

Attendees

Graeme Bonham-Carter, President
Frits Agterberg, Vice President
Geoff Bohling, Treasurer
Carol Gotway Crawford, Secretary General
Antonella Buccianti, IGC Councilor
Heinz Burger, Awards Committee Chair
John Cubitt, IAMG 2003 Chair
John Davis, IAMG Distinguished Lecturer
JoAnne DeGraffenreid, Editor, IAMG Monograph Series
Mike Hohn, Publications Committee Chair
Roy Kouda, Councilor
Dan Merriam, Editor, *Natural Resources Research*
Harald Poelchau, IAMG Newsletter Editor
Ed Sharp, Editor, *Mathematical Geology*

President Bonham-Carter convened the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

President's report

President Bonham-Carter presented a summary of IAMG's 2002-2003 activities.

I. During the past year, Council voted to provide financial support for the following conference sessions and workshops (does not include the statistical conferences discussed in the Vice President's Report):

1. 8th South African Geophysical Association (SAGA) meeting in Pilanesburg, South Africa, October 7-10, 2003. (\$2,000 to bring a visiting speaker for an IAMG-sponsored session—see http://www.sagaonline.co.za/2003conference/geo_technique_dev.htm). Proposed to IAMG by Gordon Cooper.
2. Compositional Data Analysis Workshop, October 15-17, 2003. Girona, Spain (\$2,000). Proposed to IAMG by Vera Pawlowsky-Glahn.
3. Workshop entitled "Analogue and numerical forward modeling of sedimentary systems; from understanding to prediction," October 9-11, 2003, Utrecht, The Netherlands (\$2,000). Proposed to IAMG by Gert Weltje.

II. Council selected two new members of the Awards Committee, Qiuming Cheng (Canada) and Steve Henley (UK), who will serve until 2006, replacing John Cubitt and John Davis. This is in accordance with Bylaw 11, which specifies that terms of membership should overlap.

III. Council voted to accept the proposal to organize IAMG 2005 at York University, Toronto. The chair of IAMG 2005 is Qiuming Cheng, and he is tentatively planning an August, 2005 meeting. The IAMG office will provide assistance with registration.

IV. The IAMG office, managed in Kingston, Ontario by Events & Management, reports that as of August 8, 2003, we had 519 members, including 20 student members. 78 members elected not

to subscribe to one of the three journals. 20 members rejoined after allowing their membership to lapse in 2002. Subscriptions to MG are currently 313, C&G 227, and NRR 70. A new two-year contract was signed with Events & Management. President Bonham-Carter noted that membership numbers have stayed fairly constant, implying that last year's membership changes have had little impact on membership. However, Treasurer Bohling stated that subscriptions to Mathematical Geology were down, maybe because it was the least expensive journal and many members had taken this journal just to be IAMG members. Ed Sharp suggested, and all agreed, that IAMG needs to work on increasing membership across the board.

V. The online membership database (members only) is now being managed by the IAMG office.

VI. President Bonham-Carter has appointed the following members to the Nominating Commission, who will be responsible to preparing a slate of candidates for the 2004-2008 Council: Richard Howarth (UK), Ute Herzfeld (Germany), Heinz Burger (Germany), Roy Kouda (Japan), Jaime Gomez-Hernandez (Spain). President Bonham-Carter will chair the Commission. To nominate someone for a particular position, contact President Bonham-Carter or one of the members on the Nominating Commission with the name of the nominee and a brief paragraph stating the reasons for the particular nomination. The candidates will be asked to send a brief statement or biography to Newsletter Editor Poelchau in December.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Agterberg reported that in 2002, the IAMG was invited and accepted to organize, as a Guest Society, an invited paper meeting at the 54th Session of the International Statistical Institute (ISI). This session took place in Berlin, Germany, August 13-20, 2003, with IAMG's Invited Paper Meeting (IPM77) held on August 16th. The program was as follows:

IPM 77 - Recent Statistical Advances in Geological and Environmental Applications

Frits Agterberg (Canada), IAMG Vice President – Introduction

Paul Switzer (USA), Tapan Mukerji (USA) and Jo Eidsvik (Norway) – Hidden Markov Models for Stratigraphic Sequences with Application to Well-Log Data

Ricardo Olea (USA) – New Lithostratigraphic Applications of the CORRELATOR System

Felix Gradstein (Norway) – Quantitative Methods for Geological Time Scale 2004

Nicholas Fisher (Australia) – Remarks by Invited Discussant

Walther Schwarzacher (Northern Ireland) – Remarks by Invited Discussant
Dr. Schwarzacher replaced Dr. Heinz Burger who had a conflict with this meeting.

Written versions of the three invited papers are published in the Bulletin of the International Statistical Institute and are available for viewing on <http://www.isi-2003.de>

An IAMG-sponsored Symposium on "New Applications of Mathematical Statistics in the Earth Sciences" co-chaired by Frits Agterberg and Carol Gotway Crawford will be held during the 32nd International Geological Congress in Florence, Italy, August 2004, and is listed as G – 13.03 in the second IGC 2004 circular. Symposium G – 13.03 focuses on the interface between geo-science and mathematical statistics. Papers to be presented deal with geo-science applications of newly developed concepts and methods of mathematical statistics and other fields of applied mathematics. In the past, geologists have helped to create new fields of research for mathematical statisticians. In turn, theoretical developments by mathematical statisticians have provided us with useful new tools. Topics of special interest to geologists include spatial statistics, analysis of closed number systems, quantitative stratigraphy and statistics of directional features. Additionally, the past two decades have seen new developments of fractals, multifractals and chaos theory. Applications of these non-linear developments in geo-science also will be included as topics for papers in this symposium.

In June 2003, the IAMG was invited to enter a competition between many scientific organizations to hold an Invited Paper Session during the Joint Statistical Meetings to be held in Toronto during August 2004 about two weeks before the International Geological Congress in Florence. The Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) is the largest gathering of North American statisticians (about 5,000 in 2002). Its main sponsor is the American Statistical Association. During the past few years, the IAMG has been invited to participate in this competition on an annual basis. Two years ago we accepted the invitation, won a spot, and organized a successful Invited Paper Session on "Recent Developments in Geostatistics" during JSM-2002 in New York City. Partly because JSM-2004 will be held at nearly the same time as our own next annual meeting in Florence, we have not accepted the latest invitation to enter the IPS competition. However, after discussions with Carol Gotway Crawford, who is currently Program Chair for ASA's Section on Statistics and the Environment (ENVR), we are planning to hold an IAMG-sponsored Contributed Topic Session in Toronto on environmental applications of mathematical geology. Topic Contributed Sessions need five speakers. A detailed plan for this JSM-2004 session should be submitted by February 2004.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bohling reported that the IAMG is still in very good shape financially and business (managed by Events & Management, Inc. in Kingston, Ontario) is running smoothly. Treasurer Bohling requested that E&M be a little more prompt in getting summary reports to him (the last membership/subscription report he has from them is from April).

