

Minutes of APGN AC meeting on 2 September 2019

Place: Mandalika Room, Lombok Raya Hotel, Indonesia

Time: 14:30-17:30, 2 September 2019

[Attendees]

Member: HE Qingcheng (Coordinator), NAKADA Setsuya (Vice Coordinator), LEE Soojae (Vice Coordinator), AMRIKAZEMI Alireza, KOMOO Ibrahim, SUN Li, YONGMUN Jeon, ZHANG Jianping, TRAN Van Tan, ZOUROS Nickolas,

Observers: REN Fang, YEUNG Ka Ming, Sun Wenyan, JIN Xiaochi, XU Kejian (China); SETYO Nugroho Anton, KUSUMAHBRATA Yunus, ROSANA Mega Fatimah (Indonesia); SAITO Seichi, OGAWARA Takahiro, BROWN Theodore, YONEDA Toru, OHNO Marekazu (Japan); HUH Min, KWANGSUB Jang, WOO Yeon (Korea), BUKHARI Munif Azmil (Malaysia); CHOKSUANSAP Yuwnee, JITRATTANA Rath, THUNGPRU Narongrit, SIRIPONGSATIAN Surachai, NUCHANONG Tawsaporn (Thailand); TRAN Lam Nga (Vietnam); RAGNES Kristin (Norway)

Agenda was approved as follows.

1. Coordinator's report (HE Qingcheng)
2. Recent progresses of UNESCO Global Geoparks and GGN (ZOUROS Nickolas)
3. APGN Rule of Operation (RO)
4. APGN website
5. Proposal of Venue for the 7th APGN Symposium
6. Election procedures of AC members and coordinator/vice-coordinators

[APGN activity]

The activity of APGN during this one year was briefly introduced by Coordinator, He Qingcheng.

- It was discussed that the visibility of the APGN had been seriously weakened, because of the general absence of networking endeavors which are a key function of the APGN, in the past two years. More must be done to improve both the quality and quantity of APGN-supported activities.
- The recent progress of UNESCO Global Geoparks and GGN, including the UGG Council meetings, was briefly introduced by the president of GGN, ZOUROS Nickolas.

[Rules of Operation]

- Several insufficient notations in the present APGN Rules of Operation (RO) were pointed out by the vice-coordinator, LEE Soojae. He explained that they were not distributed to the members beforehand due to some reasons. Due to limited time for the meeting, most AC members suggested to postpone this discussion. Even though that, a rather lengthy time was spend to express understandings of a few items of the APGN RO.
- It was emphasized that instead of just following the APGN RO word by word, it is crucial to consider the APGN Rules of Operation in the context of the guiding principles of the Global Geoparks Network and the actual operations of the APGN. Because of the complexity involved, ample time must be allowed for any proposed discussion of changes in the RO. A background paper with a clear explanation would be required to facilitate the discussion.

[Website]

- New design of the APGN website was introduced by SUN Wenyan (Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences).
- It was agreed that the key functions of the revamped APGN website should be to promote the visibility of the APGN and to promote stronger links among the UGGps of the APGN. Duplicating readily available information from other geopark websites and adopting sophisticated GIS techniques are not priorities at this moment.

[Next venue of APGN Symposium]

- Satun UNESCO Global Geopark, Thailand, is the only applicant to propose the venue for the next Symposium in September 2021. After a brief presentation, this application was agreed in the AC meeting. The dates of the symposium will be determined by considering the period of the 2021 EGN Conference which will be decided in the end of September 2019.

[Election procedures]

- Vice-coordinator, NAKADA Setsuya, served as a person listing the nomination for the AC member election according to the agreement in the coordinators meeting in Huanggand Dabieshan, China, in May 2019.
- Nomination call was done on June 1, 2019, and was closed on August 1, 2019 (Table 1).
- Totally 20 people were nominated including national representatives.
- Document supporting the nomination of ZHANG Zhiguang reached Nakada on 2 September.

- Two representatives of Indonesia arrived from the National Geoparks Committee for KUSUMAHBRATA Yunus and National Geoparks Network for SAMODA Hanang, respectively.
- Eligibility for voting was re-confirmed: only institutional and individual members can become candidates for the AC members elected according to the RO (ROSANA Mega Fatimah and AJAYEBI Kimiya Sadat are not eligible).
- Nine (9) candidates were nominated finally as the candidates for AC members to be elected (below):
JIN Xiaochi, SUN Li, JING Zhixing, ZHANG Zhiguang, WATANABE Mahito, NAKADA Setsuya, YONG-MUN Jeon, HUH Min and KOMOO Ibrahim.
- The following 8 members were accepted as the national representatives except for the Indonesian representative:
HE Qingcheng (China), AMRIKAZEMI Alireza (Iran), FURUSAWA Kana (Japan), LEE Soojae (Korea), BURHARI Munif Azmil (Malaysia), TECHAWAN Sommai (Thailand) and TRAN Tan Van (Vietnam).
- Concerning the Indonesian representation, vice-coordinator, SN proposed postponing the representation by waiting a unified answer from the Indonesia side.
- The eligibility of the election for Coordinator and Vice-coordinators was discussed in relation to the interpretation of term 6.6.2. in the RO. The majority agreed to that the APGN should follow the GGN statutes when unclear descriptions in the APGN RO are found (see above “Rules of Operation”).
- The process of election was explained by SN; the first anonymous vote is for 5 (five) AC members elected using a single ballot sheet by each CC member. After the AC members are elected, the candidacy for the coordinator and vice-coordinators will be called again to confirm the candidate wills for these two positions. The second anonymous vote is held for one coordinator and two vice-coordinators using a single ballot sheet by each CC member.
- It was agreed that ZHANG Jianping serves as the chair of the Election Working Committee and AMRIKAZEMI Alireza and TRAN Tan Van as the members.

Table 1: Nominated candidates for AC members

	nominees	Institutional/individual mem./national represent.	Country
1	HE Qingcheng	<i>National representative</i>	China
2	JIN Xiaochi	GGN individual member (Ind-007)	China
3	JING Zhixing	Institutional member (Fangshan)	China
4	SUN Li	Institutional member (Zigong)	China

5	ZHANG Zhiguang	Institutional member (Jiuhuashan)	China
6	SAMODRA Hanang	Representing national network*	Indonesia
7	KUSUMAHBRATA Yunus	Representing national committee*	Indonesia
8	ROSANA Mega Fatimah	**	Indonesia
9	AMRIKAZEMI Alireza	<i>National representative/Inst. member (Qeshm)</i>	Iran
10	SADAT AJAYEBI Kimiya	**	Iran
11	FURUSAWA Kana	<i>National representative</i>	Japan
12	WATANABE Mahito	GGN individual member (Ind-011)	Japan
13	NAKADA Setsuya	GGN individual member (Ind-008)	Japan
14	YONG-MUN Jeon	Institutional member (Jeju)	Korea
15	HUH Min	Institutional member (Mudeungsan)	Korea
16	LEE Soo Jae	<i>National representative/Individual member 32</i>	Korea
17	BURHARI Azmil Munif	<i>National representative/Instit. member (Langkawi)</i>	Malaysia
18	KOMOO Ibrahim	GGN individual member (Ind-002)	Malaysia
19	TECHAWAN Sommai	<i>National representative</i>	Thailand
20	TRAN Tan Van	<i>National representative</i>	Vietnam

*: Indonesian representative will be decided by waiting a unifying response from the Indonesian side.

** : not eligible for AC members.