

Division of Nuclear and Radiochemistry Annual Report 2018

The division organizes a radiochemical conference every other year. This year it was the RadChem conference series which maintains an almost 60 year tradition of hosting a wide-scope radiochemistry conference in the Czech Republic (or formerly in Czechoslovakia). RadChem is arranged every fourth year. RadChem'2018 was successfully completed between the 13th and 18th of May. The organizers and the Division strive to continue in the tradition of organizing a fruitful and well attended platform for contacts between experts working in both basic and applied research in all aspects of nuclear- and radiochemistry and the general feeling that this was also achieved this year.

During RadChem'2018 the Division's Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday the 15th of May. Twelve of the National Member Societies were represented at the meeting. Most of the meeting was "business as usual" regarding status of representatives, news from EUChEMS, etc. More special discussions of general interest were about

- If the Division is likely to produce an income (the answer was no, it is not how we operate).
- We welcomed our two first institutions that are granted the right to provide their students with the NRC EuroMaster label in recognition of fulfilling a set of educational requirements within Nuclear and Radiochemistry teaching. They are the University of Helsinki and the Czech Technical University in Prague.
- We discussed the future of our newsletter. It was agreed that the format is outdated and that we should replace it with something more "modern" that conveys news quicker and more effectively. E.g. Facebook or other similar social media. This will be set up and tested during the rest of this year.

In addition, the Annual Meeting had a representation of the activities of the NRC Network by its chair Prof. Clemens Walter. The NRC network aims at coordinating Nuclear and Radiochemistry education in Europe (and elsewhere) and have many common interests with the Division. It should be pointed out that the NRC network focus solely on education and training, but the Division covers all aspects where nuclear and radiochemistry is applied or researched. Furthermore, the Division has national representatives, but the NRC network has representatives from any number of institutions within a single country.

The Division does not plan to organize a conference next year, but in 2020 the 10th NRC conference will be hosted by Manchester University: NRC-10. It is scheduled for the 24th to 28th of August 2020.

As mentioned, the Division now has two universities with the right to grant the NRC EuroMaster label to its students. Other universities are invited to apply. The application forms are available at <https://www.cinch-project.eu/documents/> and will be available from the DNRC web-site soon.

From experience the Annual Meetings between divisional conference years are poorly attended. Decision on a place and time for the 2019 Annual Meeting was therefore postponed until January 2019. The chairman got approval to consider organizing the meeting as a video conference, if necessary.

Chair:	Prof. Jon Petter Omtvedt (Norwegian Chemical Society / University of Oslo)
Secretary and Treasurer:	Prof. Jan John (Czech Chemical Society / Czech Technical University in Prague)
Members:	23 active members
Countries:	23 (Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK, Bulgaria)