

ESTABLISH THE UGI'S HEADQUARTERS IN PARIS

Reminder of the context:

With Holly changing roles from vice-president and treasurer to vice-president, and Phil taking on the role of treasurer, it has been agreed with Macalester College that it will go ahead and manage the IGU account temporarily, to make it possible for the IGU to open a new account to transfer the funds to. After considering opening an account in Australia, with the University of Sydney, it was seen to be better to consider transferring the funds in France, in Paris.

Before considering the transfer of IGU funds to a French bank, two steps need to be taken:

1st: establish the IGU's head office in France

2nd: open a bank account in a French bank

Establish the IGU's head office in France

The IGU is an international non-governmental organization (NGO). Declaring the IGU in France would make it possible for the organization to devote a legal framework to its activities on French territory. This makes it easier to open a bank account, access public or private funding, and sign agreements with local partners. Here are the steps and procedures involved:

1. Establish the IGU's headquarters in France: The IGU should set up an association under French law (loi 1901) means that the UGI's headquarters must be located in France.
2. Base the statutes which have to comply with French law, and clearly describe the association's purpose
3. Hold a constituent general meeting to approve the statutes, elect the office and appoint the legal representative. Minutes of this GA must be based and signed
4. Register the association with the prefecture

Located the IGU's headquarters in France

We have to summon an **Extraordinary GA** for voting the domicile of IGU in Paris. The Extraordinary General Meeting will be held in June or early July, following the UGI elections.

Proposal: Friday 19 June

Indeed, in Statutes 1.D., we read: *The domicile of the Union is the place in which the Secretary-General is based.*

To establish the IGU headquarters in Paris, the first step is to change the Statutes for: *The domicile of the Union is 184 Bd Saint-Germain, 75006 Paris.* (owner of the building).

At the same Extraordinary General Assembly, a vote must be taken on the following:

'The members of the UGI propose that the UGI Executive Committee be mandated to represent the Executive Committee of the International Association "International Geographical Union"'

and finally a vote must be taken on the following:

'the President of the UGI shall be the legal representative of the UGI'.