Treasurer Bohling reported that the transition to management of memberships and subscriptions, as well as newsletter production and sundry other services, by E&M is now complete. The IAMG now has a checking account in Rochester, New York, which E&M uses for the processing of memberships and subscriptions. Because all subscription payments are passed on to the publishers, that account gradually lost money year to credit card processing and bank fees. However, the new \$10 membership fee more than makes up for those losses, so the Rochester account is now accumulating money. E&M reports a balance of \$16820.41 in the Rochester account as of June 30, 2003. President Bonham-Carter provided a copy of E&M's June

membership report (included below) and the June financial report from E&M (the most recent available to Treasurer Bohling) is also included below.

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**IAMG Membership Report
 June 30, 2003**

Membership Type	Renewed	New	Reinstated*	Total Paid	Not Renewed**
Ordinary – no subscription	55	18	—	73	—
Ordinary – with subscription	376	30	20	426	113
Subtotal – Ordinary Members	431	48	20	499	113
Student – no subscription	2	3	—	5	—
Student – with subscription	11	5	0	16	1
Subtotal – Student Members	13	8	0	21	1
Institutional	0	0	0	0	—
Grand Total	444	56	20	520	114

* former member did not pay 2002 – rejoined in 2003

** paid 2002 not paid for 2003

Donations

# Members' Donations Received	USD Amount Donated
26	\$435.75

Subscriptions Renewed

	# Subscriptions
Mathematical Geology	313
Computers & Geosciences Regular	156
Computers & Geosciences Student	7
Computers & Geosciences Electronic	64
Natural Resources Research	70

Monograph Orders

	# Orders
# 2 Oil & Gas Forecasting	0
# 3 Geostatistical Glossary & Multilingual Dictionary	3
# 5 Computers in Geology: 25 Years of Progress	4
# 6 Modern Spatiotemporal Geostatistics	13

CD Orders

	# Orders
Proceedings IAMG'2002	62
Proceedings IAMG'2001	28
Computers & Geosciences Silver CD: 25 Years of Computer Code	23

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IAMG FINANCIAL REPORT: Chase Manhattan Bank, Rochester, NY (managed by E&M), 06/30/03							
REVENUES	JUN 2003	MAY 2003	APR 2003	MAR 2003	FEB 2003	JAN 2003	Year to Date
Subscriptions							
Prior Year Subscriptions							
Membership Fee	\$285.00	\$305.00	\$545.00	\$615.00	\$235.00	\$3,055.00	\$5,040.00
Donations	\$5.00	\$30.00	\$20.25	\$31.00	\$10.00	\$339.50	\$435.75
Shipping	\$0.00		\$24.75	\$19.75	\$0.00	\$80.75	\$125.25
Subscriptions - Math Geol	\$355.50	\$592.50	\$711.00	\$1,619.00	\$671.50	\$8,400.00	\$12,349.50
Subscriptions - Computers & Geo Regular	\$337.50	\$825.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,174.00	\$825.00	\$6,900.00	\$11,561.50
Subscriptions - Computers & Geo Student	\$0.00	\$37.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37.50	\$150.00	\$225.00
Subscriptions - Computers & Geo Electronic	\$112.50	\$112.50	\$262.50	\$487.50	\$37.50	\$1,312.50	\$2,325.00
Subscriptions - Natural Resources	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$440.00	\$475.00	\$330.00	\$2,365.00	\$3,830.00
Monograph #2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$148.50	\$148.50
Monograph #3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Monograph #5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$98.00	\$147.00
Monograph #6	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$168.00	\$84.00	\$0.00	\$336.00	\$638.00
Computers & Geo Silver CD	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$25.00	\$250.00	\$510.00
Berlin CD		\$30.00	\$40.00	\$90.00	\$20.00	\$410.00	\$590.00
Cancun CD	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$210.00	\$300.00
Total Subscription Revenue	\$1,265.50	\$2,062.50	\$3,865.50	\$4,775.25	\$2,201.50	\$24,055.25	\$38,225.50
Other Revenue							
Other Revenue	\$0.00	\$10.13	\$10.00	\$0.00	(\$18.00)	(\$11.00)	(\$8.87)
Bank Interest				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Other Revenue	\$0.00	\$10.13	\$10.00	\$0.00	(\$18.00)	(\$11.00)	(\$8.87)
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,265.50	\$2,072.63	\$3,875.50	\$4,775.25	\$2,183.50	\$24,044.25	\$38,216.63
EXPENSES							
Subscriptions							
Subscriptions - Math Geol	\$1,303.50		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,503.00	\$5,806.50	\$11,613.00
Subscriptions - Computers & Geo	\$137.50		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,962.50	\$6,100.00
Subscriptions - Natural Resources	\$550.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,045.00	\$1,705.00	\$3,300.00
Monographs	\$240.00			\$0.00	\$328.50	\$577.50	\$1,146.00
Computers & Geo Silver CD				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Cancun CD				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Subscription Payments	\$2,231.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,876.50	\$14,051.50	\$22,159.00
Administrative Expenses							
Credit Card Fees	\$40.56	\$52.68	\$84.45	\$142.54	(\$264.37)	\$715.78	\$771.64
Bank Service Charges		\$19.50	\$16.18	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$64.42	\$115.10
Operating Expenses						\$0.00	\$0.00
Management Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
						\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Other Expenses	\$40.56	\$72.18	\$100.63	\$157.54	(\$264.37)	\$780.20	\$886.74
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,271.56	\$72.18	\$100.63	\$157.54	\$5,612.13	\$14,831.70	\$23,045.74
NET SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(\$1,006.06)	\$2,000.45	\$3,774.87	\$4,617.71	(\$3,428.63)	\$9,212.55	\$15,170.89

IAMG Council Meeting, 7 September 2003, University of Portsmouth

The following table contains a summary of revenues and expenses for the IAMG's main account in Lawrence, Kansas USA, both so far this year and projected to the end of the year. Treasurer Bohling reported that IAMG will continue to be in good financial shape as long as we keep getting royalty income. By this last spring there was a balance of over \$100,000 accumulated in the checking account. Also, a considerable amount of money had accumulated in our cash funds managed through USBancorp. So, in April (following the advice of a financial advisor in Lawrence, KS.), Treasurer Bohling transferred \$80,000 from IAMG's checking account and a similar amount from the cash funds into government bond funds, leaving about \$20,000 in checking and about \$8,000 in the cash funds. The current balance in checking is \$16,360. Our USBancorp portfolio balance as of July 31, 2003, was \$538,812 (compared \$455,400 at the beginning of the year – a gain of only \$3412 after you factor out the \$80,000 from checking) and our SmithBarney portfolio was worth \$108,177 as of the end of July (compared to \$104,327 at the beginning of the year).

