



## **Last Minutes (SEAC AGM, Moscow, May 27<sup>th</sup> 2000)**

The Meeting is attended by some 30 members and nearly 20 non-members or applicants, under the presidency of Dr. Iwaniszewski (President of SEAC), Dr. Frank (treasurer) & Dr. Belmonte (Secretary). Hereinafter the Executive Committee (EC).

The President opens the session in Spanish, remembering people that SEAC has 5 official languages (English, French, German, Spanish & Russian). After this, he proposes an agenda of 13 points that would be followed thereafter.

### **1) Adoption and approval of Agenda.**

**2) Information about the Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> AGM** (La Laguna, June 27 1999).

The former Secretary informs that he has had no time to finish it. He compromises to have it ready for the incoming newsletter.

**3) The President** reads his **report** for the period 1999-2000

It is approved by the AGM.

**4) Treasurer's report** is presented. It is approved by the AGM.

It is established that it is very difficult to get the fees from SEAC members. There are persons who has never paid and several (40%) who have not paid for more than three years.

A discussion is opened in this sense. Dr. Iwaniszewski proposes using VISA card. Dr. Ruggles argues that it is expensive.

Finally, it is decided that the best way is still paying when attending the SEAC meetings. In case of no possibility of participation, people are encouraged to find a colleague attending the meeting who can carry the fee for him/her.

Dr. Obridko, from Moscow Astronomical Institute, proposes that his institution can act as a sort of fee collector for Russia and that similar proposal could be done in other places.

A discussion is opened of what to do with the slow paying members. The President suggests that with the next Newsletter, a advise is included informing that either years 1999 & 2000 are paid or those who have not paid for more than 5 years will be fired of SEAC.

Dr. Obridko asks if the list of slow paying persons will be public. The President answers NO.

### **5) Publications of Conference Proceedings.**

Dr. Spultnik asks if it would be possible to send some volumes to scientific centres. The discussion is postponed.

### **The President inform of the status:**

#### Past Meetings:

- Smolyan, Bochum & Salamanca are published.
- Gdansk has just been published. Dr. Lebeuf brought some copies to the Meeting.
- Sibiu has been published but the print is of very low quality so it will have to be reprinted.
- Dublin: Dr. Ruggles informs that it will be ready for next fall.
- La Laguna: Dr. Belmonte informs that it will be ready to send by next summer.

#### Current Meeting:

Dr. Obridko informs that both the Institutes of Archaeology and Astronomy of Moscow will be editing the Proceeding of SEAC 2000.

The dead-line for papers will be **July 31 2000**

Some 70 communications will be expected of between 4 & 12 pages.

Papers will be accepted in English or Russian.

An **extended abstract** (to be translated into the other language) will be required also.

Format A4 in Word. Figures in postscript or originals.

Dr. Simonia asks if a CD might be edited. The answer of the EC is no for copyright problems.

#### Future Meetings:

Dr. Blomberg informs that the LOC will be editing the SEAC 2001 proceedings in Stockholm. Not all that will be presented will be published.

**6)** A discussion of **what to do with published material** is opened.

Dr. Ruggles informs that **Ocarina Books** is centralising the books of Dublin, Smolyan and Bochum. He asks if it will be useful that they centralised everything.

After a short discussion it is established that with e-mail and Internet facilities this is not necessary.

It is suggested and accepted that **all information will be centralised in the future WEB page of SEAC**, including useful information of how to reach any of the published books.

#### **7) Newsletter.**

The President informs that Numbers 4 & 5 have just been sent with a little delay.

Next Newsletter (6 & 7) will be ready hopefully for next fall,

The President will centralise all the information.

#### **8) SEAC WEB Site.**

The Secretary informs that a WEB site of the Society will hopefully be working before the end of 2000.

Preliminary, it will be something like ((www.iac.es/.../SEAC)). It will contain:

- Last Newsletter.
- Previous newsletters.
- Publications.
- Information on past and future venues of meetings.
- Connections to appropriate sites.
- Statutes of the society.
- List of members with possible connections to personal WEB pages.
- Other relevant information.

The EC is authorised to uses the names of the members in the pages.

**9)** A discussion is opened on the value of the **Annual Fee**.

The President proposes a change:

<b>Western Europe Members</b>	<b>US\$20</b>
<b>Baltic Countries, Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovenia</b>	<b>US\$5</b>
<b>Rest of Eastern Europe</b>	<b>US\$2</b>

Dr. Barlay (Hungary) and Dr. Spultnik (Estonia) are asked if they think that this is reasonable. Their answer is YES. The proposal is then accepted by the AGM.

## 10) SEAC 9th Meeting at Stockholm.

Drs. Peter & Mary Blomberg inform about the next SEAC Meeting.

- There is a WEB page under construction where all information can be find:  
**<http://mikrob.com/SEAC2001>**
- Dates: August 27-30 2000.
- Provisional title: Symbols, calendars and orientations: legacies of astronomy in culture.
- The LOC will be formed by Drs. Peter Blomberg, Mary Blomberg & Goran Henrikson.
- The meeting will be in the Observatory, highest spot in the city of Stockholm.
- Very likely, the Swedish National Academy will sponsor the meeting. This might mean possibility of a few grants for students or eastern European scientists.
- Proposed excursions:
  1. To Upsala (royal tumular necropolis)
  2. Long excursion to the dolmens in Falkoping and the rock carvings of Ekemberg (some 400 Kms.).

A discussion is opened about the topics of the Meeting. Dr. Tamila Potemkina says that it will be very useful to know the topics in advance so that one can judge the interest of the meeting. After a short discussion, 4 main topics are established:

- Methodology
- Origin of the Constellations
- Megaliths
- Rock art

## 11) Dates and venues for future SEAC meetings.

The AGM is informed by the EC that there are some **rules** to be followed for those willing to organise a meeting. The President informs that there are some tentative places for the next 3 years:

- **2002:** Both Estonia (Dr. Izold Spultnik) and Rumania (Dr. Magda Stavinski) are willing to organise the Meeting. Following a proposal of Dr. Clive Ruggles, the AGM decides that the EC will decide among the two places. A dead-line for the arrival of more definitive proposals is established for December 31<sup>st</sup> 2000.
- **2003:** Ideas are expressed about possibilities in Castellón (Spain) or somewhere in Denmark. Dr. Clive Ruggle suggests investigate the possibilities of a meeting in Italy.
- **2004:** There is a preliminary proposal of Dr. Ivan Šprajc (Slovenia).

**12)** In the term of "**any other busyness**" a discussion is opened on the creation of the **prize "Carlos Jaschek"** for the best works of Astronomy in Culture (either a paper, a book or a whole project) which can be gained either by an individual or by an institution.

**Two committees** are created one of **nomination** and another to establish the **rules** of the prize.

- The latter is formed by Dr. Rappenglueck (Germany), Dr. Kaurov (Russia) and Dr. Lebeuf (Poland & France) and they should come with a project for the next AGM in Stockholm 2001.
- The former will be formed by Dr. Barlay (Hungary) and Dr. Stavinski(Rumania).

**13)** At 18:30, the President closes the session and convenes the members of SEAC for the **next AGM** to be hold, hopefully, at the **Observatory of Stockholm (Sweden) on Thursday 30 of August of 2001**. End of AGM