

2019 Annual Meeting

50th Meeting of EuChemS-DAC

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Time: 9.00 – 13.30

Venue: Kent Hotel, Meeting room, Ordu Cad. No.29, Beyazit 34490, Istanbul

MINUTES

1. Opening

1.1 Welcome by Slavica Ražić

Slavica Ražić (SR) welcomed Delegates, Guests and Observers and acknowledged the assistance of Turkish Chemical Society and in particular Sibel Özkan for organizing this meeting in Kent Hotel (free of charges to EuChemS-DAC).

Marcela Segundo (MS) asked for confirmation from delegates about receiving the request for nomination of candidates for EuChemS-DAC Chair election. All delegates confirmed that their Society did not nominate a candidate, except for the Serbian Chemical Society.

1.2 Finalisation of the Agenda

The topic “3.1 Steering Committee membership for 2020” was changed to “3.1 Steering Committee and Presidium of EA Conferences membership for 2020” in the Agenda as requested by SR.

MS requested the addition of the subtopic “7.1 Establishment of Task Force Sample preparation” in the topic “7. Any other business”. The subtopic 7.1 was moved to 7.2.

1.3 Changes in membership, attendance, apologies

The list of participants can be found as Attachment 1 of the Minutes. Wolfgang Buchberger, Constantina P. Kapnissi-Christodoulou, Johan Bobacka, Elin L. Gjengedal, Lubomir Svorc, Duncan Burns, Paul Francis, Hendrik Emons, and Maciej Jarosz sent their apologies for not being present. Luigia Sabbatini apologises for not

being present due to Academic duties she has assumed recently in her Institution and Federico Marini was mandated by Società Chimica Italiana as interim delegate in this meeting.

MS reported that Ari Ivaska stepped down as Delegate of the Finnish Chemical Society. The new Delegate appointed is Johan Bobacka. MS also informs that the Consiglio Nazionale degli Ordini dei Chimici e dei Fisici will be contacted soon for the nomination of a new Delegate as Prof. Sergio Facchetti passed away recently. Concerning pending nominations, the Koninklijke Vlaamse Chemische Vereniging (Belgium) and the Society of Chemists & Technologists of Macedonia (North Macedonia) have been contacted and acknowledged the request but nomination is still pending. The Danish Chemical Society (Danmark) and the Estonian Chemical Society (Estonia) have also been contacted, but no reply was received.

1.4 Approval of the Minutes of 49th DAC Meeting, Sunday, August 26, 2018, Liverpool

The minutes were approved.

2. Report of the Chair

2.1 Chair remarks and News from EuChemS (2018-2019)

After the last Annual Meeting of EuChemS-DAC, the Steering Committee had two meetings. The first was held on 18 June 2019 in Thessaloniki as a joint event to the 17th International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment (ICCE), which is detailed in topic 5. The second one was held the day before (31 August 2019).

SR also asked for promotion of EuChemS awards, informing that submissions for the European Chemistry Gold Medal are open until 30 September 2019. This award is attributed every two years for the exceptional achievements of one scientist working in the field of chemistry in Europe. The winner will receive a gold medal and the opportunity to give the opening lecture at the next European Chemistry (EuChemS) Congress. The guidelines are available at <https://www.euchems.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/P-010-European-Chemistry-Gold-medal-ver.2019.pdf>.

SR also informed about the EuChemS Award Lecture, which awards the major achievements of one junior scientist working in chemistry in a country with a EuChemS Member Organisation. The winner will receive a statuette and the opportunity to give a

lecture at the next European Chemistry Congress (ECC) or at a conference of a EuChemS Professional Network. The guidelines for the Lecture Award can be found at <https://www.euchems.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/P-002-EuChemS-Lecture-Award-ver.2019.pdf>. SR also suggested to follow the EuChemS Newsletters at <https://www.euchems.eu/newsletters/> for more getting news on EuChemS. SR also informed that the following EuChemS General Assembly will take place in Bucharest, Romania (October 3-4, 2019) and that she will participate. Moreover, the material to EuChemS Year Book 2019 has been requested and EuChemS-DAC will contribute as usual.