Summary of USBank checking account (# 4343919181) for Jan. 1-Sept. 2, 2003 and projected to end of year			
	1/1/03 - 9/2/03	Projected to	12/31/03
GROSS REVENUE			
Meeting Refunds	\$7,511.90	\$7,511.90	(IAMG's share of proceeds from IAMG 2002 meeting)
MG Royalties (Plenum)	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	(We have not received these yet; assuming will be similar to previous year)
C&G Royalties (Elsevier)	\$46,367.94	\$46,367.94	(Still our primary source of operating income)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$53,879.84	\$65,879.84	
EXPENSES			
Travel	\$4,668.43	\$7,000.00	(Travel expenses for officers & various others to various meetings)
Grants & Awards	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	(Chayes prize this year, right?)
IAMG Conf.	\$2,277.59	\$2,277.59	(\$2000 IUGS travel grant for IAMG '03 and plaque for IAMG '02 organizers)
Meeting sponsorship	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	(For Compositional Data Analysis meeting)
Promotion & Booths	\$1,944.25	\$1,944.25	(Booths at GSA '02 and AGU Fall '02 and student grant advert in Geotimes; any more?)
Postage	\$36.73	\$50.00	(My postage expenses; most postage included in E&M expenses)
Website expenses	\$2,805.00	\$3,000.00	(Includes new laptop)
Newsletter expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	(Now included in E&M expenses)
Accounting	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	(Still need to pay for review of 2002 finances)
Bank charges	\$116.00	\$200.00	
Student grants	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	(Assuming we will be rewarding these before the end of the year)
Complimentary subscriptions	\$403.50	\$403.50	
Russian issue of MG	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
E&M Fees	\$4,515.00	\$6,030.00	(\$495.00 per month for first three months, then \$505.00 per month)
E&M Expenses	\$4,783.34	\$5,300.00	(E&M's IAMG-related expenses: printing, postage, etc.; just guessing for the projection)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$28,549.84	\$47,205.34	

Treasurer Bohling reported that the conservative nature of investments has served IAMG well. IAMG's checking account has a large balance and Treasurer Bohling asked for ideas on how to invest.

Treasurer Bohling reported that membership subscriptions are down from last year. At the end of last year, there were 538 members. So far this year, there are 531 members.

GEOFF: PLEASE CHECK THE NUMBERS IN THE TABLE, PARTICULARLY THE LAST COLUMN.

Year	MG Member Subscriptions	MG Non-member Subscriptions	C&G Member Subscriptions	C&G Electronic Subscriptions	NRR Member	Total Number of Members
2002*	417	?	225 [#]	82	80	538
2001	433	233	289	N/A	90	564?
2000	434	287	296	N/A	95	574
1999	468	315	316	N/A	102	585
1998	401	332	290	N/A	87	541
1997	430	?	285	N/A	115	555

* IAMG membership was restructured and subscription to a journal was no longer required for membership.

[#]Print subscriptions only; we did not offer member electronic subscriptions before 2002. Includes student subscriptions.

In an email to the Council prior to this Council meeting, Past President Olea noted that sponsored travel should be included in meeting sponsorship (but still indicated as travel in this category) and not in travel.

Editor Sharp asked if IAMG had paid the US \$5,000 to the Russians for the special issue in Mathematical Geology and Treasurer Bohling responded affirmatively and pointed out this expense item in the Summary report of the USBank checking account.

Secretary General's Report

Secretary General Gotway Crawford reported that the IUGS has awarded IAMG US \$1000 for 2003. This is to be used to provide support for under-privileged scientists to attend IAMG's annual meeting. She noted that since IAMG's next annual meeting will be held as part of IGC, the Council should discuss with IGC Councilor Antonella Bucciatti how best to use these funds.

The primary focus of Secretary General Gotway Crawford's report was the 2004 election. In trying to find the procedures for the election, she found two Statutes and one By-Law that may need to be modified due to potentially antiquated procedures, but she did not find a description of the election procedure. Prior to preparing her report, Secretary General Gotway Crawford asked Past President Ricardo Olea for his thoughts about the election procedure and her drafts of

proposed changes to the Statutes and By-Laws. She distributed a copy of her proposed changes and thought, integrated with those of Past President Olea. These are included below.

Statutes:

III. Administration

11. At least one (1) year before an ordinary meeting of the General Assembly, the Council shall appoint a Nominating Commission of which the President or a Council Member designated by the President, shall be the nonvoting chairman. The Nominating Commission shall consist of five (5) individual members of the IAMG in addition to the chairman; no currently serving elected officer may be a voting member of the Nominating Commission. **The Nominating Commission shall report its list of candidates to the Council by mail at least four (4) months before the General Assembly meeting at which the election is to be held. Additional nominations for the Council may be made from the floor of the General Assembly.**

Proposed Change: *“Elections are done by ballots sent to all IAMG members in good standing. Election results must be ratified by the General Assembly held at each International Geological Congress. The Nominating Commission shall report its list of candidates to the Council at least four (4) months before the General Assembly meeting at which the election results are to be ratified.”*

Past President Olea conveyed that the tradition concerning IAMG elections is as follows:

1. Nomination Commission prepares a slate of candidates.
2. There is no political campaign. Because of that, in 2000, IAMG started the practice of having the candidates “promote” themselves by preparing a note for the Newsletter. These notes should appear in the December issue of the Newsletter before the election. These notes prevent members from voting in complete darkness or following purely name recognition.
3. Ballots are mailed to all members in good standing at the year of the election. The mailing is done in May. In the past, the Secretary General has prepared the ballot and done this mailing, but now the logical thing is that E&M does the mailing.
4. Members are given 2 months to return the ballots. Again, for 2004, the logical thing will be to send them back to E&M, unless E&M will charge us too much for the service.
5. Counting of ballots is done in July. Sometimes the counting has been done by the Chair of the Nominations Commission with assistance of eyewitnesses, some other times by a neutral party. Now it may be wise to ask E&M to count the votes, especially if they collect the ballots.

6. Results are passed to the Secretary General to make the announcement at the General Assembly and to inform Council and all candidates.
7. As stated in Statute 6d, results are announced to the General Assembly, which appoints the winners to their seats until the next General Assembly at the IGC.

