

# Working Party on Chemistry for Cultural Heritage

Minutes of meeting, Bruxelles, Belgium, April 18th, 2011.

## Present:

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Brenda Keneghan	(Royal Society of Chemistry)
Jana Sanyova	(Société Royale de Chimie)
Manfred Schreiner	(Gesellschaft Österreichischer Chemiker)

## Excused:

Rocco Mazzeo	(Società Chimica Italiana)
Domagoj Satovic	(Croatian Chemical Society)
Oliver Hahn	(Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker)

## Agenda:

1. Catherine Feore, EuCheMS EU Policy Development Manager. Ideas of possible EU applications within Cultural Heritage.
2. Chemistry and Science in Cultural Heritage. News from Manfred Schreiner, possible participation in Springers book series.
3. 2. International Congress on Chemistry for Cultural Heritage in Istanbul 2012.
4. Participation of WP CCH through contribution of conveners in ECC-4 in Prague, Czech Republic, 26 -30 August 2012.
5. Status of active members.
6. Any other business.

### Item 1.

Catherine Feore gave a presentation of the JPI (Joint Programme Initiative) "Cultural Heritage and Global Change: a new challenge for Europe". The Power Point of the presentation has been sent to the members of CCH but can also be seen at:

<http://www.era.gv.at/space/11442/directory/19756/doc/21143.html>

From Catherine Feore's presentation it is possible to see that the amount of money used by the member states on overall research funding for the conservation of tangible cultural heritage ranges between 100 and 150 million EUR per year.

However, as pointed out in the discussion the EU Commission is more looking on how to generate commercialisation of the research instead of focusing on innovative thinking. This could basically be understood as "restoration of cultural heritage generating growth in tourism and thereby in creating jobs, will be higher valued than fundamental research in science for cultural heritage".

In general the members of the WP on CCH were encouraged to be active and put up strategies and goals for the JPI.

#### Item 2.

Manfred Schreiner presented the idea from Springer about the possible participation in Springers book series on Chemistry and Science in Cultural Heritage. The presentation by Manfred Schreiner has been sent to all members of the WP.

There was an agreement that this subject was highly interesting, but also that this would imply a lot of work of the participants, especially as we also have to take care of the editing process. No final decision was taken.

#### Item 3.

Hadi Özbal and Fusun Okyar presented the preliminary programme for The 2nd International Congress of Chemistry for Cultural Heritage, ChemCH, which will be held July 9-12, 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey.

The congress website is **[www.chemch2012.org](http://www.chemch2012.org)** and Congress Chair is:

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The Scientific Committee will among others be Fusun Okyar ([fusun.okyar@gmail.com](mailto:fusun.okyar@gmail.com)) some of the members of the WP and people appointed by Hadi Özbal and Fusun Okyar.

In the discussion of the programme it was decided to give time for short oral presentations of some posters presented by young chemists and to make time for an actual poster session.

News about ChemCH can be followed at: <http://www.chemch2012.org/>

#### Item 4.

It was decided not only to contribute with conveners at the ECC-4 in Prague, Czech Republic, 26 -30 August 2012, but also to work for the possibility of having a session on Chemistry and Cultural Heritage at the conference. Kim Simonsen will take contact to the organizers of

ECC-4, and ask for the possibility. If a positive answer is given Kim Simonsen will ask both members of the WP and others if they are interested in giving a lecture at the conference.

News about ECC-4 can be found at: <http://www.euchems-prague2012.cz/>

Item 5.

The number of members of the WP on CCH is still very low and the expected increase in members after the ChemCH in Ravenna is missing. It was decided that each member should try to take direct contact to other colleagues and to take contact to the chairs of the national chemical societies and ask for candidates.

Item 6.

The next meeting at the WP on CCH will take place in July 2012 in connection with the ChemCH 2012, in Istanbul, Turkey.

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