



Division of Organometallic Chemistry

27TH MEETING OF THE DELEGATES TO THE EUCHEMS DIVISION OF ORGANOMETALLIC CHEMISTRY

Tuesday, July 15 2008

Rennes University, France.

Part 1 with information, part 2 with lunch, discussion and decisions.

Present: Rita Skoda-Földes for Jozsef Bakos (Hungarian Chemical Society), Luigi Busetto (Italian Chemical Society), Jan Cermak (Czech Republic Chemical Society), Vladimir D. Dimitrov (Union of Chemists in Bulgaria), Helena Grennberg (The Swedish Chemical Society), Maria Helena Garcia (Portuguese Chemical Society), Vidar Jensen (Norwegian Chemical Society), Edmunds Lukevics (Latvian Chemical Society) [part 2 only], Stanislaw Pasynekiewicz (Polish Chemical Society), Timo Repo (Association of Finnish Chemical Societies), Helena Shubina for Viatcheslav Sokolov (Russian Mendeleev Chemical Society)

Excused: delegates who were replaced by colleagues + Kees Elsevier (Royal Netherlands Chemical Society) Helmut Bönemann (German Chemical Society), David Cole-Hamilton (Royal Chemical Society), Karl Kirchner (Gesellschaft Österreichischer Chemiker), Martin Putala (Slovak Chemical Society), E. Peter Kündig (Swiss Chemical Society), Uno Mäeorg (Estonian Chemical Society), Constantine Mertis (Association of Greek Chemists), Troels Skrydstrup (Danish Chemical Society), Michel Pfeffer (Société Chimique de France), Patrick Guiry (Institute of Chemistry, Ireland), Rudolph Willem (Flemish chemical society).

AGENDA/NOTES/DECISIONS

1. Report 2007/ **Approved**
2. Information about the activities of EUCHEMS since the previous meeting
 - EucheMS status as non-profit organization, with a budget and account. This applies also to divisions/WP that may use the EuCheMS account as deposit.
 - Membership subscription in kind or in money, gradual transformation to the second. Participating national society ~ EUR1 / member in national society. Important decision at EuCheMS general assembly in October 2007: A society that have not contributed their subscription fee for two consecutive years to be excluded from GA, divisions and WP; having to reapply for membership if desired. A few societies, also among those in Division, are at risk.

- Policymaking and visibility at the “Brussels” arena, including ERC.
 - ECC series, more below. ECC 2 in Italy, attendants still welcome to register!
 - Luis Oro, previously representing Spanish chemical society in the Division, is since October 2007 the EuCheMS chairman elect. His term of office begins in October 2008.
3. Division involvement in future EUCHEMS congresses (3rd ECC: Nürnberg 2010, 4th ECC Prague 2012).
- **ECC3**, the organizers follow similar lines of work as for the previous meetings, with appointed convenors for themes and sessions. Themes and appointments not finalized by the time of the meeting, but the preliminary scheme as presented to the executive committee and in a response to comments posted by HG, suggests a broad and attractive programme for the organometallic communities, however not within one session/topic. HG will send out information to Division delegates when it becomes available.
 - **ECC4**. Scientific committee not yet appointed. Meeting consensus that the Division should be as active as possible in developing the programme.
4. Information on the XVIIIth Conference on Organometallic Chemistry June 22-25 2009 in Göteborg. Brief information concerning the programme, fees for participation etc. No conference fee for Division delegates. Presentation will be sent to all delegates, as will a flyer; *for distribution locally and regionally*. The meeting is Monday-Thursday, with registration opening on the Sunday afternoon. This will decrease the cost for hotel accommodations. By placing contributed lectures in parallel sessions, the scientific impact and the out-of-session discussion time will be maintained.
- Wishes for a one-session congress were aired, and comments concerning in particular the geographical distribution of invited speakers was given and discussed.
 - HG again invited the delegates to (now quickly) nominate candidates for, in particular, “young lectures” (young=not substantially more than 5 years from PhD defence), there are still a few slots available for (non-plenary) invited.
 - Suggestion from HG to nominate one of the invited speakers for 2009 EuCheMS lecturer. Brief discussion and consensus decision to support the suggestion. Action HG on behalf of Division or SWE, or, if appropriate, both.

5. Information on the XIXth Conference on Organometallic Chemistry in Toulouse 2011. The meeting, in early July, with Rinaldo Poli and colleagues as host, will also be a celebration of the first Nobel prize to organometallic chemists (Sabatier and Grignard, 1912). The meeting is to be announced in Göteborg 2009 by the hosts. Action: HG (->Michel Pfeffer).
6. Date and place of the next meeting of the Division: Göteborg, June 2009. HG envisions a dinnertime meeting in *one* appropriately equipped room.
7. Miscellaneous.
 - Initial discussion raised by HG concerning use of possible financial surplus from the upcoming 18:th meeting. The meeting advises the organizers to put low fees for young participants as the first priority, and agreed on that some resources for “division emergency” or other purposes would be desirable. Discussion, with decision on a long-term strategy in this matter to be held at next annual meeting. Action: HG.
 - Invitation for candidatures for the XXth COMC; 2013. Candidatures to be posted to HG not later than early spring 2009 and presented at the 2009 annual meeting, for decision. Action: all delegates.
 - Thanks to the ICOMC23 hosts for arranging a calm place for the second part of the meeting. Action: HG.

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