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Third Meeting of the **Organizational Working Group (OWG)** *for the* **International Geothermal Association (IGA)** **Mexicali, Mexico, 13 - 15 October 1988**

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The third meeting of the OWG-IGA was held in Mexicali (Mexico) on 13-15 October 1988, hosted by the Comisión Federal de Electricidad of Mexico (the first meeting was held in Sparks, Nevada, on 10-14 October 1987, and the second in Auckland, New Zealand, on 17-20 February 1988; see GRC *BULLETIN*, v. 17, no. 4, p. 6-8 for a synopsis of the Auckland meeting, and GRC *BULLETIN*, v. 16, no. 8, p. 7-9 for history leading up to the OWG-IGA).

The OWG-IGA meeting in Mexicali was attended by the following:

Hector Alonso Epinosa, Mexico (Pro-Tempore Chairman); Tony Amor, USA; Enrico Barbier, Italy; Francisco Bermejo Mora, Mexico; Brian Carey, New Zealand; Raffaele Cataldi, Italy; Jim Combs, U.S.A.; Derek Freeston, New Zealand; John Garnish, Commission of the European Communities; Jim Koenig, U.S.A.; Tony Mahon, New Zealand; Patrick Muffler, U.S.A.; Gudmundur Palmason, Iceland; Ladislaus Ryback, Switzerland; and Paolo Squarci, Italy.

Observers present were Lydwine D'Andigne (UNESCO), Gordon Bloomquist (USA), and Tsvi Meidav (USA).

Derek Freeston reported that the IGA had been incorporated in New Zealand on 6 July 1988, according to the instructions received from the OWG-IGA at the Auckland meeting. Incorporation in New Zealand required a set of "rules," which was drafted by the New Zealand members of the OWG. Alteration of these rules can be made by a two-thirds vote of the IGA members present at a General or Extraordinary Meeting. Incorporating members of IGA are:

P.K. Amblar; E.B. Anderson; L.G. Bacon; P.F. Bixley; P.R.L. Browne; B.S. Carey; A.W. Clotworthy; S.K. Collis; G.R. Driver; D.H. Freeston; H.M. Hole; R.B. Hudson; P.J. Low; W.A.J. Mahon; and I.A. Thain

Officers of record of IGA as incorporated in New Zealand are W.A.J. Mahon, D.H. Freeston and I.A. Thain.

The OWG at Mexicali took the following actions:

- 1). In the light of decisions taken at the Auckland meeting, which has been widely publicized, those people present at the Mexicali meeting are empowered to make decisions without further reference to outside bodies. Such

decisions shall be reached by consensus. Where consensus is not possible, decisions shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of those present, excluding observers.

The question of voting by proxy was discussed but ultimately deferred. Although several proxies were held by persons present at Mexicali, there was no voting situation which required their use.

- 2). For the purposes of establishing the initial structure and location of the Secretariat of the IGA, the OWG should consider only those proposals able to contribute substantial support for the operating costs.

At the time of the Mexicali meeting, four proposals for the location of the Secretariat had been received: from Iceland, Italy, New Zealand, and the USA. A letter of intent was received from Hungary, saying that a proposal could be submitted in December 1988. Only the Italian and USA proposals significantly addressed the question of financing.

- 3). The OWG accepts the principle of rotation of the Secretariat.
- 4). The OWG accepts the proposal of Italy to host the first Secretariat.

After discussion of all the proposals presented, the Italian proposal submitted by the International Institute for Geothermal Research of the Italian National Research Council, was accepted unanimously. The head of the Secretariat, Enrico Barbier, will be termed General Manager in order to avoid any confusion with the Secretary of the IGA, who will be an IGA officer elected by the Board of Directors. The Italian proposal states that the services of the General Manager, the premises where the Secretariat will be hosted, and various other services will be supplied to IGA free of charge during the 3-year period 1989-1991. In addition, a single clerical person will be supplied free of charge to carry out services for the IGA until 31 May 1989; after that date, clerical services will have to be paid by IGA.

- 5). The OWG recommends to the IGA Board of Directors that the USA be invited to host the Secretariat for the

second term. It is anticipated that the second term is to begin in February 1991 and run until February 1995.