Past President Olea suggested that this practice remain, but both Secretary General Gotway Crawford and Past President Olea thought this procedure should be written some place, either in the statutes, by-laws, or guidelines, both for reasons of transparency and to avoid future confusion.

Council members at the meeting were strongly in favor of email voting, using E&M to send and collect the ballots. Past President Olea noted that electronic voting should increase participation, which has always been a problem. No more than about 200 members send the ballots back during an election period. E&M must be able to assure a system in which voting more than once will not be possible. Publications Committee Chair Hohn suggested that we could vote online, logging into a secure website, but also noted that this might be expensive and the cost of the election should also be a consideration. President Bonham-Carter will discuss this with E&M and determine the cost for this service. Treasurer Bohling expressed concern about how to reach members that cannot be reached by email or that do not check their email regularly. Publications Committee Chair Hohn suggested sending a postcard reminder. He also suggested that the counting of ballots be done by a neutral party, and not just by E&M—he felt strongly that an IAMG member should be involved in counting the ballots. One option is to have E&M tally the votes and then send it to the IAMG President for certification. Editor Merriam suggested that there should be some sort of copy sent to this designated IAMG member and Publications Committee Chair Hohn suggested that this might fall under the duties of the Past President. Editor Poelchau suggested that E&M could archive the ballots and then these could be used by the designated IAMG official to provide an independent count.

Another concern is that the procedure calls for the Secretary General to announce the results at the General Assembly. Since the Secretary General may be a candidate for office, perhaps a better procedure is to have the President read the results.

The Council members present agreed to continue this discussion via email.

Secretary General Gotway Crawford also suggested the following changes to the Statutes and By-laws:

IV. Domicile and representation

13. The legal domicile of IAMG shall be the place where the Secretary General conducts business.

Proposed Change: *“The legal domicile of IAMG shall be the place where the official IAMG office conducts business.”*

Past President Olea suggested that we check this with an attorney, as the term “domicile” has legal implications. This provision may be very important or immaterial and Past President Olea suggested we check with other organizations having an official headquarters. Perhaps E&M knows the answer as they may serve as a “domicile” to other organizations. President Bonham-Carter will discuss this with E&M.

By-Laws:

II. Appointments

6. The President shall appoint an Archivist to be responsible for maintaining the permanent records and files of the IAMG.

Proposed Change: *Suggest deleting this By-law, or replacing it with “The IAMG office shall be responsible for maintaining the permanent records and files of the IAMG. The Secretary General will be responsible for updating the records and files the IAMG Webmaster shall be responsible for maintaining the electronic files of the IAMG.”*

Dan Merriam is the only IAMG Archivist. It was his idea to centralize documents accumulated during the periods served by the officers as part of official record keeping. Editor Merriam reported that he had been turning over all of his materials to President Bonham-Carter and they had discussed scanning in the material Past President Olea had organized. E&M is willing to store a few boxes of materials for us.

Secretary General Gotway Crawford noted that it is important to keep track of the Krumbein medals. Her tally to date is that Mike Hohn is storing 6 and Dan Merriam is storing 16. Distinguished Lecturer Davis has now found several more while relocating his office and Treasurer Bohling sent these to President Bonham-Carter. Publications Committee Chair Hohn noted that over the years, as people became officers, it was convenient to have the medals dispersed among these individuals for convenient transport to the IAMG meeting. President Bonham-Carter thought all medals should be stored with E&M. If these are now to be stored at E&M, we need a formal record and receipt.

2003 Conference, Portsmouth, UK

IAMG 2003 Conference Organizer John Cubitt reported that there were 116 registrations for IAMG 2003 thus far. Even though the budget was set at 200, IAMG 2003 will break even, but IAMG 2003 Organizer Cubitt expressed disappointment in this number and in the number of registrations for the workshops. IAMG Distinguished Lecturer Davis suggested one reason might be that international travel is down. Secretary General Gotway Crawford thought it might be due to the Geocomputation 2003 conference being held at the same time nearby. President Bonham-Carter stated that he approached the organizers of Geocomputation 2003 a year ago offering collaboration and attempting to make sure the dates of this conference did not conflict with IAMG 2003. The organizers of Geocomputation 2003 appeared rather uninterested in coordinating their conference with IAMG. President Bonham-Cater expressed surprise at the

fact that IAMG Distinguished Lecturer Davis was going to give a keynote address at the Geocomputation 2003 conference on Monday, September 8, at the same time as IAMG 2003's opening plenary sessions. IAMG Distinguished Lecturer Davis thought that the Geocomputation conference would not detract from IAMG 2003 since it was more focused on GIS. Others on the Council expressed concern about IAMG members giving a keynote address at another conference that coincided with an IAMG annual meeting, while serving as an IAMG Distinguished Lecturer. President Bonham-Carter commended IAMG 2003 Organizers John Cubbitt and John Whalley for their good organization of IAMG 2003, and expressed appreciation to Steve Henley for his work on IAMG 2003 as well.

Addendum: Added by Secretary General October 22, 2003:

Proceedings of IAMG 2003, The International Association of Mathematical Geology Conference, Portsmouth, UK, September 7-12, 2003 (CD format) to be published by The International Association of Mathematical Geology has been assigned ISBN 0-9734220-0-9.

IAMG 2004/IGC 2004, Florence, Italy

IGC Councilor Buccianti reported about the situation of IGC since the second circular has been printed. IGC is divided into special, topical, and general Symposia, one day workshops and short courses. IAMG has sponsored or co-sponsored the following sessions:

A topical symposium (T22) on Management and Application of Geoscience Information, with 3 sessions;

A session (T-08.01) inside the topical symposium on Exploration Geophysics;

A general symposium on Mathematical Geology, with 6 sessions, 5 sponsored by IAMG (G-13.01, G-13.03, G-13.04, G-13.05, G-13.06);

Two sessions (G-03.03, G-03.08) inside the general symposium on Environmental Geology;

One session (G-17.01) inside the general symposium on Paleontology;

Two sessions (G21.12, G 21.16) inside the general symposium on Sedimentology;

Three short courses (BSC-02, BSC-04, DSC-04).

IGC Councilor Buccianti noted that IAMG has to decide what meetings we will have inside the Congress in order to reserve the rooms using the specific application forms.

