



CARPATHIAN BALKAN GEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

STATUTE

1. The Carpathian-Balkan Geological Association (CBGA) is a non-governmental, international scientific, non-political and non profit-making union of geoscientists working in the Carpathian-Balkan and surrounding area. It is affiliated to the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) as a regional organization.
2. The aim of CBGA is to promote and encourage joint fundamental and applied geological research, as well as training and specialization in the Carpathian-Balkan and surrounding area. This concerns virtually all branches of the geological sciences, including geophysics, their environmental implications and other related disciplines.
3. Collective membership, regular personal membership and honorary membership of CBGA are open to geoscientists interested in geology of the area of the Association. Applications for collective membership should be submitted by competent scientific bodies (professional organizations, societies and institutions).
4. The permanent directing bodies of CBGA are the Board and the Council.
5. The Board consists of the President (who serves as its Chairperson), the Secretary General, Vice-President and the Past President of CBGA. In case of necessity, the Past President may be represented by the former Secretary General. The members of the Board have to be members of the Council.
6. The Council consists of one national representative of each member country of CBGA. The national representative is elected by the collective members of each member country.
 - a) The Secretary General is a non-voting member of the Council.
 - b) The Council is responsible to supervise all activities of CBGA, to accept, postpone or reject proposals, and to adopt resolutions. This includes the admittance of new collective members, personal and honorary members, the establishment, modification, canceling of working groups, the organization of CBGA Congress, and publications under the auspices of CBGA.
 - c) The Council takes decision by at least 2/3 of the votes, with a minimum attendance of half of the voting members. If the attendance is less than half of the voting members, additional e-mail voting is required among the rest of the voting members. The Council meets at least once in two years, preferably in the country where the Congress will be held.
 - d) Council Meetings are chaired by the representative of the host country. The chairpersons of working groups are welcome as observers.
7. Activities to attain the aims of CBGA as specified in paragraph 2 are:
 - a) CBGA Congresses are organized every four years, normally between the regular Sessions of the International Geological Congress, by one or more member countries of CBGA. The date and venue of the Congress are approved by the Council on the basis of an application submitted by one or more member countries, at least four years before the proposed date. The Congress may have plenary and/or thematic and poster sessions, seminars, workshops, short courses and field trips.
 - b) Establishing and managing of working groups in view of joint specific problems as defined by their programs. Working groups consist of scientists from two or more member countries. They organize their activities and elect their respective chairpersons by themselves. Working groups have to submit the report of their activity, at least once in the congress period.
 - c) Joint publication of maps, explanatory notes, congress proceedings, data-bases and other scientific products.
 - d) CBGA plays an active role in publishing of the journals of the Association.
8. The President and the Secretary General of CBGA are nominated by the member country that organizes the next Congress, and are approved by the Council. The Vice-President of CBGA is elected by the Council, preferably by the nomination of the member country organizing the following Congress. They stay in duty until the end of the next Congress.
9. The official language of CBGA is English. During the business meetings and other activities, any language can be used if it facilitates better understanding.
10. The logo of CBGA is that of the International Geological Congress („*Geologorum Conventus*“), with an inscription „*Societas Carpatho-Balcanica*“ in the upper part of the inner ring. The year of foundation (1922) is inserted in the central area. In the logo of CBGA Congresses this is replaced by the year and ordinal number of the Congress (e.g. 1989 XIV).
11. In all upcoming issues which have not been regulated in the Statute, the Council has the right to take decisions.
12. Changes in the Statute of CBGA can be proposed by at least one member of the Council, not less than 6 (six) months in advance of Council Meeting. The CBGA Council decides about the proposal, and after the acceptance the IUGS Executive Board approves it. The modified Statute becomes effective preliminarily upon acceptance by the CBGA Council, and definitely upon approval by the IUGS Executive Board.

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