- 6). The OWG agrees to accept the rules of the IGA Inc. and to consider modifications within the New Zealand legal framework.
- 7). The OWG desires to simplify the official name of International Geothermal Association Incorporated to International Geothermal Association, provided this is compatible with New Zealand law.
- 8). The overall task of the Secretariat shall be to carry out such functions as the IGA Board of Directors shall require. These will include:
 - Coordination of all IGA meetings, correspondence, and activities;
 - Maintenance of master mailing lists for IGA potential members and interested parties;
 - Development of and assistance with campaigns to develop membership interest;
 - Development of and assistance with fundraising campaigns;
 - Assistance with planning and budgeting;
 - Maintenance of all IGA Secretariat financial accounts and IGA correspondence and meeting records.
- 9). The persons present at Mexicali signed a petition to be accepted as members of IGA, Inc. When accepted by the 15 charter members of IGA, this more than doubles IGA membership and establishes a base from which many of the initial Directors can be drawn.
- 10). The OWG unanimously recommended to the 15 charter members of IGA that they appoint the following as first officers of IGA:

President: Tony Mahon (New Zealand)
Vice President: John Garnish (Commission of the European Communities)
Secretary: Bob Greider (USA)
Treasurer: Ian Thain (New Zealand)
- 11). The OWG agreed that the three OWG/IGA Committees should continue:

By-laws: Ladislaus Rybach (Chairman, Switzerland), Raffale Cataldi (Italy), Patrick Muffler (USA), and Gudmundur Palmason (Iceland).
Finance: Tony Amor (Chairman, USA), Hector Alonso Espinosa (Mexico), Jim Combs (USA), John Garnish (EEC), Jim Koenig (USA), Tony Mahon (New Zealand), and Ian Thain (New Zealand).
Membership: Enrico Barbier (Chairman; ex officio as General Manager), Hector Alonso Espinosa (Mexico), Gordon Bloomquist (USA), Vladimir Cermak (Czechoslovakia), Alfredo Esteves (Argentina), Getahun Demissie (Ethiopia), Derek Freeston (New Zealand), and Gudmundur Palmason (Iceland).
- 12). The OWG agreed that the location of the Secretariat may be changed upon the decision of the Board of Directors.

- 13). The OWG requested the General Manager to prepare draft by-laws for review and approval by the By-laws Committee before submittal to the next OWG/IGA meeting in Castelnuovo, Italy, (2-4 May 1989), according to the following deadlines:

- Compilation of preliminary draft by 15 January 1989,
- Review of the committee and by a lawyer (if necessary) by 15 March,
- Distribution to all persons known to be interested in the activities of OWG/IGA by 15 April,
- Presentation of final draft to the next OWG/IGA meeting in Castelnuovo, Italy, 2 May 1989.

- 14). The OWG proposed a list of 30 names of persons that should be asked to become members of IGA and serve on the first IGA Board of Directors. OWG requested the General Manager to canvass this list to determine whether each individual would be willing to serve as a director. A list of those agreeing to serve will be submitted to the charter members of IGA for a yes or no vote on the entire slate. If yes, the Board of Directors would immediately be seated and would convene in Castelnuovo as IGA. The 30 persons proposed are:

Hector Alonso Espinosa (Mexico), Tony Amor (USA), Enrico Barbier (Italy), Alan Beck (Canada), Francisco Bermejo Mora (Mexico), Gordon Bloomquist (USA), Brian Carey (New Zealand), Raffale Cataldi (Italy), Jim Combs (USA), Gustavo Cuellar (El Salvador), Getahun Demissie (Ethiopia), Yiry Dyadkin (USSR), Einar Tjorvi Eliasson (Iceland), Antonio Esteves (Argentina), Derek Freeston (New Zealand), John Garnish (Commission of the European Communities), Andre Gerard (France), Bob Greider (USA), Wang Ji-Yang (China), Jim Koenig (USA), Akito Koga (Japan), Vladimir Kononov (USSR), Tony Mahon (New Zealand), Tsvi Meidav (USA), Patrick Muffler (USA), Peter Ottlik (Hungary), Gudmundur Palmason (Iceland), Ladislaus Rybach (Switzerland), Paolo Squarci (Italy), and Ian Thain (New Zealand).

- 15). The OWG asked Raffale Cataldi to serve as the next (and final) Pro-Tempore Chairman of the OWG, with his principal function to arrange for the final OWG and initial IGA meeting in Castelnuovo.
- 16). The OWG set the final meeting of the OWG for 2-4 May 1989 in Castelnuovo, Italy.

The meeting will be organized by a committee chaired by Raffale Cataldi. The other members of the committee will include Hector Alonso Espinosa (Mexico), Enrico Barbier (as General Manager of the IGA Secretariat), John Garnish (Commission of the European Communities), Jim Koenig (USA), Tony Mahon (New Zealand), Franco Luccioli (Italy), and Paolo Squarci (Italy). At the Castelnuovo meeting, all functions of the OWG will be turned over to the first Board of Directors of IGA, and OWG will cease to exist. □