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**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the  
DIVISION of NUCLEAR- and RADIOCHEMISTRY  
held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 12:15 hrs  
at Casino Conference Centre, Mariánské Lázně, Czech Republic**

Those present: Nicholas D.M. Evans (UK, Chair), Christian Ekberg (proxy Sweden), Xiaolin Hou (Denmark), Jan John (Czech Republic), Jukka Lehto (Finland), Jerzy Narbutt (Poland), Jon Petter Omtvedt (Norway), Ioannis Paschalidis (Cyprus), Pavol Rajec (Slovakia), Andreas Türler (proxy Switzerland), Nóra Vajda (Hungary).

Apologies were received from: Horst Geckeis (Germany), C. Gascó Leonarte (Spain), Turan Unak (Turkey).

Those not present: Mauro Bonardi (Italy), Alexander Chekmarev (Russia), Divna Djokić (Serbia & Montenegro), Zvonimir I. Kolar (The Netherlands), Panagiotis Misaelides (Greece), Isabel Santos (Portugal), Eric Simoni (France), Rayna Stefanova (Bulgaria), Israel Zilbermann (Israel).

Guest: Bert Wolterbeek (The Netherlands)

- 1) N. Evans welcomed the participants and introduced the new members, proxies, and the guest (representing The Netherlands).
- 2) N. Evans passed the apologies from those who sent their apologies to the group and could not be present for the meeting (for the list see above).
- 3) The Minutes of the previous DNRC meeting at Migration 2013 in Brighton (UK) on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were reviewed and approved.
- 4) The Annual Meeting agreed to the Agenda as circulated.
- 5) News from EuCheMS
  - a) J. John presented the conclusions of the Divisions and Working Parties Chairs Meeting that took place in Budapest on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013. The most important conclusions were that
    - i) Eckart Ruehl (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany; Bunsen society; Division of Physical Chemistry) was elected as a candidate for the division heads representative in ExCom. There will be a call for the second representative to be selected and appointed during the year.
    - ii) New EuCheMS premises in Brussels include meeting rooms that can be used by the divisions.
    - iii) EuCheMS Forum can be used to store the internal documents of divisions.
    - iv) EuCheMS Web: appeal to keep it actual.

- v) The division reports will be included as attachments to the EuCheMS Year Book (after some editing and formatting). This signifies the importance of the Reports.
  - vi) Helena Grenberg reported on the status of the 5<sup>th</sup> ECC Istanbul. Some complains raised on the general scientific level of ECC.
  - vii) “Our” Theme E was developed with almost no interaction with DNRC that was one its co-proposers! Helena states that Heinz Gäggeler should have been informed being in cc on all the Theme E organisational messages....
- b) J. John presented the conclusions of the last General Assembly of EuCheMS that took place in Budapest on the 24-24<sup>th</sup> October 2013. The most important conclusions were that
- i) Joint statement with European Physical Society on Managing the Transition to Open Access Publication was issued.
  - ii) EuCheMS policy development includes support seeking, activities directed towards introduction of a European Professional Card, transparency studies, sustainability of chemistry, setting up a MEP Award, Expo Milan 2015, conferences....
  - iii) Divisions are active mainly in conference organisation.
  - iv) EYCN - European Young Chemists' Network very active. Poster Awards. Set up a poster award in collaboration with EYCN at the DNRC divisional conferences?
  - v) David Cole-Hamilton (RSC; Uni St. Andrews, Scotland) elected new EuCheMS president-elect from 7 candidates (Boguslaw Buszewski, Poland; Michael Droescher, Germany; Pilar Goya, Spain; Ivanka Popovic, Serbia; Victor-Corneliu Radu, Romania; Livia Simon Sarkadi, Hungary; Saskia van der Vies, The Netherlands).
  - vi) Important changes to the EuCheMS Constitution – membersip types, voting in the GA, definitions of competences – role of GA strengthened.
  - vii) Estonia accepted as the first Baltic country, Electrochemistry division dissolved based on no reactions.
  - viii) Awards Advisory Committee established (Luis Oro, chair).
  - ix) Finances balanced.
- 6) EuCheMS Congresses
- N. Evans reported on the status of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> EuCheMS Chemistry Congresses:
- a) Istanbul 2014 – together with the Division of Chemistry in Life Sciences, DNRC participates in setting up the Theme E – Chemistry for and in Life Sciences. DNRC involvement was planned mainly in imaging. The theme convener is Nicholas Westwood but the DNRC was not invited to participate in the organisation...
  - b) Seville 2016 (11-15<sup>th</sup> September) – theme Energy Chemistry proposed with expected significant contribution of DNRC into the Nuclear Energy Chemistry part.
- 7) NRC series
- a) Helsinki 2016 – Jukka Lehto informed that the preparations proceed smoothly. Conference poster was distributed; the conference web will be launched soon.
  - b) 2020 – Call for potential hosts to be launched next year so that the decision can be made in Helsinki.

8) EuroMaster update

Jan John briefly presented the participants with the CINCH-II project and its aims. Jukka Lehto – presented the idea of EuroMaster in Nuclear and Radiochemistry and explained whz the “ECTNA pathway” seems difficult – consortium of 3 as a maximum exist in Europe at this moment. A more relaxed system was proposes where some 10 universities could meet based on the “Minimum requirements”. On behalf of the CINCH participants, DNRC was asked to act as an “accrediting body”. Following this system, DNRC would be issuing a “supplement to diploma”. After a detailed discussion, the meeting agreed to the proposal; the formal decision was agreed to be taken in a year’s time.

9) Society representation

- a) New representatives to DNRC were drafted from The Netherlands, Russia and Sweden. Nick Evans and Jukka Lehto will continue their efforts to draft new active representatives from France, Belgium (NE), and Bulgaria (JL).
- b) Nick Evans will contact Estonian chemical society, as a new EuCheMS member, and ask for nomination of a representative to DNRC.

10) Date and place of the next Annual meeting

The next DNRC meeting was proposed to be organised during some meeting or seminar of the CINCH-II project, probably in June 2015.

11) AOB

No additional topics raised.

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