

**Minutes of the Business Meeting of IAGA Working Group V-OBS
Melbourne, July 2nd, 2011**

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1. Welcome and remarks from chair

Chair of the WG Pieter Kotze welcome the participants and presented the agenda. To the question about the observatory workshop in 2014 he answered that up to now nobody has expressed willingness to organize it. After that the agenda was unanimously approved.

2. Report on China Observatory Workshop

Pieter Kotze shortly informed about the workshop held in ChangChung, China in the last year.

3. Next Observatory Workshop in Spain 2012

Information was presented by Manuel Catalan. He gave information on economic, organisation as well as technical matters. The practical part will take place at San Fernando Geomagnetic observatory (located close to La Barca de la Florida village) and conference part in Bahia Sur Hotel in San Fernando. The workshop will be held from 4 to 14 June 2012. First circular has been already distributed.

4. Proposals for sessions and conveners - IAGA Scientific Assembly 2013

1. Advances toward an improved global geomagnetic observatory network – Juergen Matzka, Pavel Hejda
2. Modern magnetic survey for regional and global characterization of the geomagnetic field – Barbara Leichter, Aude Chambodut
3. Magnetic observatory data applied in space weather/climate – Jeff Love, Kalevi Mursula

5. Proposals for IAGA resolutions

Two proposals have been discussed

- support of magnetic observatories that contribute to Dst index
- appeal toward observatories for keeping INTERMAGNET standards

The first resolution was approved in following form:

IAGA, noting

the importance of the Dst index in its various applications such as geomagnetic field modeling, space weather and -climate study, detection of local anomalous variation, etc.,

recognizing that

the absolute accuracy of the data from the contributing observatories, Kakioka, Honolulu, San Juan, Hermanus and Alibag, is essential,

recommends

that all agencies operating these geomagnetic observatories continue to support both absolute and variation measurements to maintain an acceptable and required level of accuracy.

The second resolution was not approved with explanation that the appeal of resolutions should point out of IAGA community

6. Election of new chair & co-chair

Chair: Pavel Hejda

Co-chair: Arnaud Chulliat

7. General

No other contribution

Pieter Kotze thanked the participants for their active involvement.

29 participants