



Minutes of meeting of EuCheMS Working Party on the History of Chemistry

Uppsala, Thursday, August 22nd, 2013

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Other participants: Marco Beretta, Italy (imberet@gmail.com); Geert Vanpaemel (geert.vanpaemel@wet.kuleuven.be); Andreas Weber (a.weber@utwente.nl).

Agenda (distributed to the representatives prior to the meeting)

1. Opening, and apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last general meeting, Rostock 11 September, 2011
3. News and reports
4. Venue and organization of the 10th international conference on the history of chemistry, 2015
5. Composition of the WP
6. Election of a new chairperson for the WP
7. Date of the next general meeting
8. Any other business

1. Opening, and apologies for absence

Welcome by Carsten Reinhardt. There were no comments to the proposed agenda. Apologies for absence were received from Duncan Burns (Ireland), Ana Carneiro (Portugal), Anita Kilkebaek-Nielsen (Denmark), Laurence Lestel (France), Roman Mierziecki (Poland), Birute Railiene (Lithuania).

2. Minutes of last general meeting, Rostock 11 September, 2011

There were no comments to the minutes.

3. News and reports

- Éva Vámos informed that the Chemical Museum of the Hungarian Museum of Science, Technology and Transport in Várpalota has reopened
 - Elena Zaitseva (Baum) reported on a forthcoming book on women chemists in Russia
 - Ernst Homburg informed that the history of chemistry group of the Dutch chemical society is a stable group which organizes 4-5 meetings per year and has done so over the last 10 years
 - Peter Morris reported that the British group organizes 3-4 meetings per year
 - Pierre Laszlo reported that the French group meets 4-5 times per year and organizes joint meetings with the pharmacy history group
 - In French-speaking Belgium, Brigitte Van Tiggelen reported, five meetings are organized per year, and conferences are given by Mémosciences, of which she is one of the founders
 - Anders Lundgren informed that there is little activity in the Swedish history of chemistry group. There are only two historians of chemistry in the country
 - In Norway, Bjørn Pedersen reported, one meeting is organized per year
 - Gisela Boeck informed that the German history of chemistry group organizes a conference every second year. Two years ago, this conference was organized during the same week as the international conference.
- Masanori Kaji distributed flyers with call for papers for the International Workshop on the History of Chemistry, "Transformation of Chemistry from the 1920s to the 1960s" (IWHC 2015) to be held in Tokyo, Japan, during March 2-4, 2015.

4. Venue and organization of the 10th International conference on the history of chemistry, 2015

A proposal by Isabel Malaquias to organize the 10ICHC in Aveiro Portugal, was presented by the chairman. The proposal was accepted by acclamation. The proposed dates were between 10 and 31 July. The members of the Working Party

opted for 15-18 July (priority I) or 22-25 July (priority II). Several remarked that it was unfortunate to organize the conference in late July, during which period most Europeans are on vacation and airports are busy. Peter Morris agreed to stay on as programme chair for the 2015 meeting.

5. Composition of the WP & 6. Election of a new chairperson for the WP

Carsten Reinhardt has served as chairman for two periods and wishes to step down. He proposed that Brigitte Van Tiggelen succeeds him as the next chairperson. Van Tiggelen was elected for three years, starting from September 2013.

Annette Lykknes is in the middle of her first period as vice-chair of the Working Party. The chairman suggested that she be elected for a new period which starts in September 2014, that is for a total period of four years. This was agreed upon.

7. Date of the next general meeting

The next general meeting of the Working Party will take place during the 10ICHC in Aveiro, Portugal.

8. Any other business

No other business was reported.

Annette Lykknes and Carsten Reinhardt

September, 2013.