

## ***Minutes***

### **From the Regular Session of the UIS Bureau Samchok, Korea, July 8-9, 2002**

The Regular Session took part during the Cave Expo, Samchok, Republic of Korea. There were sessions as follows (presentation according to the presence lists):

July 8, 2002, morning: present: J.A. Labegalini, A. Eavis, P. Bosák, F. Nader, A. Mihevc, C. Mouret, L. Song, D.C. Ford, P. Forti, J.M. James, H. Trimmel, guest J.-P. Bartholeyns

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July 9, 2002, morning: present: J.A. Labegalini, A. Eavis, A. Klimchouk, P. Bosák, F. Nader, A. Mihevc, C. Mouret, L. Song, A.A. Cigna, D.C. Ford, P. Forti, J.M. James, H. Trimmel, guest K.S. Woo

#### ***July 8, 2002, morning***

(1) *Agenda* of the Bureau session – approved.

(2) Information on *financial* state of the art – taken into account without comments.

#### (3) *UIS Bulletin*

there is need to limit the number of copies (presently 2200 hard printed copies)  
the UIS Bulletins have to be inserted on UIS Web Pages  
distribution to be arranged through national delegates  
for 2004, there is expected to reduce hard copy print and distribution

#### (4) *Registration of the UIS*

the UIS was registered according to Slovenian law at District Municipality in Postojna, under No. 211/1146149, on June 20, 2002.

the stable address is: Titov trg 2, 6230 Postojna, Slovenia

the opening of the official seat and plate will be held during the International Conference EVOKARST (September 2002) and the Congress of the ISCA (October 2002)

#### (5) *List of Honours*

there was intensive discussion of the item, which was already discussed on some of the last UIS Bureau Sessions

Labegalini: the list of hours should be open, for a beginning there are expected 6 to persons who can be inscribed

Song: the question if inscribed can be dead or living persons

Eavis: only dead persons

James: the category could be identical with the Honorary Members, i.e. honours of their achievements

Forti: proposal to start only with dead persons and during 10 years to open to living persons if any sense

Eavis: what about good speleologist, who acted against the UIS; such persons should be also honoured

James: the proposal should come from states or important personalities. All proposals must be formally clear and pure

Labegalini: the idea of Forti seems to be acceptable, it should be included into Internal Regulations, but we have to start immediately with persons of the past

Ford: set of guidelines or rules, who can be proposed and why can be proposed or refused; we need commission

Song: supported idea of Ford (guidelines), if a person fulfil the criteria for acceptance why not use also for living persons, it could represent good support of people actively working for a karst

Nader: the commission for guidelines or rules is needed first

Labegalini: will prepare the material for e-mail discussion together with Vice-Presidents and past-Presidents

#### (6) Translations of the UIS Constitution/Statute

There are available translations to German and Italian.

Mouret: prepared and distributed. There are problems: in some parts the text is too detailed, in other ones too general. It is necessary to decide if such state is a proper one. After to sent to lawyers as the translation must be identical with the French original. The text will be distributed by e-mail for discussion

#### **July 8, 2002, afternoon**

#### (7) *Stable address* – see point (4)

#### (8) *Finances* – see point (2)

#### (9) *UIS Regulations for Organizers*

the corrected text by Urs Widmer will be transformed to French by H. Trimmel. The text will be sent to J. Labegalini up to the end of September 2002 consultations will be made in Postojna (October 2002)

#### (10) *UIS Internal Regulations/Reglement Interieur – Affiliation*

Bosak: presented the overview of the problem and introduced items to be included into the Regulations (e.g., number of adjunct secretaries, annual fees of member countries, incl. cancellation of membership, statute of affiliated members and their fees, list of official UIS documents, documents to be

presented during the Assemblies General of the UIS, right and duties of the UIS Bureau Members, statutes of Commissions and Working Groups, i.e. ad hoc, permanent)

Bosak: presented the state of the art in affiliated memberships, which was expected as a good additional financing source; problem with statement of annual fees, e.g., Croatian Mountaineering Association was asked to decide themselves (decision of the UIS Bureau from 2001), but without any answer

Ford: distinguished 3 types of organizations: 1. not reaching agreement, 2. non-profit research organizations, 3. profit institutions and organizations (e.g., show caves). We have to prevent the case No. 1. The affiliation of institutions No. 2 should be excellent. Type No. 3 – institutions, which should be useful (e.g., show caves)

Nader: affiliated members should be only research institutions, any other

Ford: the payment should be not greater than annual fee of the member countries for the non-profit research institutions. Concerning the profit-making bodies, the UIS Bureau must evaluate in detail each case and after to decide on the amount of payment – i.e. UIS Bureau decision

Bartholeyns: there is something wrong in the concept of the affiliation and it should be stopped

Ford: affiliated membership represents some kind of profit for the UIS. Here must be the control during Congresses or more frequently if affiliated members behave correctly according to principles; if not the UIS will withdraw them on the next UIS Bureau Session

Song: proposed to support the proposal on affiliation by the national delegate. The affiliation should be open for all kinds of organizations

(11) *UIS Internal Regulations/Reglement Interieur – Number of Adjunct Secretaries*

Trimmel: in the past, the UIS was in a stage of the evolution, I expect that the number can be stable now, i.e. no change in number

Mouret: Assembly General can decide

Nader: the number of Adjunct Secretaries can be stated according to actual needs, i.e. to represent number voted by the Assembly General

Ford: there should be representatives of regions. The number should be proposed by the UIS Bureau and approved by the Assembly General

The statements were followed by broad discussion on the evolution of the number of Adjunct Secretaries in the past, if to maintain 8 persons or on ratio of regional representatives.