Publications Committee

Publications Committee Chair Hohn reported on publications committee activities. He noted that two items required action from the Publications Committee as a group. The first concerns the distribution of

royalties from monographs in the IAMG Monograph series. President Bonham-Carter has forwarded a memo from Jo Anne DeGraffenreid, Editor of the IAMG monograph series, regarding assignment of royalties to be paid by Oxford University Press for future Studies in Mathematical Geology titles. The Publications Committee supports the proposal. The main question is what proportion of the royalties should go to IAMG and what proportion should go to the authors? President Bonhama-Carter stated that most should go to the authors. However, Publications Committee Chair Hohn noted that there was now a cost associated with producing the monograph. Essentially, the Kansas Geological Survey was donating the cost of Editor DeGraffenreid's time, but now that this is no longer the case and her time is now her own she should be compensated for the substantial amount of time and effort she spends on the monograph series. President Bonham-Carter suggested that her expenses should be paid from the royalties first, with the remainder going to the authors. The rest of the discussion on this issue was referred to the Publication Committees meeting to be held Tuesday, September, 9, 2003.

The second issue requiring discussion concerns looking ahead to the time when Graeme Bonham-Carter will step down from his position as editor-in-chief of *Computers & Geosciences*. Editor Bonham-Carter asked the Publications Committee to consider his proposal that Eric Grunsky become Deputy Editor, eventually replacing Bonham-Carter as editor-in-chief in the future. A memo from Editor Bonham-Carter was circulated amongst committee members. After due deliberation, the Publications Committee recommends that the IAMG Council accept Editor Bonham-Carter's recommendation.

On another important topic, Editor Sharp expressed concern about a memo he received concerning possible formation of a consortium of societies (e.g., GSA, AAPG) that allows libraries to subscribe to the entire group of journals. Distinguished Lecturer Davis noted that this idea was prevalent in the medical area. Editor Merriam noted that IAMG is different from other societies—other societies are actually publishers. Editor Sharp noted that the real issue is the contracts with Elsevier and Kluwer. Editor Sharp will put forth a summary and recommendations to the publications committee.

Publications Chair Hohn stated that additional details are contained in the report from the publications committee (which is attached here for completeness).

Mathematical Geology (*Submitted by W. Edwin Sharp, Editor-in-Chief*)

Submissions during 2002 rebounded nicely from the unusually low submissions in 2001 and current submissions for the period January through June are in line with those of last year. An additional 10 articles were submitted as part of the special issue (May) honoring A.B. Vistelius and 13 as part of the special issue (October) on GeoImages. As in previous years, time from receipt of a manuscript to time of publication is about one year.

The number of papers to be published in 2003 is similar to that of previous years:

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Papers	52	46	47	44	50	50
Book Reviews	2	8	9	6	9	8
Letters to Editor	4	1	3	2	0	3
Assoc. Announcements	1	6	1	3	3	2
Notes	0	0	0	1	0	1
Teacher's Aides	0	0	0	3	0	0
Submissions	75	75	87	54	74*	40**

*excluding special issues.
 **period January through June.

The scientific content of the journal is determined entirely by the nature of the manuscripts submitted. At the present time the editor is publishing all manuscripts that pass review. For example, no teacher's aides have been published because there have been no submissions. For the editor to exercise direction over the scientific content of the journal under the current page agreement, annual submissions would need to reach at least 90 per year.

Because of uncertainty in the stipend of the editor during the negotiation of a new contract, the editor fell quite far behind in the review of manuscripts last year. This was also complicated by the failure of the hard drive on the editor's e-mail server during the Christmas break. However, once a partial payment of the stipend for 2003 was received in January, a graduate student assistant from the school of library and information science was hired. With her assistance in handling many of the routine duties, the considerable backlog in processing of manuscripts was eliminated by early summer. The delays in the review of manuscripts late last year and early this year delayed the shipment of manuscripts to the publisher. At the moment the appearance of journal issues is running about 3 months behind the publication date. Hopefully these will come more in line in 2004.

Associate editor, Roussos Dimtraopoulos, is still in the process of putting together a special issue in honor of Michael David. Frits Agterberg has agreed to take on the duties of book review editor.

A new contract with Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers which will last through 2009 was finalized late last year.

Computers & Geosciences (*Submitted by Graeme Bonham-Carter, Editor-in-Chief*)

Computers & Geosciences appears to be attracting more papers, and I think that in general the quality is improving. From Jan 1 to August 8 this year we have already received 131 papers—this is above our average of about 100 for this stage of the year.

The 2002 Volume 28 contained 105 papers (not including editorials), 10 Short Notes, 3 Book Reviews, 1 Letter to the Editor and 1 Corrigendum. There were 2 special issues, and 70 papers had companion code that was made available to the public on the IAMG server.

The Best Paper competition was chaired by Jim Carr. The winning paper was by Alan Witten, describing a software system for geophysical processing. It was interesting to note that Witten's paper was downloaded more frequently than any other paper during the period May 2002-May 2003, according to the listing on Elsevier's page for the journal

(<http://www.elsevier.com/pub/9/10/top25.htt?jnl=cageo>), and that between July 2002 and April 2003 the code was downloaded 339 times (see the download statistics on www.iamg.org). These are measures of the popularity of the paper, independent of the evaluation by the Best Paper panel.

We currently have 5 special issues in the works at various stages of preparation. Issue 3 of the current Volume 29 was entitled “Reactive Transport Modeling in the Geosciences”, guest edited by Lauren Browning and William M. Murphy. Special issues are popular because they bring together a group of papers on a unified theme. They are also valuable for publicizing the journal to specialist groups who may be largely unaware of the journal’s existence and scope.

Starting in Fall 2003, authors will be able to submit and track the progress of their papers online using a system developed by Elsevier.

Royalties from Elsevier to IAMG for 2002 totalled \$46,368, up an increase of 6% from the previous year (\$43,676).

Mark Jessell (structural geology, France) and Carlos Roberto de Souza Filho (remote sensing, Brazil) joined the Editorial Board. Roussos Dimitrakopoulos (geostatistics, Australia) is now an Associate Editor. Dave Unwin (GIS, UK) has retired as Associate Editor.

Natural Resources Research (*Submitted by Daniel F. Merriam, Editor-in-Chief*)

Natural Resources Research is progressing nicely. We continue to have a slow flow of excellent manuscripts. So far in 2003, 15 manuscripts have been submitted; 6 have been rejected; 2 accepted; and 7 are in review. The accompanying chart shows the past three years.

	manuscripts submitted	published	rejected	rejection rate
2000-01	39	30	9	23%
2002	28	21	7	25%
2003(1)	15	2	6	40%

(1)based on 6 months

Three issues of volume 12 have been released and Number 4 is in preparation and expected to be processed on time.

Appeals have been made to AAPG/EMD members to subscribe and submit papers for consideration for publication in their journal, but so far the response has been disappointing. The journal is a scientific success, but to-date not an economic one.