3. Elections, Appointments, Awards and Cooperation with other Divisions

3.1 Steering Committee and Presidium of EA Conferences membership for 2020

Marcela Segundo acted as Chair during this election. MS indicated that received only one nomination regarding the Chair election from the Serbian Chemical Society indicating Slavica Ražić for a second term. MS reminded the delegates that according to the statutes a secret ballot would be necessary, but suggested that in the present case voting by hand was appropriate. The delegates agreed with this procedure. Slavica Ražić was unanimously elected for a second term.

The members of the Steering Committee for 2020 will be: Slavica Ražić (Chair), Marcela Segundo (Secretary), Jiri Barek (Treasurer), Charlotta Turner, Sibel Özkan, Martin Vogel, and Lutgarde Buydens. SR acknowledged Christian Rolando for all his contributions along the years.

3.2 DAC Tributes

SR informed that the DAC Tribute for 2018 was awarded to Prof. Paul Worsfold and that a certificate was delivered on the 17th International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment (ICCE) on occasion of his invited lecture. Future DAC Tribute, nominations can be sent to SR and MS.

3.3 Robert Kellner Lecture

SR indicated that several delegates of EuChemS-DAC expressed, on the occasion of the last call of nominations for DAC award and Robert Kellner Lecture, that they do not

agree with the rule setting that current DAC Delegates, Observers and Guests are not eligible (DAC Procedures and Practices – Appendix III, topic 4 and Appendix IV, topic 4). MS suggested to change this so that only members of the current EuChemS-DAC Steering Committee are not eligible. Lutgarde Buydens (LB) also suggested that the chair of both juries should be someone that is not a Delegate to EuChemS-DAC. The proposed revised text for topic 4 was “Current members of EuChemS-DAC Steering Committee are not eligible”, which was approved unanimously.

LD also suggested that future changes to documents should also be proposed beforehand as a written text, which was supported by delegates. The final version of the updated DAC Procedures and Practices will be submitted for approval as an Attachment to these Minutes (Attachment 2).

The deadline for RKL and DAC awards applications is 31 October 2020. The award lectures will be delivered in Euroanalysis XXI in Nijmegen (2021). The RKL lecture 2019 was awarded to Luisa Torsi and will be delivered on the first day of Euroanalysis XX.

3.4 DAC Award

As common issues were discussed, most of the topics were dealt with in 3.3. Prof. Freddy Adams was the awardee of DAC Award 2019, presenting his lecture on the last day of Euroanalysis XX.

3.5 Cooperation with DCE

The discussion of this topic was moved to 5. Reports and Information.

4. EUROANALYSIS Conferences

4.1 EUROANALYSIS XX, Istanbul, Turkey, 2019

Sibel Özkan gave a short presentation about the numbers and attendance of EUROANALYSIS XX. Briefly, there was 164 short course registrations, which were free of charge for students and post-docs. Besides regular plenary lecture and keynotes, 4 lectures were dedicated to awardees of EuChemS and DAC. With sponsorship from companies and publishers, 29 awards for oral and poster presentations will be attributed. Concerning submitted abstracts (545 submitted abstracts), preliminary

numbers were extracted: 300 international participants, 212 national (Turkish) participants, 38 company registration, 55 onsite registration and a total number of participants around 600.

4.2 EUROANALYSIS XXI, Nijmegen, Netherlands, 2021

Lutgarde Buydens had a presentation including the logo and their short-term strategy for divulgation, including the presence in booth in Euroanalysis 2019. The motto “Societal Challenges, Analytical Solutions” was presented. The conference will include a component of Education and inclusion of Societal Challenges established by EU policy. The idea is to have Plenaries focusing on analytical challenges and parallel sessions associated to techniques and to societal challenges. More details about estimated budgets, registration fees, venue, and transportation were also given.

4.3 EUROANALYSIS XXII, 2023

Following the communication of the consensus opinion of EuChemS-DAC Steering Committee by e-mail and decision of the Croatian Chemical Society, represented by Snežana Miljanić, to withdraw the application, the Swiss Chemical Society and the Romanian Chemical Society, represented by Franka Kalman and by Raluca-Ioana van Staden, were invited to present their bid books. After each presentation, delegates asked questions that were answered by the presenters. The election took place by secret ballot, with a total of 16 votes. The Swiss Chemical Society received 14 votes and the Romanian Chemical Society proposal received 2 votes. This result attributed the organization of EUROANALYSIS XXII to the Swiss Chemical Society in 2023 in Geneva.