(12) *UIS Internal Regulations/Reglement Interieur – Rights and duties of the UIS officials – national delegates*

Ford: the e-mail to all national delegates to be sent and to ask them for comments

Song: to be the national delegate is not easy job: not only to inform the UIS Bureau on regional activities, not only to vote the UIS Bureau, but also to criticize the Bureau as a whole or its member(s)

After a broad discussion took part with results: the only duty is to ensure annual fee payment and the corresponding right is to vote on Assemblies General if the respective member country covered the duties

(13) *UIS Internal Regulations/Reglement Interieur –Rights and duties of the UIS officials –UIS Bureau Members duties*

Mouret: for that the commission to be established

(14) *UIS Internal Regulations/Reglement Interieur –Rights and duties of the UIS officials –substitution of the UIS Bureau Member*

there are existing several possibilities: 1. by candidate to the UIS Bureau, who was not elected and obtained the highest number of votes, 2. by candidate to the UIS Bureau, who was not elected but represents the respective continent/region, 2. invited personality

in the past, there is the example of T. Kiknadze, after his death he was substituted by A. Klimchouk invited as UIS Bureau collaborator

the result of discussion: the possibility of invitation to collaboration is the best solution

actually it was solved the problem of the death of G. Huppert (USA). According to the proposal of the National Speleological Society BOG (J. Moses responsible for international affairs) it was to decide to invite Dr. George Veni (USA) to collaborate with the UIS Bureau instead of the late G. Huppert

Labegalini: will distribute the proposal of the improvement of the whole document for comments and additional remarks (October 15, 2002)

(15) *Brochure/folder*

James: a lot of things have been unclear, which have to be agreed. We have to clear ourselves for which reason we want this material. The material should be published in variety of languages. The preparation must be on professional level. There has to be the overview of the UIS publications Bulletin, International Journal of Speleology, BBS). For the preparation a tender for a contract should be established, but there must be clear or wish what we want, i.e. the content of the tender

Song: we have not to save money for a background

Mihevc: only the layout should be prepared and the print could be ensured in individual countries with the support of profit-making organizations (e.g., show caves)

Forti: an what about when somebody will not want the layout? The respective country can select only photos

Bosák: final proof must be send for a control to somebody

Labegalini: the material can be printed by show caves plus to print the material in local bulletins

Bosák: maximum cost for print and postage should no exceed 10 000 USD

**July 9, 2002, morning****(16) Commissions/Working Groups**

The introduction with the review of the state of the art was presented.

James: proposed to prolong all Commission/WG activity until 2005 and to wait for reports

Ford: following Commissions are proposed: Standing Commissions (Rescue, Bibliography) and Scientific Commissions (but not permanent)

**(17) Logo**

Bosák will arrange during September 2002

**(18) Finances**

Trimmel: what are costs of the stable address

Mihevc: more or less nothing, only operational costs (mail)

Cigna: and what about a building in Postojna (Jamska cesta 1), which price can be expected to buy the house – proposal to remain the standing point of agendas until the problem is solved

James: the operational costs must be budgeted

Mihevc: the ownership is complicated as heirs are spread over the World

James: the house should not lead to increase of annual payments of member countries

Klimchouk: we have to support different activities, so in the nearest future we will not be able to acquire real properties. We have to make all effort to be more visible – publications, commission activities, International Journal of Speleology

Julia: we have to decide if house yes or not

Klimchouk: we have to start the investigation if yes, as the idea is interesting, but the problem does not represent the recent one, this aspect represents no

Bosák: the UIS does not represent the purely scientific organisation. We have to take into account that we are sitting in another institution, which future can be eventually unclear. Proposal to wait until 2005 and evaluate the function

Nader: it is not completely clear whether to buy the house, the house represents the investment, it is doubtful if such step falls within the frame of our capacity

Klimchouk: we have to investigate how the speleological community will look on such property; such step must be explained in printed media and if the possibility is real, to support it through media

Cigna: there exists also possibility that a group of investors (private persons, institutions) can buy the house and after to donor it to the UIS

James: re commissions – financial support for commission was approved by the last UIS Bureaus – 200 USD annually but against the written budget, but any of Commissions/WG did not presented such budget

Klimchouk: why I should present any budget? What costs should be proposed?

James: there is difference between the gift and the support, therefore the budget is demanded

Klimchouk: which are criteria of selection for support?