IAMG Studies in Mathematical Geology (*Submitted by Jo Anne DeGraffenreid, Editor*)

The most recent monograph in the IAMG Studies in Mathematical Geology (SMG) series, published by Oxford University Press, is SMG No. 7, GEOSTATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF COMPOSITIONAL DATA, by Vera Pawlowsky-Glahn and R.A. Olea. Camera-ready copy for the volume was shipped to Oxford on 5 June 2003. At that time I was told that Oxford's production department was swamped, which is evidently still the case; the earliest publication date is now (August 2003) projected to be "winter"—December 2003, "possibly." The first printing will be around 900 copies and the price will be \$85, according to one of my Oxford contacts, Assistant Editor John

Rauschenberg. Editor Clifford Mills is away from his office at present and I am awaiting his response to my recent questions about IAMG member discounts, development of promotional materials for the SMG series, and his thoughts on the types of books Oxford would like to see in the monograph series.

To date, the previous monograph (SMG 6, MODERN SPATIOTEMPORAL GEOSTATISTICS by George Christakos, 2000) has sold about 800 copies and is currently in stock (3rd printing) with plenty of copies available. Of the other in-print volumes (Nos. 2, 3, and 5), Davis & Herzfeld, Eds., 1993 (SMG 5, COMPUTERS IN GEOLOGY: 25 YEARS OF PROGRESS), which has sold about 650 copies, is now a "print-on-demand" title. SMG 3 (GEOSTATISTICAL GLOSSARY AND MULTILINGUAL DICTIONARY by R.A. Olea, Ed., 1991) is currently out-of-stock; a reprint should appear in September (it's sold about 800 copies "lifetime"). Larry Drew's 1990 monograph (SMG 2, OIL AND GAS FORECASTING...) has sold 640 copies to date and will be reprinted, although the schedule has not been set.

The set of a dozen interdisciplinary papers on developing chronologies from field data proposed for inclusion in the IAMG monograph series shortly before IAMG Berlin-2002 by U.K. Professor Caitlin Buck at Sheffield University was formally withdrawn from consideration at the end of December 2002 after the U.K. conference editors successfully approached Springer. I have in hand at present an unpublished work on statistical methods for estimating petroleum resources written by the late P.J. Lee during his tenure at National Cheng Kung University in Tainan, Taiwan. Dan Merriam has suggested it might be suitable for the monograph series. At my request Dan is doing a "background" check to make sure that publication is possible and feasible; John Davis has agreed to give the manuscript a first review when Dan has completed his investigation.

In June 2003, IAMG President Graeme Bonham-Carter distributed to the Publications Committee the draft of a memo to IAMG Councillors regarding assignment of royalties to be paid by Oxford University Press for future Studies in Mathematical Geology titles. I have not as yet learned of any outcome of discussions about the proposed memo or about the Council's deliberations, if any.

In July 2003, I received an e-mail from John Rauschenberg of Oxford stating that export royalties of 5% net receipts on copies sold of unbound sheets and 10% of copies sold in bound form (I quibbled about this on the SMG 6 contract) would be changed to a single rule for export royalties, so "...from now on we're simply going to give you 10% of net export receipts on unbound or bound copies. I trust that's OK with you, since you make more money that way!" I told John it would be fine.

IAMG Newsletter *(Submitted by Harald S. Poelchau, Editor)*

The IAMG Newsletter continues to be published at the rate of two issues a year. The most recent issues were #65 in December 2002 and #66 in June 2003. Both ran to 16 pages.

The Kingston IAMG Office is now handling the distribution of the Newsletter (starting with Newsletter 64). After some initial communications problems the last two Newsletters have been delivered fairly smoothly. Webmaster Eric Grunsky has uploaded the last Newsletters very speedily (within 2 days) to the IAMG website, and e-mail notifications went out soon after from the IAMG office. Hardcopy mail out took a bit longer but arrived in my mailbox after 8 days. Quality of hardcopy, especially gray tones and resolution of photos has improved significantly.

The numbers and cost of distribution were as follows:

	<i>e-mail</i>	<i>hardcopy</i>	<i>cost</i>
NL 65	424	64	appr. US\$ 140.-
NL 66	477	77	appr. US\$ 160.-

I don't have any info on the cost of e-mailing the notices (labor, computer time?). For reference, the old hardcopy printing and mailing system cost us \$1120 for NL 61 which was sent to 558 members and \$2122 for NL 62 mailed to 646.

As to electronic distribution, I have had very little feedback, negative or positive. Only one member inquired where his NL was, having apparently overlooked the e-mail notice.

Hardcopy requests by members are about 13% of total membership for both issues. This indicates that we are not close to abandoning the hardcopy option in the near future.

Student Grants Committee

President Bonham-Carter reported for Student Grants Committee Chair Tim Coburn:

The IAMG Student Grants Committee, consisting of Tim Coburn (Chair), Clayton Deutsch, Peter Atkinson, and Fred Delay, continued its work in 2003 to recruit applicants and select awardees for grant awards. This is the second year of the program.

As of this writing, 14 applications have been received—one each from students in Russia, Spain, Canada, and Switzerland, and the remainder from various schools in the United States. Because of the larger number of applications this year, the review process is taking somewhat longer than planned; the Committee was not able to make a decision before the 2003 IAMG annual conference in Portsmouth.

Applicants were solicited in a variety of ways. An announcement and solicitation was prepared and posted on the IAMG website. The same announcement was sent to all IAMG members. Those with email addresses received the announcement via email; and those without email addresses received the announcement via regular postal service. In addition to IAMG members, the Committee compiled a separate list of individuals with quantitative earth science backgrounds who also received the announcement via email. All messages were sent out of the IAMG Office, and the IAMG Office received all proposals.

In addition to the above solicitation effort, announcements were placed in *Geotimes* (electronic version) and the *AAPG Explorer*. Advertising in the *AAPG Explorer* was free to IAMG, and the *Geotimes* ad cost about \$300. The same announcement also appeared in the IAMG newsletter, and a free electronic version appeared on the website of the Geological Survey of America (GSA). Again this year the Committee was not able to maintain very tight control on the application deadline because of technical and timing difficulties associated with these publications; and hence some confusion arose concerning the actual deadline date. In response to this situation, the Committee has continued to accept applications through August 15, 2003.

The Committee again recommends that the award limits be changed. The current Guidelines restrict the size of the largest award to 40% of \$5000 US (inflation adjusted). This amounts to \$2000. The Committee does not believe that \$2000 is a large enough amount to make a significant difference in the recipients' research activities, nor does it send a very strong signal of support. The Committee would like to be free to award the entire \$5,000 to a very strong candidate if one should emerge, and if at all possible, to have the total award limit increased.

