



European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences

Inorganic Chemistry Division

Nikos Katsaros, Chairman

Michele Aresta, General Secretary

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of the Inorganic Chemistry Division
Meeting of the Board Business Centre Lingotto, Torino-IT - 3.55 pm
September 15, 2008**

Present: N. Katsaros (President-GR), M. Aresta (General Secretary-SCI, IT)), K. Herbst (DK), G. Lavigne (FR), C. Wickleder (DE), D. Meyerstein (IL), J. Reedijk (NL), S. Sovilj (SE).

Excused: Andoni, Kickelbick, Krossing, Mertis, Kiss, Jacimovic, Calhorda, Drabik, Kaucic, Oro, Ozkar, Edwards.

Absent: van Oeun, Dukov, Frumar, Munari, Karen, Mrozinski, Kloo, Decurtins.

Agenda

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Report from the Chairman (See also Annex 1)
3. Activities of the Division 2007-2008.
4. Planning of activities for 2008-2009 (See also Annex 2).
5. Future of the FIGIPAS conferences
6. Future of any other ongoing meeting or workshop that may relate to the Division activities
7. Participation in the next EuCheMS Congress in Germany
8. Relations with IUPAC, COST, ICCS etc
9. Collaboration with EYCN
10. Finances of the Division
11. Composition of the Executive Committee of the Division
12. Election of the Executive Committee
13. Election of the Chairman
14. Any other business

Discussion and Decisions

Item 1: The Agenda is unanimously approved.

Item 2: The Chairman briefly reports on the history of the Division and on its actual state. (*No approval necessary*)

Item 3: The Chairman reports that after the meeting of the Board of the Working Group on Inorganic Chemistry no activities were carried out waiting for the transformation into the actual state of Division. He also recalls that it is now time for an incisive action and to build-up an event that may attract people from the partner countries. The Congress of the EU Division of Inorganic Chemistry seems to be the most urgent issue. This point will be discussed in the next items. All present members agree on the necessity of giving high visibility to the Division.

Item 4: A point of discussion is whether the (biannual) Congress of our Division should be within the EuCheMS Conference, or outside of it. This depends very much on the

role that the Division has in contributing to build the Programme of the EuCheMS Conferences. If the Division has a key role, then the Congress of the Division might be within the Conference, if not it will be in the other (odd-numbered) year. Anyway, those present unanimously agreed upon giving to the Chairman the mandate of asking the Board of EuCheMS and the Organizers of the Nurnberg EuCheMS Conference to give more responsibility to the Divisions with the identification of invited speakers and KN Lectures. This point will be further discussed in conjunction with Item 5.

Item 5 The Chairman reports that according to the latest attitude of FIGIPAS Member Countries Representatives there should be no opposition to transform FIGIPAS into the Conference of the Division of Inorganic Chemistry of EuCheMS, gathering the other EuCheMS Countries partners. There are several questions on the feasibility of closing the FIGIPAS Conferences. The Chairman proposes to contact the Chairman of next FIGIPAS Conference in order to plan a joint Meeting of the EuCheMS Board and FIGIPAS Board at the Palermo Conference in 2009 and to take there a decision. All present agree that it makes no sense to have two Conferences (FIGIPAS and EuCheMS) going on in Europe. At the Palermo FIGIPAS Meeting a decision will be taken: by unanimous agreement the first Conference of the Inorganic Chemistry Division will take place in 2011 (if not in 2010 as part of EuCheMS). After the FIGIPAS Meeting the organizers of the EuCheMS Conference will be identified and the Organizing Committee will start the actions. The Conference will take place every second year. After this decision will be taken, the structure of the Conference will be discussed. To this end it is highly wished the participation of all the Members of the Board at the Palermo Meeting so to have the possibility of taking a decision there.

The Division will also organise other events such as Schools. A School on Materials and their applications is proposed jointly by Aresta and Wickleder. There is an unanimous consensus on it and a mandate for an exploratory work is given to Aresta and Wickleder about the content costs and place. Tentatively this School should take place in 2009-2010.

Item 6 The Chairman opens the discussion on Item 6. All members agree that the merging of other activities into the Division is essential for building a core of common actions and unanimously give the mandate to the Executive Board - to be elected - to make an inventory of existing activities in order to contact the organizing bodies and invite them to merge into the Division.

Item 7: The Chairman says that at the moment there is no information about the role that the Division may play in the 2010 Congress. He will participate in the Meeting of the Board on Wednesday 17. The present members invite the Chairman to rise the problem of the role of the Division in the organisation of the EuCheMS Meetings.

Item 8: The Chairman introduces this point. By unanimous agreement it is decided that such contacts are of key importance for the Division. Jan Reedijk also highlights the opportunity of a close contact with ESF Committee in which several Inorganic Chemistry Colleagues are present. By unanimous decision the ESF Committee is considered as of prominent importance for the Division. Jan Reedijk will inform the current members and chair, prof. dr. Franc Meyer, Göttingen.

Item 9: The General Secretary introduces the item showing the letter he received from

EYCN. He reminds that he has already sent a positive answer about the collaboration with EYCN. Those present unanimously approve the initiative and decide that one of the Executive Committee Members has to take care of this contact.

Item 10: The Chairman informs all the members that the Division has no money in cash, nor a bank account. Means must be risen through the activities such as schools, conferences, sponsorships etc. (*No decision necessary*), and from the division of the national chemical societies.

Item 11: The Chairman introduces the point and asks if an Executive Committee (EC) of 5 or 7 members would be helpful to run the Division. After discussion, by unanimous agreement it is decided that the Executive Committee will be formed by 5 members.

Item 12: The Chairman asks who of the presents is available to sit in the EC. Six persons (Katsaros, Aresta, Reedijk, Lavigne, Meyerstein, Wickleder) give their availability. Reedijk withdraws as he will retire from his university chair next year, but will remain available as an ordinary member of the Division. By unanimous consensus the EC pro-tempore is composed by Katsaros, Aresta, Lavigne, Meyerstein, Wickleder. Duties will be distributed later amongst them.

By unanimous consensus it is decided that at least one Member will take care of the EYCN; one of the link with other International Conferences, one of organisational aspects and one of schools. Jan Reedijk is appointed as external consultant and as a link to ESF-sponsored meetings.

Item 13: Katsaros gives his availability to continue as President of the Division for one year. Unanimously he is confirmed in his duty of President for a term of one year. Aresta is unanimously appointed General Secretary.

Item 14: Jan Reedijk asks for how to update the web page of the division with the indication of all relevant events and cancellation of past events. It is agreed that information must be sent to Aresta and he will be in touch with the Website manager. All members are invited to forward to Aresta news of interest.

The topic "Physical Methods in Inorganic Chemistry" is proposed as topic of a School and accepted. Aresta and Wickleder will consider the possibility of including such topic in the first School. A proposal should be made ready by November 2008 the latest.

As there are no other issues to discuss the Meeting is closed at 6.45 pm.

The President
N. Katsaros

The Secretary
M. Aresta