would progress this in collaboration with the Chair of the Commission on Gems.

5. Nominations for the next chair and secretary of the WG were

Chair	Prof Li Zhaolin, China
Secretary	Dr Sergey Smirnov

These were subsequently confirmed at the IMA council meeting held on 6 September 2002.

6. The chair thanked all those who had supported the group over the last four years and wished the incoming chair and secretary every success in the future.