The Council discussed this recommendation at length. The general feeling was that these awards were not meant to be large financial gains for the recipients and even \$1000 was a large amount of money, particularly in third world countries. Editor Poelchau suggested that the awards could be more fluid, being tied to a projected budget. Royalties from Elsevier and Kluwer are approximately \$58,000 per year, but the expenses vary. Many on the Council feel IAMG needs to prepare a formal budget. Treasurer Bohling agreed, but noted that preparing a budget has been difficult since every year IAMG activities and expenses have been very different, making it hard to predict the future. Secretary General Gotway Crawford noted that IAMG must submit a budget in IAMG's annual report to the IUGS.

After discussion, Council decided to keep the current guidelines as they are, but then review them yearly.

Distinguished Lecturer Program

President Bonham Carter reported for Alexandre Desbarats:

The IAMG Distinguished Lecturer Series committee consists of Alexandre Desbarats (Geological Survey of Canada), Patrick Bogaert (Universite Catholique de Louvain), Jianping Chen (China University of Geosciences), Natalya Hunter-Williams (Geological Survey of Ireland), Sean McKenna (Sandia National Laboratories) and Graeme Bonham-Carter (ex-officio). However, Patrick Bogaert has since resigned citing an excessive university workload.

The lecture tours by John Davis, the first IAMG Distinguished Lecturer, have begun. During a trip to Germany between May 9th and 18th, IAMG Distinguished Lecturer Davis gave talks at the German Geological Survey (BGR) in Hannover, where he was hosted by Dr. Soenke Rehder and at the University of Greifswald where he was hosted by Maria Schafmeister. IAMG Distinguished Lecturer Davis is to be congratulated for covering his expenses with external funding. Upcoming lectures by IAMG Distinguished Lecturer Davis will be at the Ordnance Survey in Southampton where he will be hosted by Peter Atkinson as part of the Geocomputation Program (during IAMG 2003); at the CoDaWork'03 conference in Girona, October 15th –17th, where he will be hosted by Santiago Thio-Henestrosa; and at the Universidad Politecnica de Valencia where his host will be Vice-Rector Jaime Gomez-Hernandez. Plans are also being finalized for lectures at Stanford University and at the University of Arizona. IAMG Distinguished Lecturer Davis noted that it takes a long time to set up and subsequent DL's should look at about 18 months tenure. In recognition of the time needed to set up a DL tour and the constraints imposed by the academic calendar, it has been decided by the DL committee, after consultation with councilors, that the tenure of the DL could be extended into the spring semester of the following year provided that funding for the DL remains.

A call for nominations for the 2004 IAMG Distinguished Lecturer was sent to all IAMG members by email on February 18th 2003 and was posted on the IAMG web site. In response to this call, one letter was received. Nominations were also received from two DL committee members. The DL committee subsequently endorsed one of the candidates and this decision was forwarded to the IAMG president, Graeme Bonham-Carter, for approval. On May 5th 2003, the IAMG president formally announced to council that Dr. Frits Agterberg of the Geological Survey of Canada will be next DL lecturer. The DL committee believes that the IAMG is extremely fortunate to have a candidate of Dr. Agterberg's caliber.

In response to comments from council members and others, it has been decided that the DL lecturer will be referred to according to the year of tenure, as opposed to the year of nomination, as was the initial practice. Thus, John Davis should be referred to as the 2003 Distinguished Lecturer and Frits Agterberg will be the 2004 DL. However, in discussions at the 2003 Council meeting, Council members present thought that DL's should not have a year associated with them, or a time frame associated with their tenure. Each will be guaranteed a set amount of funding over a certain time frame, and provided they can stretch this money with other sponsorships, they can be DLs in perpetuity. The Council envisions many DLs lecturing simultaneously, noting that the IAMG Distinguished Lecturer program is not an award for a particular individual. It should always be about promoting mathematical geology and the IAMG, and not about promotion of any one particular IAMG member.

Awards Committee

Awards Committee Chair Heinz Burger reported that the IAMG Awards Committee has changed significantly during 2003: two new members were chosen (from a list of 8 candidates) by the IAMG Council and the chair moved from Vera Pawlowsky to Heinz Burger.

Members of the Awards Committee are Qiuming Cheng (Canada, new), Stephen Henley (UK, new), Andre Journel (USA), Hugh Rollinson (UK), Heinz Burger (Germany, chair). The committee had posted a call for nominations for the Vistelius Award and Felix Chayes Prize 2003 in the IAMG newsletter No. 64, July 2002.

For all four IAMG awards we are now well within the scheduled time period (2 awards each year) prescribed in the By-Laws.

There were four candidates for the Vistelius Award (winner: K. G. van den Boogaard) and three candidates for the Felix Chayes Prize (winner: A. Bucciatti).

H. Schaeben and V. Pawlowsky have sent the corresponding laudatios to the local organizing committee of the Annual Conference of IAMG in Portsmouth in order to prepare the 2003 Awards Ceremony including the presentation of keynotes by the awardees. According to our rules the laudatios will also be published on the IAMG website and additionally in Mathematical Geology (Vistelius Award) and Computers and Geosciences (Felix Chayes Prize).

During the last years we had about 10 nominations for the Krumbein Medal and 3-4 nominations for each other award. Obviously the call for nomination in the IAMG newsletter and by e-mail is not sufficient to increase the number of candidates.

The meeting in Portsmouth will be a good opportunity to announce the call for nomination for the highest IAMG award – the Krumbein Medal - and for the next John Cedric Griffiths Teaching Award. This should be done during the awards ceremony and/or during the closing session. A high number of qualified candidates is a prerequisite for assuring meritorious winners. Experience has shown that personal contacts to heads of research groups, institutes etc. are the best way to increase the number of suitable nominations. Especially IAMG Council members and other interested IAMG members are encouraged to activate their own contacts with respect to this task. Newsletter Editor Poelchau noted that the student awards were tapping into these same resources, so that the list we use to call for applications for student awards can also be used to call for nominations for IAMG's major awards.

