

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the
DIVISION of NUCLEAR and RADIOCHEMISTRY
held during RADCHEM conference on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 12:00**

Present:

Marko Štrok (chair, Slovenia), Jon Petter Omtvedt (web editor, Norway), Antonia Denkova (Secretary, The Netherlands), Mojmír Němec (Czech Republic), Patrick Steinegger (Switzerland), Katarzyna Szarlowicz (Poland), Flavia Groppi (not nominated yet, Italy), Noémi Nagy (Hungary), Alex Tarancón Sanz (Spain), Ioannis Ioannidis & Ioannis Paschalidis (Cyprus), Xiaolin Hou (Denmark), Jan John (Treasurer, Czech Republic), Noil Fotini (Greece), Christian Ekberg (Sweden), Robert Baker (not nominated yet, Ireland), Mathew Higginson (UK, not nominated yet), Galina Lujaniene (Lithuania), Pavol Rajec (Slovakia).

Absent:

Stepan Kalmykov (Russia), Divna Djokić (Serbia), Rositza Mihailova Kamenova-Totzeva (Bulgaria), Israel Zilbermann (Israel), Mehmet Mahramanlioglu (Turkey), Thomas Cardinaels (Belgium), Georg Steinhauser (Austria), Jean Aupais (France), Gareth Law (Finland), Alice Seibert (Germany).

1. Welcome, Approval of agenda

No points added to the agenda

2. Society representation – changes and updates

Mathew Higginson will replace Louise Natrajan (UK). Ioannis Ioannidis replaces Ioannis Paschalidis (Cyprus). Official nominations of Flavia Groppi and Robert Baker have not yet been obtained. Several countries do not have representatives like Portugal, Croatia, Romania etc. Current members are encouraged to suggest possible representative of the missing countries.

3. Re-election of the chair and secretary

After 4 years, according to the DNRC procedure, the representatives are asked either to suggest new chair or to re-elect the current chair. The chair then chooses the secretary. It is unanimously decided to re-elect Marko. Marko asked the secretary (Antonia Denkova) to support the DNRC for another 4 years and she has agreed.

4. Report on activities of the Task Force for “Identifying and proposing DNRC Honorary Membership Society representation” (Patrick Steinegger)

Nick Evans is proposed for the DNRC Honorary Membership Society award for now. Next year during the DNRC meeting will be discussed if there are more people that could be nominated and then the awardee will be selected.

There need to be produced more medals since the three that were made were already given away to awardees. Jan John thinks that it should be feasible to order more medals. We all agree that there should be medal given to the awardees. The medal is for service to the DNRC and not for scientific contribution in the field. Jan John will provide quotation of the medals and new ones will be ordered.

The question arises whether DNRC should provide input to the Hevesy award committee. Possibly we could discuss with the Hevesy award committee whether they would like if the DNRC contributes in some way, for instance, by nominating someone. We think that this will help to have a bit more variations in the selected awardees and the required scientific achievements, which will introduce less bias.

Action 1: Jan John obtains quotation for producing more medals. Based on the price we make decision on the source of funding for that. It could be either from DNRC money, or we look for sponsors. After that, Jan John orders new medals.

Action 2: Marko contacts Zsolt Revay about possibilities how DNRC could contribute to the Hevesy award.

5. Status of DNRC on Social Networks (Jon Petter)

Patrick proposes to take over the web-editing from Jon Petter. Jon Petter agrees and will get in touch with Patrick to arrange web-editing access.

At the moment the webpage is regularly updated but there is not much activity. There are no statistics so it is difficult to know how many people visit it. Jon Petter asks, as he does every DNRC meeting, everybody to contribute more to the website to make it more relevant and attractive to others.

Facebook page is terminated. Linkedin page is alive and also to make it more active, everybody could add what they want to advertise/spread around such as job vacancies.

Action 3: Jon Petter, Patrick and Marko arrange Patricks take over the web-editing.

Action 4: Try to use the DNRC Linkedin page more, papers or job adverts can be placed (all)

Action 5: Try to send useful information to Patrick or Jon Petter to update the DNRC webpage (all)

6. Status of the EuroMaster (Jon Petter)

The EuroMaster diploma says that a university fulfils a minimum requirement of knowledge in radiochemistry (based on courses). If an organisation provides courses covering this minimum they can apply for the diploma and give it as supplement to their students. Teaming up with other universities is also possible. So far, University of Helsinki and Czech Technical University have been granted to issue EuroMaster diploma. Requirements can be found at: <https://hub.cinch-project.eu/>.

Katarzyna Szarlowicz (AGH University of Science and Technology, Krakow) is currently in the process of applying for a EuroMaster diploma. A committee has been formed to

evaluate the request. Jon Petter says that he expects that the University of Oslo will follow especially considering the future plans of the university.

