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At the opening of the Meeting, the Fondazione Centro Studi Luigi Negro presented an engraved silver plate to Peter H. Clayton, in remembrance of his father Patrick A. Clayton's discovery of Libyan Desert Silica Glass. To celebrate his countless desert explorations, an engraved plate was also donated to professor Théodore Monod, Membre de l'Académie.

Next to the meeting hall, a display was arranged with samples of Libyan Desert Glass, tektites and impactites. Original findings and photographs of P.A. Clayton's explorations were also exhibited.



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