

A Word from the Secretary General

Dear colleagues and friends,

In addition to all of the technical discussions that took place at the annual IMWA meeting, the Executive Council (EC) made several decisions that you may find interesting. First of all, we decided to provide some incentive for companies to join IMWA as corporate members. Corporate members will be able to advertise employment opportunities free of charge in this journal, and on our web site, will be listed at a prominent position on the site, and will be able to post important announcements at the web site as well.

Individual members will profit from another decision that was made in Oviedo. All future IMWA elections will be done electronically so that decisions will be made by all of our members, not just those able to come to the meeting. Before that is possible, we have to update our server to provide a higher level of security; that should be done within the next few months. Once that is done, we plan to allow individuals to access their personal membership data through the internet, so that they can for example change their mailing address, or other membership details.

Another important decision made in Oviedo was that all past IMWA journals will be accessible through the internet for all current IMWA members. Those files, which will be in PDF format, will be full-text searchable. An assembled database will also allow easy access. You can already access those issues of this journal that have been produced by Springer (since 2001), but hopefully by the end of next year, all of the issues for the last 24 years will be available via the internet. You will be able to use a personal IMWA password and user name, which will be sent to you. If you would like to see how this will work, please go to our web site and view the article by Valiente et al. that appeared in *Mine Water and the Environment* in 1991.

Last, but not least, IMWA's General Assembly decided that given the short period between Congresses (due to the decision to join our meeting with ICARD next year), all current IMWA officers were re-elected, and will remain in their current positions.

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ASMR Awards and Scholarships for new IMWA Members

At the 2005 American Society of Mining and Reclamation (ASMR) meeting, our new IMWA member Jeff Skousen got the "Membership Recruiter Award" for his outstanding efforts to recruit new mem-



Fig 1: Jeff Skousen (top left) and William Andrews (bottom left) receiving their congratulations from Dick Barnhisel (photographs from *Reclamation Matters*).

bers for ASMR. Jeff is a well known researcher with West Virginia University and has had many successes in mine water remediation. We hope that he will also use his recruiting skills to enhance IMWA membership. At the same meeting, William J Andrews, also a new IMWA member, received the "PhD 2004 Memorial Scholarship" for his thesis (Fig. 1). We wish both Jeff and William all the best in their future work in reclamation and mine water remediation.

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Back Issues

In three of our latest issues you could read about European mine water issues. We got many requests for those three issues and therefore we decided to put together those country studies in one electronic article which you can either download from IMWA's home page or by using the following Digital Object Identifier: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10230-005-0081-3>

Members who recently joined IMWA can find a complete index (issues 1–23) of the *International Mine Water Association Journal* and *Mine Water and the Environment* at our web-page www.IMWA.info. Volumes 17(1), 18(1), 19(2), 20(1) and 21(1) as well as proceedings of the 7th and 8th IMWA Congresses are still available for \$ 15.00 (U.S.) a copy. Some other back-issues are available on request – copies of single pages at \$ 0.60 (U.S.) each. Please add \$ 5.00 (U.S.) for shipping/handling. You can also access the journal on line, using <http://springerlink.com>

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New Members

IMWA welcomes the following new members:

Selina Bamforth, Newcastle/Tyne, United Kingdom
 Andrew Barnes, Cardiff, United Kingdom
 Paul Butler, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom
 Corinne Casiot, Montpellier, France
 Pauline Collon-Drouvaillet, Reims, France
 Jozsef Csicsak, Pécs, Hungary
 Françoise Elbaz-Poulichet, Montpellier, France
 Robert Fabriol, Vandoeuvre-les-Nancy, France
 Bruno Flamion, Namur, Belgium
 Gabor Folding, Pécs, Hungary
 Catherine Gandy, Newcastle/Tyne, United Kingdom
 Emma Gozzard, Newcastle/Tyne, United Kingdom
 Rachid Hakkou, Marrakech, Morocco
 Jean Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom
 Suzanne Hartley, Aberystwyth, United Kingdom
 Phoebe Hauff, Arvada, USA
 Pablo Higuera, Almaden, Spain
 Christopher Hubbard, Ilford, United Kingdom
 Amy Hudson, Golden, USA
 Michelle Iles, Darwin, Australia
 Natalie Kruse, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom
 László Kulcsár, Pécs, Hungary
 Jean-Louis Mauss, Saint-Fons, France
 Chris Moran, Brisbane, Australia
 Nick Pearce, Abergswyth, United Kingdom
 Andrew Pearson, Olton, United Kingdom
 Ramón Rodríguez Pons-Esparver, Madrid, Spain
 Michael Schlömann, Freiberg, Germany
 Jack Testard, Orléans Cedex 2, France
 Bernard Vayssade, Alès cedex, France
 Murray Watts, Maidenhead, United Kingdom
 Stefan Wohnlich, Bochum, Germany

We hope that our new colleagues will benefit from and contribute to the extensive mine water knowledge and expertise gathered within our group of international experts. Please use your membership number in any correspondence, especially money transfers with IMWA. You can find it easily on your journal's address label, in front of the word "GES". European Union

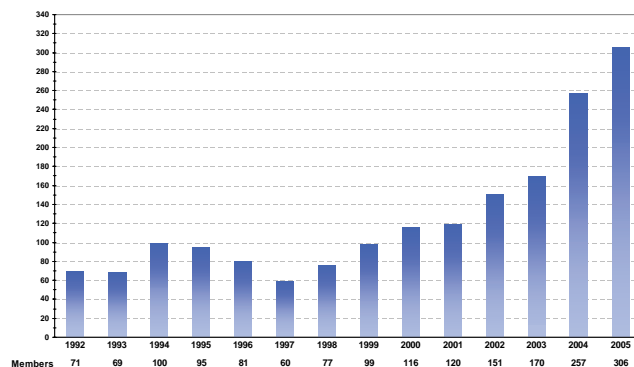


Fig 2: Annual number of paying IMWA members.

members should know that we have an account in Germany as well as the U.S., which will save you conversion fees in paying dues or other services. And everyone can use our IBAN and BIC numbers, as they make money transfers within the European Union as cheap as it would be in your home country! You can also use ebay's PayPal function to pay your membership fees.

IMWA's total paying membership has increased to over 300 (Fig. 2). One of the reasons is the excellent quality of our journal; the other is that many of our members work to attract new members at every occasion. If you are going to a conference or meeting and would like to help IMWA to grow, please contact the Secretary General. He can provide you with printed folders or sample copies of our journal.

Adrian Brown, Treasurer, Denver, Colorado, USA

Chris Wolkersdorfer, Secretary General, Freiberg, Germany

Forthcoming Events

27th – 30th March 2006, St Louis, USA

IMWA/ICARD/SME/ASMR Symposium 2006;

<http://www.smenet.org/meetings/Annual>

[Meeting2006/Author/icard.cfm;](http://www.IMWA.info/icard2006)

www.IMWA.info/icard2006

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20th – 23rd August 2006, Ottawa, Canada

Annual Meeting Canadian Land Reclamation Association (CLRA)/Association canadienne de réhabilitation des sites dégradés (ACRS);

<http://www.clra.ca; btisch@nrca.gc.ca>

13th – 15th September 2006, Perth, Australia

1st International Seminar on Mine Closure (see advertisement at end of the journal);

<http://www.acg.uwa.edu.au; acg@acg.uwa.edu.au>