

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the
DIVISION of NUCLEAR and RADIOCHEMISTRY
held during the NRC10 conference in Double Tree by Hilton hotel, Brighton, UK on
Tuesday 27th August 2024 at 12:30**

Present:

Marko Štok (chair, Slovenia), Jon Petter Omtvedt (web editor, Norway), Antonia Denkova (Secretary, The Netherlands), Mojmir Němec (Czech Republic), Louise Natrajan (UK), Patrick Steinegger (Switzerland), Katarzyna Szarlowicz (online Poland), Flavia Groppi (Italy), Noémi Nagy (online Hungary), Alice Seibert (Germany), Robert Baker (not nominated yet, online, Ireland), Alex Tarancón Sanz (Spain), Ioannis Paschalidis (online, Cyprus), Gareth Law (Finland)

Absent:

Stepan Kalmykov (Russia), Divna Djokić (Serbia), Rositza Mihailova Kamenova-Totzeva (Bulgaria), Israel Zilbermann (Israel), Mehmet Mahramanlioglu (Turkey), Noil Fotini (Greece), Christian Ekberg (Sweden), Thomas Cardinaels (Belgium), Pavol Rajec (Slovakia), Jean Aupais (France), Jan John (Treasurer, Czech Republic), Georg Steinhauser (Austria), Xiaolin Hou (Denmark), Galina Lujaniene (Lithuania), Catalina Gasco Leonarte (Spain)

Apologies were received from: Jan John (Treasurer, Czech Republic)

1. Welcome, Approval of agenda

No points added to the agenda

2. Society representation – changes and updates

A few new replacements/additions to the DNRC have been made: Alice Seibert (Germany, replacing Clemens Walther), Patrick Steinegger (Switzerland, replacing Andreas Türler), Alex Tarancón Sanz (Spain), Louise Natrajan (UK, replacing Nick Evans), Georg Steinhauser (Austria), Galina Lujaniene (Lithuania), Mojmir Nemeč (Czech Republic), Jean Aupiais (France, replacing Philippe Moisy). Waiting for official nomination of representative of Ireland.

Isabel Santos (Portugal) has passed away. New representative of Portugal will be looked for.

3. Protocol of last meeting (A. Denkova)

Several points from previous protocol are discussed. Coming back to negotiation of contract for PN conferences, this would be only possible for NRC since Radchem is supposed to make no profit. EuChemS appears to want to have these contracts signed just to be aware of the turnover of conferences organized by the society.

Sharepoint was arranged, everybody should be able to have access.

Action 1: Check if you have access to the shared point of DNRC (all)

4. News from EuChemS (M. Štrok)

- New member societies have joined the EuChemS: Bosnia and Moldova. The society is looking for representatives from Ukraine. Patrick Steinegger has kindly provided contact and EuChemS secretariat is in contact with them.
- There will be portal under EuChemS for organizing conferences which can also be used by DNRC
- Next EuChemS meeting will be in Berlin on 25-10-2024.
- Guidelines of the divisions have changed a bit. These guidelines have been sent to DNRC members for comments. Deadline for submitting comments is 22nd of September, 2024.
- There is call for EuChemS award nominations, if anybody has ideas please nominate candidates.
- 4th Employment survey for European chemists will be conducted.

Action 2: Provide EuChemS award nominations if possible (all)

5. Revisions of guidelines for EuChemS

Marko explains the most important changes:

- When organizing a conference if the conference has a loss, EuChemS covers 10% and EuChemS division shall cover remaining 10%.
- Website should be updated at least twice per year.
- Transfer of Division and Working Party funds held in the EuChemS bank account shall follow the approval of the EuChemS Secretary General and the EuChemS Treasurer and budget should be approved
- Paragraph 5.1 and 5.2 are new and describe who should be part of the division board.
- The duties of treasurer and web-editor are included now in the document.

Action 3: Provide comments before 13th of September to Marko so that Marko can give feedback to EuChemS by the 22nd of September (all)

Action 4: Marko will comment on the 10 % loss rule since the division has no money to cover such losses.

Action 5. Marko will comment to include possibility of organizing online annual meetings for PN's.

6 Financial statement

There is still 5000 euro left in the DNRC account, the same as last year. Part of this money will be used by DNRC to cover flight expenses of prof. Lehto, who will receive EuChemS DNRC Honorary Membership award this year. The 5000 euro was mostly generated from conferences of Radchem in 2018 and 2022. Possibly 1000 euro will be also added to this 5000 after NRC 10 is completed. In principle the money of DNRC is meant to covers costs of Honorary Memberships, such as conference and travel costs.

7 Status of the EuroMaster (Jon Petter)

Some background information is given here, which was also available in last protocol. NRC EuroMaster diploma is a product of CINCH and has been transferred under DNRC umbrella, which is responsible for managing it. The diploma just 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/>

There have not been any changes from last time. No new universities that have applied, but the university of Jon Petter (University of Oslo) plans to apply. Katarzyna also mentions at the end of the meeting that she (her university AGH University of Science and Technology in Kraków) also plans to apply.

Alice suggests to invite Jon to one of the German and Swiss meetings on radiochemistry where he can tell participants more about the EuroMaster diploma.

Anybody who wants to apply for the right to issue EuroMaster diploma should contact Jon Petter.

8 Status of DNRC on Social Networks (Jon Petter)

Linkedin and Facebook have more than 600 members. It is decided that the Facebook page will be stopped and more focus will be given on using Linkedin. Linkedin can be used to advertise conferences, PhD and post-doc vacancies and so on. In principle, since it is an open page DNRC members can post themselves but if needed contact Patrick for help.

Action 6: Try to use the DNRC Linkedin page more (all)

Action 7: Facebook page will be disabled (Jon Petter)

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

We agreed last time to keep CINCH alive and keep the platform running. CTU is currently keeping the platform working. It has been decided to have at least once a year a CINCH meeting, and at least one meeting on-site every 2 years, so this will coincide with NRC and Radchem meetings. Next on-site meeting will be at Radchem.

Mojmír explains that it is difficult to reach people and announce the CINCH workshops. Many links are dead or there is simply no response. The question is how to spread the information in an efficient way. It only makes sense if people are using the CINCH platform. There is still the discussion how to finance the platform. Some possibilities are to add a donation button on the website or ask sponsors to contribute specifically to CINCH when organizing conferences. Jon Petter comments that the DNRC webpage on the NRC working group is outdated and should be updated, that would also help getting to the right people.

Action 8: Mojmir and Jon will have a look together how the part on the NRC working group can be updated.

10 Report on activities of the Task Force for “Identifying and proposing DNRC Honorary Membership”

In the past Nick Evans was responsible leader of the task force. As he has been replaced by Louise Natrajan, we have to find new leader. The honorary membership is not limited per year,

we can have two per year or zero, depending on candidates. It is agreed that Patrick will take over and propose at the next meeting the new candidates. Some suggestions are made: Nick and Heinz. The idea is that the award will cover conference expenses but the awardees will need to provide a talk at Radchem or NRC. The awardee also receives a medal. We don't have any more of current medals, so we will have to think for replacement. Possibly the medal will be replaced by Uranium glass.

Action 9: Patrick is from now on responsible for leading the Task Force for “Identifying and proposing DNRC Honorary Membership”

Action 10: Mojmír will have a look whether we can use Uranium glass

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

Several upcoming conferences are discussed but there is not one conference that majority of DNRC members tend to attend, therefore an online DNRC meeting will be held next year.

12 Date and place of the next Annual meeting (M. Štok)

Next year online, date will be announced later.

13 Miscellaneous

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