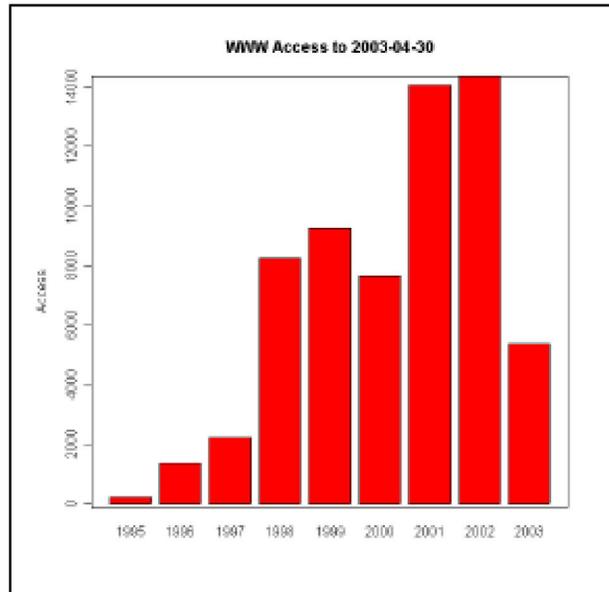
Webmaster Report

Webmaster Eric Grunsky was not present. His report is included here for completeness.

Report from the IAMG Webmaster – August 2003

WWW Activity

The number of visits to the IAMG website continues to increase. A crude measure of interest in the site can be obtained by examining the size of the log files for the site. The number of pages loaded per year are shown in the barchart below.



The log files can also be viewed graphically, by month for each year, at http://www.iamg.org/wwwlogs_2003/wwwlogs.htm

The histograms have been scaled to reflect overall access.

Log files are unavailable for:

June, July, August, 1996

February, March, May, June, July, August, September, 1999

July, August, September, October, November, December, 2000

These log files were lost because of a corrupted disk drive incident which occurred in mid 2001. Previous IAMG webmaster reports contain some of the missing information. The log files were screened for administrative access (webmaster) and web crawlers so that the results shown represent a measure of access from the IAMG membership and the world-at-large.

Overall, access to the site continues to increase. During the first quarter of 2003, there were more than 20,000 web site visits per month. Based on IP address, a brief analysis indicated an average of 2,400 unique visitors visited the site each month. On a daily basis, more than 80 visitors access the site.

FTP Download Activity

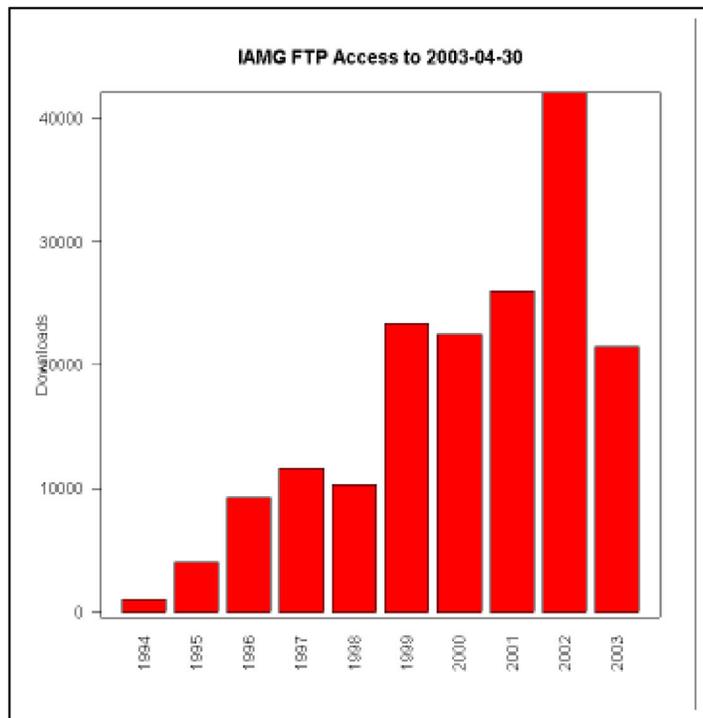
The FTP site exists to provide computer program code for articles published in Computers & Geosciences. This site is continuously updated with each issue of Computers & Geosciences. Access to the site has continued to increase. FTP download activity has been filtered for administrative access and web crawlers.

Activity on a yearly basis and monthly basis can be observed at:

http://www.iamg.org/ftplogs_Jun2003/iamg_ftplogs_2003.html

FTP access for the year 2002 shows a substantial increase over previous years. An average of 3000 hits per month has occurred since 1999. From January to April 2003, the average number of hits per month has climbed to more than 4000.

The download activity is summarized by the chart below:



Number of Hits for each computer program

At the request of Graeme Bonham-Carter, the ftp statistics were analyzed so that a list of the most popular Computers & Geosciences program code could be obtained. The results can be seen at: <http://www.iamg.org/ftpstats2003.html>

The results must be interpreted with the following caution. For any given program, the number of downloads is directly proportional to the residence time on the ftp site. Thus, program code that is recent may show a small number of downloads in comparison with a program that has been on the site for several years. There may also be other factors that influence the popularity of a program but no study has been carried out to assess what these factors might be.

Acquisition and Disposition of Assets

In April 2003, one of the IAMG website computers was donated to a public school in Ottawa. This computer, purchased in 1997 had reached the end of its service life. A new laptop computer was purchased that now manages the web pages and program code for the IAMG. A laptop was acquired because it uses less space, is more energy efficient and can be moved between the webmaster's residence and work site.

The IAMG still has two computers. A Dell P450 workstation is still maintained. This workstation uses the LINUX operating system and it is used to test and maintain web pages to ensure compatibility between Windows and Unix-like systems.

Web Site Developments

The IAMG web site has been established as a frames-based site since 1999. This configuration has worked reasonably well. Recent developments in web page and web site technologies assist in more compact page presence and efficient web site maintenance. During the next year, the web site will be re-designed to take advantage of these developments. Changes to the website will include:

- a) a more compact home page
- b) a more consistent way of managing pages that change on a regular basis (awards, bylaws, procedures, etc.)

Mirror Site

The attempt to establish a mirror site has been abandoned. There have been no requests to establish any mirror sites and the overall network traffic does not justify the establishment of a mirror site. With time, the large number of program files offered by Computers & Geosciences may require the establishment of mirror sites.

Membership Directory

In the past year a new membership directory was commissioned through the IAMG office. The membership directory, and access to it, is managed by the IAMG office.

Future Considerations for IAMG Website Access

The establishment of a stable membership directory can act as an access point to IAMG web services. Some services that the IAMG offers via the website might, in the future, be made available only to IAMG members. This would require a redesign of the website and the possibility of transferring some portions of the website to a controlled access site (possibly the IAMG office). The decision to restrict access to certain parts of the website requires careful consideration and planning. Should the Association choose to follow this route, a study should be carried to consider the benefits, drawbacks and impact for both IAMG members and non-members.

New Business

Editor DeGraffenreid raised the possibility of a formal contract with Oxford for the IAMG monograph series. This will be discussed further at the Publications Committee meeting.

After a group photo taken by Editor Poelchau, President Bonham-Carter adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Secretary General, IAMG
October 28, 2003