A proposal is made to put a working group to evaluate the criteria for the EuroMaster to see whether more universities could join. Working group was appointed: Christian, Gareth, Jon Petter, Katarzyna & Mojmír. If anybody wants to join, they should contact one of the members of the working group.

Action 6: Establish a working group to evaluate the EuroMaster composed of: Christian, Gareth, Jon, Katarzyna & Mojmír (Christian, Gareth, Jon, Katarzyna & Mojmír)

7. Protocol of last meeting (A. Denkova)

Several points from previous protocol are discussed. Most of the points are re-occurring points of the agenda and were already discussed and some are discussed in detail below.

8. News from EuChemS (Marko Štrok)

No any news that can affect DNRC. In bullet points below the news are summarized.

- EuChemS has 50 MS from 36 countries and more than 140000 active members, one of the largest European societies
- Executive board has 8 task groups, plans to reduce to 6 by cutting EuChemS Outreach and Circular Economy task group
- Continuation of organizations of EuChemS Global Women Breakfast, last in February 2025
- EuChemS historical landmark awards for Banská Štiavnica and Marie Curie Skłodowska Museum
- Discussion about ECC10 in Antwerp
- ECC11 will be in Vienna in 2028, they are looking for interests for organization of ECC12
- Disappointing response to fourth European employment survey for chemists, maybe the questionnaire was too long
- President letter to be sent to two least responsive professional networks boards
- Suggestion to prepare some sort of list of responsibilities of members to be handed to them once nominated
- Shared calendar on Sharepoint to to avoid overlap, **we can add our events there and check for overlap**
- We were again asked to implement signing of agreements for organization of PN conferences
- There was a PN meeting online on 23-4-2026. EuChemS had net surplus of about 19 kEUR, they expect PNs budget for 2027
- EuChemS is trying to establish links to different publishers, not so relevant for DNRC

Next annual PN meeting is scheduled for October 2026 in Belgrade

9. Financial statement (Jan John)

There is 4683 euro left in the DNRC account. NRC-10 finished in deficit so they did not contribute anything. In principle, there has been a gentleman agreement that NRC and

Radchem will be organised in such way so that 2000 euro is to be paid to EuChemS of which 1000 euro goes to EuChemS and 1000 euro to DNRC account. So-far, the money has been used to pay the attendance of the Honorary Membership to a conference in which the award will be given.

10. Report on activities of the NRC Education and Training Work Group (Mojmír)

As promised Mojmir provides an overview of current education activities. The current education projects are given in bullets below:

- **Enen2plus** (2022-2026) it is a kind of continuation of CINCH but more focused on engineering. 41 participants, which makes it a bit diluted.
- **SNETPForward** (2022–2025), appears more focused on nuclear energy education.
- **Skills4Nuclear** (2025-2028) funded within Euratom, addresses shortage of skilled workers in the nuclear sector. In principle it should be possible for others to join the consortium.

11. Update on NRC-11 (Marko Štrok)

- Date was selected: 10-15 September 2028.
- Venue: Grand Hotel Bernardin, Portorož, Slovenia
- Conference Cooperation Agreement with Slovenian Chemical Society and EuChemS signed, it is available on Sharepoint

12. Upcoming NRC related conferences and meetings (A. Denkova)

Several upcoming conferences are listed below:

- ERA-15, 15th International Symposium on Nuclear and Environmental Radiochemical Analysis, 7–10 September 2026, Portsmouth UK
- NUTECH 2026, 21-23 September 2026, Warsaw, Poland
- RANC, 2.-7. May 2027, Budapest, Hungary
- 7th International Conference on Nuclear Analytical Techniques, 6-10 Sept. 2026, Souel, South Korea, <https://www.nat2026.kr/index.html>
- 9th International Conference on Environmental Radioactivity, 12-17 Sept. 2027, Xi'an, China, <https://www.xaams.cn> (conference website to be established under this domain soon)
- 27th International Symposium on Radiopharmaceutical Sciences (iSRS 2027), 17-21 May, 2027, Helsinki, Finland
- NRC11, 10.-15. September 2028, Portorož, Slovenia
- MARC XIV, 2028, Hawaii, USA

Conferences can be advertised on the DNRC webpage.

13. Date and place of the next Annual meeting (M. Štrok)

RANC 2-7 May 2027 is a possibility, a short survey will be sent to assess how many people will join the conference to decide whether the meeting should be held online or at RANC.

Action 7: Marko sends short survey to obtain information on how many members will attend RANC conference next year to decide on the format of next Annual Meeting.

14. Miscellaneous

- We should decide by next year who will organize NRC12 in 2032.
- Xiaolin Hou will likely be replaced by Jixin Qiao (Denmark).

Action 8: Marko sends out a call for applications to organize NRC12.