ICDM Business Meeting, 9 August 1985
at the IAMAP/IAPSO Joint Assembly, Honolulu


1. The meeting was opened by the President who welcomed the attendees - composed of Commission and Working Group Members or their representatives.

2. President's Report
In his report Prof. Hoskins referred to the Commission's response to the IUGG letter on the future format of Assembly meetings. (A copy of the ICDM submission is enclosed). In the ensuing discussion the need to provide financial support to enable young scientists to attend Union and Assembly meetings was again stressed, and there was unease and dissatisfaction with regard to "Poster Sessions", as presently organised. The involvement of ICDM in the FGGE wrap-up meeting and the link with the forthcoming major ALPEX Symposium in Venice was outlined. The President noted that the ICDM is involved in the organisation of two conferences planned for the summer of 1986 viz.

- "Short and Medium Range Numerical Weather Prediction" Aug 4-8, 1986, Tokyo, Japan
- "Verification of Theories in Atmospheric Large/Medium Scale Dynamics", June 22-26, 1986, Burghausen, F.R. Germany

The Secretary of the ICDM is on the Programme Committee for the former Meeting and it was agreed that Wk. Group D should nominate a Committee member for the latter (see enclosures for further details of these meetings).
In closing his report the President pointed out that the ICDM representation on the WMO CAS Working Group for short- and medium-range prediction would now take on increasing significance following the transfer of responsibility for GARP related activities from the JOC to the CAS. The following proposal concerning this representative was agreed upon:

- that Dr. D. Gauntlett be invited to be the ICDM representative and assume overall responsibility for this link. In addition a "pool" of deputy-representatives be formed from whom Dr. Gauntlett could choose a "stand-in", if appropriate, for particular meetings of the CAS Working Group.

3. IUGG/IAMAP Business

The President outlined the tentative steps underway to establish an ICSU-IUGG-IAMAP Policy on the Publication of the Proceedings of Symposia etc. The Commission sought further clarification of the Policy and at the same time expressed the caveat that publication of research work in recognized journals should remain the norm.

The members present commented on the proposed IAMAP policy on "Co-sponsorship of Conferences". It was in broad agreement with the proposal but felt that the implications of the first clause that ... "it would generally be inappropriate for IAMAP to be a cosponsor of a strictly national meeting" required further elaboration.

Note was taken both of the forthcoming IUGG review of IAMAP and of the Special IAMAP Plenary on the work and future direction of the Commission. The discussion that followed on future research priorities in the realm of Dynamical Meteorology formed some of the base material for the President's presentation at the Plenary of the Commission's work.
First P.A. Taylor, T. Asai and E.M. Rasmussen provided a brief view of the recent accomplishments of their respective Working Groups (much of this material will appear in the IAMAP Manual).
Thereafter the discussion centred on the role of, and the desirability of increasing the activities of, the Working Groups. It was also noted that it was now necessary to formulate a policy for the election of new officers and members of the Groups.
To maintain a measure of continuity, and in broad sympathy with the related IAMAP statutes governing Commissions, it was decided that

- the normal term of office of the Working Group Chairmen and Secretaries be four years
- the Working Group Officers also be members of the Commission.
- the members of the various Working Groups be appointed by the President of the Commission from nominations by the Chairman of the Working Group and following consultation with the Commission members.
The normal term of office be a maximum of eight years

In view of these regulations the Secretary of the Commission was instructed to
- request that the current Chairmen of Working Groups A, C and D stand down from their posts,
- invite the current Secretaries of these three Working Groups to assume the Chairmanship of their respective Groups,
- encourage the new Chairmen to nominate and forward a list of new potential members to replace approximately half of the current membership.
(It is to be noted that Working Group B undertook an exercise of this nature in 1983).
5. IUGG Vancouver 1987 - Symposia Programme
   The members present agreed that the Commission should seek to sponsor (or cosponsor) the following Symposia at the Vancouver meeting:
   - Role of Convection in Mesoscale Development
   - Mesoscale Analysis and Forecasting, incorporating nowcasting
   - Mid-latitude Cyclones
   - Dynamics of flow over topography
   - Prediction of transitions in the climate system on the inter-annual time scale
   - Low-latitude ocean-atmosphere interaction

6. IAMAP Assembly 1989
   It was noted that two venues were under consideration for the 1989 Assembly.

7. a) The Commission did not seek to put forward a resolution to the Executive Committee.
   b) S. Panchev agreed to circulate some material concerning the teaching of Dynamical Meteorology at the University level.
   c) Prof. D.Z-Ye expressed his desire to stand down from the Commission. Prof. Hoskins thanked him warmly for his years of service and wished him well for the future. It was agreed that his colleague Dr. Wu be invited to take his place.

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