



Minutes of the African Seismological Commission meeting held during the First General Assembly in Aswan, Egypt

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The following agenda points were discussed at the meeting which was held during the First General Assembly in Aswan, Egypt:

Agenda points

1. Forming working Groups
2. Election
3. 2nd AfSC Assembly
4. AfSC Secretariat Office

The meeting was chaired by the AfSC president, Atalay Ayele, and the first vice president, Bekoa Ateba, was rapporteur.

1. Forming Working groups

The need for forming discipline dependent (in contrast to region dependent) working groups was widely discussed taking the number of experts and the number of problems into account. It is anticipated that the commission will be able to solicit enough funding to carry out the working group activities.

The following disciplines were suggested.

- a) Observational Seismology
- b) Active fault studies
- c) Hazard and risk assessment
- d) Earth structure
- e) Earthquake Scientific Response Team

The following 5 people were tasked with identifying and proposing the relevant AfSC members who would be part of the working groups and to



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devise modalities:

- I. V. Midzi
- II. G. T. Mavonga
- III. M. Elgabry
- IV. S. Ahulu
- V. A. Ayadi

After the discussion, the group presented arrangements by assigning group leaders to each discipline suggested as depicted in the following Table.

| N ^o | Committee | Chair | Country |
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| 1 | Observational Seismology | Dr. V. Midzi | South Africa |
| 2 | Earth structure | Prof. R. Durrheim | South Africa |
| 3 | Active fault studies | Prof. M. Meghraoui | Algeria |
| 4 | Seismic Hazard and risk assessment | Dr. G. T. Mavonga | DR Congo |
| 5 | Earthquake Scientific Response Team | Dr. M. Elgabry | Egypt |
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**Working Groups to
liaise with members
before the next
meeting of AfSC in
2017**

It was stressed that finance will be the major constraint to carry out our working groups activities in particular and AfSC's accomplishments in the years to come.

Thus, another group of senior scientists was nominated and tasked to suggest innovative ideas on how to obtain financial support for the AfSC.

They are:

- Prof. R. Kebesy,
- Prof. R. Durrhiem,
- Prof. M. Meghraoui,
- Dr. Abuo El-Ela and



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Dr. Assia Harbi.

After a thorough discussion the group came up with the following potential list of sponsors and mechanisms on how to approach the potential donors should be sought:

- a. Subscriptions of members
- b. Subscriptions of Institutions
- c. Donors:
 - Oil companies
 - Insurance companies
 - Manufacturers of seismic equipment (Kinematics, etc.)
 - Publishers (Elsevier, etc.)
- d. International Funding bodies
 - USAID
 - JICA
 - UNESCO
 - AU, EU etc

IASPEI can sponsor international conferences provided that preparations and requests are made well ahead of time.

On action item which could not be solved was: Where to open a Bank account for the AfSC in order to accrue any financial support that comes to the AfSC. (AfSC executive to discuss & conclude)

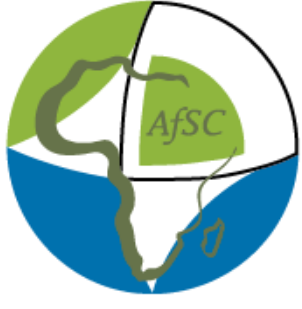
2. Election

The election issue was a very contentious one during the panel discussion.

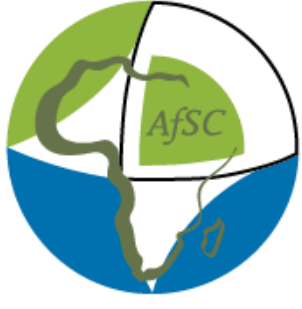
One group of the panel argued that election of the EC should be conducted during the 1st AfSC Assembly as it is a customary practice. The other group

Financial support to be sourced through introductory letters and feedback required by the next AfSC meeting in 2017

AfSC executive to decide on bank account

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| <p>argued that nominations and lobbying potential EC members for the new office should be conducted ahead of the Assemblies which was not the case. This latter argument was also supported by the IASPEI Secretary General. In addition according to minutes of the first meeting held in Johannesburg (Date?), a decision was made by everyone present that the next elections should be held at the 2018 2nd General Assembly.</p> <p>Finally, agreement was reached for the current EC members to continue and make preparations to conduct elections during the 2nd General Assembly to be held in 2018.</p> <p>In line with this agreement, a group of four people with good geographical representation was nominated and tasked with coordinating the nomination of new office bearers ahead of the 2018 2nd General Assembly. Prof. R. Durrheim (Chair) from South Africa, Mrs. G. Keanji from Kenya, Dr. H. Assia from Algeria, and Dr. S. Bonazis from Tunisia.</p> <p>3. <u>Venue of 2nd AfSC Assembly</u></p> <p>It was suggested and agreed that the 2nd General Assembly should be held in a different African country. Morocco and Kenya suggested hosting but they were told that they will have to come up and submit proposals once bids are opened. It was agreed that bids will be open until April 2017.</p> <p>It is a customary practice in the unions and associations to determine the next host country once every general assembly is concluded. So this time it was suggested that we nominate two hosts consecutively that can host the 2018 and 2020 AfSC assemblies.</p> | <p>Nominating committee to draft list of potential office bearers before general assembly in 2018</p> <p>Invitations to bid for the general assemblies in 2018 and 2020 shall be sent out to members and closed in April 2017</p> |
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| <p>4. <u>AfSC Secretariat Office</u></p> <p>NRIAG generously offered to host and sponsor the AfSC Secretariat Office in Helwan.</p> <p>Prof. Hatem Ouda, in his words, promised to cover the office costs plus some travel expenses to and from Cairo as deemed relevant for the EC members for some important meetings. This generous offer was applauded by the assembly but from the IASPEI practice, the secretariat is usually located with the Secretary General.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM</p> <p><u>The listed number of the delegates who attended the AfSC general assembly is found below.</u></p> | <p>AfSC executive to discuss the offer from NRIAG</p> |
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