Julia: budget

Cigna: what is the real usage of those 200 USD and what is consequence if they were not utilised properly?

Eavis: one of criterion is the printed output – publication, this is the way how to obtain the support

James: like the application for a grant

Eavis: particular money to particular budget

Bosák: the output should be supported. The payment of 200 USD to each commission does not represent good investment

James: money should return, the idea through output seems to be good

Song: there can be prepared balance between input and output

Bosák: spent money must be under the control, the better is the allocation to International Journal of Speleology, than to support only layout of other publications

Nader: 1. not to allocate 200 USD to Commissions/WG, 2. to prepare application, based on application of active Commission/WG the demands can be covered fully or partially, the same with projects, 3. but there is remaining question – how we expect to support Commissions/WG

Labegalini: we have to raise our funds, both to house and to special projects. The way how to spend money should be covered within Internal Regulations/Reglement Interieur

Eavis: there is not enough contacts with Commissions/WG, we have to find ways of approaching, contacting and communication with Commissions/WG

James: a letter to be prepared with sondage for money

Song: the way could be in foundation

#### (19) *International Journal of Speleology*

Cigna: IJS Vols. 29+30 (2000+2001) Physical Speleology are published, Vol. 31 (2002) is expected during September-October 2002. We solved number of problems, the situation is much better now. Biospeleology will merge with some journal in France or Germany and we will terminate its publication. For volume 32 we expect the support of the UIS in total height of approx. 500 USD

Klimchouk: regular support is in our interest

Cigna: we are demanding only after the print, i.e. after the costs are known

#### (20) *UIS lists*

Labegalini: there should exist the list of lists, list of national delegates, list of federations, list of publications, lists of Presidents of federations

(21) *UIS history*

Labegalini: on 2005 the 40. Anniversary of the UIS will be celebrated – the book about the history to be published, divided for a period before 1965 and after. The book should include: UIS Presidents, Statute/Constitution history, publications, summaries of all Congresses of Speleology, complete lists of Bureaus, Commissions/WG, Code of Ethics, regulations, ...

Cigna: this idea represents a good starting pint – more relevant items have to be selected = compromise plus sources. Who will do such job, older mammoths? (Trimmel, Cigna, Trevor Shaw)

Nader: there are things, which can be finished in 1-2 years, but book will be too expensive

Klimchouk: the CD could represents the complete, the printed book can present only a part – selected items as promotional issue. The CD will represent historical achievement and the reference of importance

Trimmel: the material will present overwhelming information, the celebration should be prepared for 2005 SpeleoAthens in Greece

(22) *UIS Web Pages*

UIS Web Pages were updated. The information should be actualized without interruption.

Labegalini: all principal documents should be presented in all UIS official languages (French, English, Spanish, Italian, German, Russian)

Nader: he can work on Arabic version in collaboration with Peter Matthews

(23) *International Day of Speleology*

the September 16 – the date of the foundation of the UIS was proposed  
the legal procedure within the UNESCO should be supported by national delegates to UNESCO – the task for UIS national delegates to contact respective persons

(24) *UIS Prizes*

James: she wants to continue in that activity, but all the procedure should be better organized during SpeleoAthens 2005 – poster prize, book prize, and exploration prize

(25) *Support for event*

the item will be discussed in the future

(26) *International Co-operation*

Klimchouk: Agreement with the IGU – there are joint publications. Karts IGU Commission will be most probably reconfirmed during the next IGU Congress. The Agreement with IGU should be prolonged probably (mutual discussion of

Bosák and Klimchouk). The report on collaboration of the UIS and IGU karst commissions should be prepared in mutual co-operation and with signatures of responsible persons of both parties (i.e. John Gunn and Aleksander Klimchouk)

Klimchouk: For 2003 is expected IGU-IAH-UIS meeting in Kentucky – International Conference on Karst Hydrogeology and Geoecology.

Labegalini+Cigna: proposal of agreement with ISCA (International Show Caves Association) for October 2002

Labegalini: the FEALC and UIS should merge together, the task for discussion with the FEALC officials

(27) *Varia*

Nader: gave information on role and position of Africa within the UIS. In Tunisia a motivated group with the link to government appeared. The situation in Morocco, Algeria and Ethiopia has been under investigation. The report on Middle East Speleology 2001 Conference was given. Great development of speleology can be expected in Africa and Arabian regions. Some contacts have been even opened. There was the information on preparation of the UIS Expedition before the next UIS Bureau Session not only to know karst and caves, but to meet people. To visit close countries, to meet people, to recommend touristical utilization, sources, etc.

Bosák: next opportunity to meet this year – Postojna on September (EVOKARST) and October (ISCA Congress).

(28) *Next meeting*

Greece, Athens, October 2003, 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Cave Palaeontology and Archaeology

(29) *Approved motions*

International Day of Speleology to be celebrated on September 16, the day of foundation of the UIS (September 16, 1965)

From notes reported by the UIS Secretary General Pavel Bosák  
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