

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the
DIVISION of NUCLEAR and RADIOCHEMISTRY
held during online meeting on Monday 19th May 2025 at 10:00**

Present:

Marko Štrok (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 (Poland), Flavia Groppi (not nominated yet, Italy), Noémi Nagy (Hungary), Katharina Müller replacing Alice Seibert (Germany), Robert Baker (not nominated yet, Ireland), Alex Tarancón Sanz (Spain), Ioannis Paschalidis (Cyprus), Gareth Law (Finland), Galina Lujaniene (Lithuania), Xiaolin Hou (Denmark), Jean Aupais (France), Jan John (Treasurer, Czech Republic), Noil Fotini (Greece)

Absent:

Stepan Kalmykov (Russia), Divna Djokić (Serbia), Rositza Mihailova Kamenova-Totzeva (Bulgaria), Israel Zilbermann (Israel), Mehmet Mahramanlioglu (Turkey), Christian Ekberg (Sweden), Thomas Cardinaels (Belgium), Pavol Rajec (Slovakia), Georg Steinhauser (Austria).

1. Welcome, Approval of agenda

No points added to the agenda

2. Society representation – changes and updates

There are no changes since last meeting. Official nominations of Flavia Groppi and Robert Baker have not yet been obtained. Katharina Müller replaces Alice Seibert for this meeting.

3. 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 will be discussed in detail below.

4. News from EuChemS (M. Štrok)

Marko provides many news from EuChemS, which are shown below as bullet points and with some additions from the discussions during the meeting:

- New member Moldova joined EuChemS
- ECC10 will be organized in Antwerp between 12.-16. July 2026
- 4th Employment Survey for European chemists started in April 2025

- Revision of PNs guidelines approved, available on EuChemS webpage. **The 10 % loss compensation by the division rule remains. Meetings online are allowed.**
- Better implementation of the Conference Agreement for PNs conference. **Marko will try to implement that for NRC 11.**
- Discussion on non-responsive PNs boards will be on next EB meeting
- One additional online PNs boards meeting per year
- EuChemS treasurer is planning a meeting with PNs treasurers. **Jan John has already attended it.**
- Next EuChemS meeting in Poznan, Poland, 29.10.2025

Other news followed from the meeting on the 9.4.2025

- The formation of a new science-policy task group
- Review of actions from 2025 annual meeting in Berlin:
 - Set up a shared calendar to avoid overlap in conferences is in progress
 - Role-up designed, to be produced locally and the file is available on SharePoint
 - Some PNs conferences have lower registration fees for participants from EuChemS Member Societies. **This could be also applied to conferences organized by DNRC to attract more people.**
 - The hub for EuChemS-PNs awards created – **also including the Honorary DNRC Membership**
 - The PNs should update webpages of PNs with their past awardees
 - Updated EuChemS Guidelines for Divisions and Working Parties
 - The Executive Board looked into activities of PNs and will contact those which do not fulfil the basic requirements. **DNRC is doing fine but maybe later we would still need to fulfil the Conference Agreement**
 - Upcoming meeting between the EuChemS Treasurer and the treasurers of EuChemS Professional Networks

The attendance of ECC 10 is discussed and whether we should provide subthemes, conveners and invited speakers. Jan John has mixed experience with attending this conference and seems that nobody from DNRC is planning to attend so it is decided not to provide subthemes.

5. Nomination of representative in EuChemS Task group on “Science-policy”

EuChemS is looking for a representative for the task group ‘Science-policy’. The idea is that this person will function as a designated contact person and coordinate within the Division to help identify colleagues with the specific expertise required for various policy topics and they may not necessarily serve as the expert themselves. **Robert Baker volunteered and would be the DNRC representative on Science-policy.**

6 Financial statement

There is 4683 euro left in the DNRC account. It is unclear whether NRC 10 had a loss. Louise will inform us in a few weeks about the financial outcome of the conference. 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.

A conference agreement with EuChemS could also be negotiated to reduce costs.

It is suggested that a list of requirements for hosting NRC should be made, which should include trying to have 2000 euro positive balance.

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 the 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/>

Katarzyna Szarlowicz (AGH University of Science and Technology, Krakow) is currently in the process of applying for a EuroMaster diploma. Jon Petter say that he expects that the University of Oslo will follow. Hopefully, that will increase the number of universities having the EuroMaster diploma to 4.

8 Status of DNRC on Social Networks (Jon Petter)

The Facebook page has been put on pause (inactive). 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 or Jon for help. Patrick and Jon are together responsible for trying to make LinkedIn page more visited and used.

Action 1: Try to use the DNRC LinkedIn page more, papers or job adverts can be placed (all)

Action 2: Jon will update the DNRC webpage

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

Mojmír explains that although little people came to the education sessions during NRC-10 they were very involved.

Mojmír discusses possible education activities on ICARST or ENVIRA 2025, asks if anybody would like to present anything on education. Katarzyna will see if she can present something at ENVIRA.

For Radchem, Mojmír will prepare an overview of related education activities originating from new EU projects. If enough presentations on education will be submitted a separate session (workshop) can be organised.

Action 3: Katarzyna and Mojmír will make a separate meeting to discuss what can be presented at ENVIRA.

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

Patrick discusses two possible candidates. A decision has been made to give it to one of the candidates next year during Radchem.

11 Report on NRC -10

Louise provides a short report of NRC-10. In short: 240 delegates, 20 countries, 26 companies, 82 oral contributions, 5 plenary lectures. Overall, a successful conference.

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

Several upcoming conferences are discussed. The next DNRC meeting will be during Radchem conference.

This is the list of upcoming conferences:

- RSC-ERA (Environmental RadioActivity Conference), 14-17 September 2026, UK (tbc, Oxford or Portsmouth)
- Plutonium Futures, Glasgow, September 2026 (exact dates tbc)
- ICFE (International Conference on Coordination Chemistry), Manchester, 6th – 10th September, 2026
- 8th International Conference on Environmental Radioactivity (ENVIRA 2025), 14-19 September 2025, Krakow, Poland
- 7th Asia-Pacific Symposium on Radiochemistry, 14-19 September 2025
- 24th International Conference on Radionuclide Metrology and its Applications in Paris, on 19-23 May 2025.
- RadChem May 2026, Mariánské Lázně, Czech Republic
- 12th International Conference on Isotopes, 15–19 Feb 2026, Florence, Italy

In case one wants to promote a conference, that can be done through EuChemS. The application for EuChemS recognition of the event, together with conditions, can be found here: <https://www.euchems.eu/events-overview/apply-for-recognition-of-event/> . They can see if it fits within the scope of EuChemS and apply for it and upon approval EuChemS will allow to use its logo as well as help promoting the conference.

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

Radchem conference, 10-15 May 2026 (<https://www.radchem.cz/>).

14 Miscellaneous

The date of next NRC is discussed. It is agreed to plan it for the second week of September, 2028.

A call for new chair of DNRC is open. A new chair might need to be elected or the chair position of Marko should be renewed at next annual meeting during Radchem. If anybody has a suggestion for a new chairperson please let DNRC know at least 3 months before Radchem.

Action 4: If anybody wants to apply for the chair position or have suggestions, please send your application 3 months before Radchem conference (all)