

The recent visit to England of the Vice-Chairman (Professor Laves) gave an opportunity for some discussion on the conduct of our business before the Statutes could come into operation. Below are suggestions on which comments would be welcome.

1. Chairmen and Opening Speakers. These must be decided within about three weeks as soon as the complete list of delegates is known. From the delegates known so far I have made some suggestions which will have to be added to later.
2. Provisional Committee. Arrangements will be made for this to meet very early in the programme. It is suggested that it should make nominations for the offices of Chairman and Secretary of the Association and that it should continue in being to conduct the first elections to the Executive Committee, as provided for in the Draft Statutes. It is, of course, the body responsible for running the Madrid meeting.
3. Election of Executive Committee. Immediately after the Madrid meeting the Provisional Committee will send an invitation to all representative societies of national status inviting them to join the new Association, and to send the appropriate subscription to the Secretary-Treasurer. On June 1st 1958 the member Societies will be invited to submit nominations for the Executive Committee and the Provisional Committee will proceed to conduct a postal ballot as provided for in the Draft Statutes. This will be scrutinized by the persons appointed for this purpose at the Madrid meeting. After the announcement of the results, the Provisional Committee will dissolve and the newly-elected Executive Committee will take over.
4. Election of Commissions. It is suggested that the delegates at Madrid should elect at least some of the members of the two proposed Commissions in order that these may start work in Madrid. In particular it would be desirable to elect the Chairman of each of the two Commissions. Eventually it might be desirable to have one member on each Commission from each member Society. I should like to put forward two names which seem to be very suitable for the two secretaryships: Publications Commission (which will be concerned with abstracts, etc.) Dr R. Van Tassel of Brussels; Nomenclature and New Minerals Commission - Dr C. Guillemin of Paris.
5. Draft Statutes. These must be discussed at Madrid and adopted. It is likely that these will need adjustment later, but what is important is to agree on the substance of what we want and to put this with sufficient clarity in the form of rules so that the Association can be formed and can start working.
6. Sessions at Madrid. Opening session: Chairman, Dr Claringbull
Presenter of Draft Statutes, Professor Laves.
Opening speaker on future participation in Congresses etc;
Professor Buerger.

Symposium on Present and Future Trends in Mineralogy:

Chairman, Professor Buerger.

Speakers, a Russian delegate, Professors Ito, Laves,,
Onorato, Sahama, Tilley, Wyart.

Other sessions: Suggestions would be welcome and will be circulated as soon as the list of delegates is known.