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EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF CHEMICAL AND MATERIALS SCIENCE (EuCheMS)

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the
DIVISION on NUCLEAR- and RADIOCHEMISTRY
held on Friday 28th September 2007 at 9.30hrs
at Conference Centre, Davos, Switzerland**

Those present: Prof. Dr. Heinz Gaggeler (Switzerland), Prof. Dr. Jan John (Czech Republic), Prof. Dr. Andreas Türler (Germany), and Dr. Anthony Ware (UK, Chair).

Apologies were received from: Prof. Mauro Bonardi (Italy), Prof. C. Gascó Leonarte (Spain), Prof. Per Hoff (Norway), Dr. Xiaolin Hou (Denmark), Mr. Simon Jerome (UK), Ir. Zvonimir I. Kolar, MSc. (The Netherlands), Dr. Panagiotis Misaelides (Greece), Prof. Jerzy Narbutt (Poland), Dr. Árpád Vincze (Hungary).

Those not present: Prof. Alexander Chekmarev (Russia), Dr. Divna Djokić (Serbia & Montenegro), Prof. Dr. Jukka Lehto (Finland), Dr. Ioannis Paschalidis (Cyprus), Prof. Pavol Rajec (Slovakia), Dr. Isabel Santos (Portugal), Prof. Eric Simoni (France), Prof. Gunnar Skarnemark (Sweden), Dr. Rayna Stefanova (Bulgaria), Prof. Turan Unak (Turkey), Dr. Israel Zilbermann (Israel).

1. A. Ware gave apologies as above and informed that Z. Kolar ceased to be the head of the Radiochemistry Division of the Dutch Chemical Society (DCS) but he is prepared to continue representing DCS in the DNRC. A. Ware will discuss this topic with the DCS and Z. Kolar.

ACTION: ARW

2. The Annual Meeting agreed to the Agenda as circulated.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting (August 31st 2006) were reviewed and approved. H. Gaggeler complained for not having received any answer from EuCheMS in response to his request to include TAN 07 into the list of EuCheMS sponsored events. A. Ware will raise this item at the next EuCheMS Executive meeting.

ACTION: ARW

4. Select new chairperson for the group
After a detailed discussion of the options and their pros and contras, the Annual Meeting nominated H. Gäggeler as a chairman for the next period (1.1.2008 – 31.12.2011). Because of the limited attendance, it was decided that the vote will be taken electronically. A. Ware will organise this vote within the next 4 weeks. Option of appointing a Steering Committee, which would be able and willing to meet as frequently as necessary to solve urgent matters arising between the annual meetings, was discussed and it was decided to include this question into the agenda of the next meeting.
A Task Force was set up to continue editing the Newsletter. A. Ware was appointed the head of this Task Force. He suggested to appoint his current supporters – A. Vertés and S. Jerome – the members of this Task Force. Annual Meeting approved this appointment, A. Ware will seek their agreement with the membership in this Task Force.

ACTION: ARW

5. Newsletter
Distribution of the information on appearance or the new Newsletter was discussed. The options considered were whether to create one big distribution list or disseminate the information through the national representatives. The majority opted for one big distribution list.
The most current mailing lists – big conference participants + members of national radiochemistry groups – should be sent to angela.blattman@psi.ch for inclusion into this new big list.

ACTION: ALL, HG

6. Website
The Annual Meeting was informed that the design of the webpage cannot be changed because it has been uniform for the entire EuCheMS site. Submission of the new contributions to the webpage (operated by RSC) is easy, fast and reliable. All members are asked to send any links, they would like to have listed here, to A. Ware.
The Diary of future events (10-years Calendar) will be updated in January 2008. All members are asked to send any information, they would like to have listed here, to A. Ware.

ACTION: ALL

7. EuCheMS report
A. Ware informed the Annual Meeting about the recent and the forthcoming EuCheMS Executive meetings and other EuCheMS activities. The reasons for not having suggested any topic for the 2nd ECC, to take place in 2008 in Torino, were revisited (collision with NRC 7). Anyway, as the EuCheMS Executive member, the acting chairman of the DNRC is a member of the 2nd ECC Organising Committee so that a contact is maintained.

8. NRC 2008

A. Ware informed the Annual Meeting that the organisation is going on, the information has been distributed to the international community. Prof. Atilla Vertés (Hungary) who – following the information of A. Vincze – should have presented the Annual Meeting with a detailed information on behalf of the NRC 7 Organising Committee did not show up.

The DNRC Annual Meeting expressed some concern about the changes in the International Advisory Board, made by the NRC 7 organisers. The DNRC will try to be more deeply involved in the organisation of the next events in this series. Potential candidates for organising NRC 8 were discussed.

9. Other upcoming meetings

Information on TAN 11, the next APSORC and any potential future meetings, not yet included in the Future Events – 10 Years Calendar, should be mailed to A. Ware.

ACTION: ALL

10. Any other business

INCS conference series was discussed.

11. Date and venue for the next meeting:

In coincidence with the NRC 7 conference at Budapest. The exact date, time and place to be decided.

ADDENDUM

Following the meeting an electronic vote of the members of the Division was carried out on the election of Chair for the next three years. Prof. Dr. Heinz Gägeler (Switzerland), was elected as chair for the period Jan 1st 2008 to Dec 31st 2010.