

**International Mineralogical Association  
Commission on Museums Activity Report  
2011-12**

The last twelve months have been quite quiet in the Commission. Many people's attentions have been centred on the forthcoming Mineralogy and Museums Conference to be held in Dresden from 27 – 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2012.

1. It is with regret that I have to announce that the Chairman of the Commission, Lydie Touret has decided to step down after many years of dedicated service. The official announcement was made in Tucson during the SMMP meeting. During this meeting, three nominations were received for the vacant Chairman's post and the election will take place during the IMA-CM meeting in Dresden. It is hoped that one of the runners-up will accept the long vacant Vice-chairman's position.
2. Ad hoc meetings have been held in conjunction with the Society of Mineral Museum professionals at the Denver, USA; Tucson, USA and Munich, Germany shows.
3. A proposal to host the next Mineralogy and Museums conference (M&M8) was received from the Japanese Association of Mineralogical Sciences. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Commission in Dresden.
4. The list of Commission Council members is currently being updated. There have been a number of changes over the last couple of years and the list was out-of-date and contained a number of errors.
5. A Facebook site has been opened under the name of the Society of Mineral Museum Professionals. This will also be used to communicate information about the IMA-CM. Jolyon Ralph of MinDat has been contacted with a view to opening up a discussion forum on the MinDat website. We are looking at establishing a two-tier system with an open forum where everyone can contribute and a members-only system which can only be accessed by a password/user name.

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