5. Reports and Information

SR informed that the cooperation between DAC and DCE resulted in the submission of more than 70 abstracts under the topic "Analytical Chemistry in environmental monitoring and chemistry studies". Hence, the program of ICCE comprised 5 sessions with oral communications dedicated to Analytical Chemistry and a significant number of poster presentations. A special session dedicated to DAC-DCE cooperation was arranged having Prof. Victoria Samanidou and SR as conveners. Paul Worsfold

presented a keynote and DAC members had oral presentations. As follow-up one of the Special issues in the International Journal of Pollution Research will be devoted to Analytical Chemistry and Environment, targeting original scientific results presented on the conference. SR also confirms that this kind of cooperation is strategic to DAC and hope that it continues in future conferences.

5.1 Study Group 'Education in Analytical Chemistry'; Head: M. Vogel (2016-2019)

The report for 2018/2019 has been received and shared with delegates during the Annual Meeting (Attachment 3). Martin Vogel asked for participation of other delegates in this Study Group. The activities of this Study Group are extended for 2020-2022.

5.2 Study Group 'Quality Assurance and Accreditation'; Head: E. Gjengedal (2018-2020)

The report for 2018/2019 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates (Attachment 4).

5.3 Study Group 'History'; Head: D.T. Burns (2018-2020)

The report for 2018/2019 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates (Attachment 5).

5.4 Study Group 'Bioanalytics'; Head: R. van Staden (2019-2021)

The report for 2018/2019 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates (Attachment 6).

5.5 Study Group 'Chemometrics'; Head: R. Tauler (2019-2021)

The report for 2018/2019 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates (Attachment 7).

5.6 Study Group 'Nanoanalytics'; Head: S. Shtykov (2018-2020)

The report for 2018/2019 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates (Attachment 8).

5.7 Task Force 'Electroanalytical Chemistry'; Head: J. Barek (2018-2019)

The report for 2018/2019 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates (Attachment 9). The Task Force was improved to Study Group after unanimous approval by delegates for the period 2020-2022.

5.8 DAC website

SR reinforces the effort made on maintaining all documentation and information updated and ask collaboration from delegates to report any missing/incorrect information.

5.9 ECC8

SR informed that DAC's first proposals were submitted in July 2018. No response was obtained until EuChemS General Assembly in Liverpool. Then, a meeting of Artur Silva and Chairs of Divisions in Liverpool followed where it was informed that all proposals received would be considered. More details will be learnt on the next EuChemS General Assembly in Bucharest in October.

6. Events organized in cooperation with DAC-EuChemS

6.1 Past events

4th International Conference on Analytical Chemistry, 1-3 September 2018
(Bucharest, Romania)

14th International Students Conference "Modern Analytical Chemistry", 20-21
September 2018 (Prague, Czech Republic)

2nd Cross-Border Seminar on Electroanalytical Chemistry (CBSEC), 10-12 April
2019, Ceske Budejovice, Czech Republic

6.2 Upcoming events

15th International Students Conference "Modern Analytical Chemistry", 19-20
September 2019 (Prague, Czech Republic)

7. Any other business

7.1 Establishment of Task Force Sample preparation

MS shares a proposal with delegates to create a Task Force dedicated to Sample preparation (Attachment 10). This would have the intention to promote the discussion of the role of sample preparation in Analytical Chemistry and, at the same time, bring novel experts to EuChemS-DAC as Guests and Observers. The proposed Head is Prof. Elia Psillakis, with MS and Charlotta Turner as participating delegates. The proposal was discussed and approved by the delegates.

7.2 Date and venue of the 2020 DAC Annual Meeting (in conjunction with 8th EuChemS Chemistry Congress in Lisbon)

The Annual Meeting 2020 will take place in Lisbon on Sunday 30th August 2020, 9:00, prior to EuChemS Chemistry Congress.

Marcela Segundo
(Secretary)

Slavica Ražić
(Chair)