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### Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the

### **DIVISION of NUCLEAR and RADIOCHEMISTRY**

held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 10:00 by Skype

Those present: Jon Petter Omtvedt (Chair, Norway), Jan John (Secretary and Treasurer, Czech Republic), Thomas Cardinaels (Belgium), Nick Evans (UK), Flavia Groppi (Italy), Gareth T.W. Law (Finland), Noémi Nagy (Hungary), Fotini Noli (proxy for Panagiotis Misaelides, Greece), Ioannis Paschalidis (Cyprus), Pavol Rajec (Slovakia), Teodora Retegan (proxy for Christian Ekberg, Sweden), Marko Štrok (Slovenia).

Apologies were received from: Xiaolin Hou (Denmark), Philippe Moisy (France), Stepan Kalmykov (Russia), Andreas Türler (Switzerland), Clemens Walther (Germany).

Those not present: Divna Dĵokić (Serbia), C. Gascó Leonarte (Spain), Rositza Mihailova Kamenova-Totzeva (Bulgaria), Jerzy Narbutt (Poland), Isabel Santos (Portugal), Bert Wolterbeek, The Netherlands, Israel Zilbermann (Israel), Turan Unak (Turkey).

### 1. Welcome, Approval of agenda

J.P. Omtvedt welcomed the participants and presented apologies from those who had reported unable to attend.

The Annual Meeting agreed to the Agenda as circulated.

2. Society representation – changes and updates

New members / replacements: Prof. Thomas Cardinaels (Belgium), Prof. Gareth T. W. Law (Finland) – replacing Jukka Lehto

Isabel Santos – probably retired about a year ago. Try to confirm and seek replacement.

Continue attempts to replace the "silent" members (Israel, Portugal, Serbia, Turkey).

Continue attempts to recruit representative of Estonia, Alan Tkaczyk, U. Tartu, contacted as proposed earlier, but nomination was not received, yet.

3. Protocol of last meeting (29<sup>th</sup> August 2017, INCC, Gothenburg)

Minutes of the previous meeting (RadChem 2018, Mariánské Lazně) were distributed soon after the meeting by e-mail. All tasks were included to the agenda of this meeting and are addressed below.

The DNRC Honorary Membership Award was handed over at ERA 2018 by Jan John and Nick Evans.

Linking of the DNRC and NRC webpages will be finalised soon (one-way link only at this moment).

4. News from EuChemS and Financial Statement (J. John).

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- EuCheMS conference recognition fill in a spreadsheet with key information
- ECC Lisbon 2020 registration ongoing
- Discussion: Historical Landmarks Award

J. John proposed to consider Jáchymov / St Joachimsthal for this award – for its production of uranium and source of material for radium discovery. The proposal was strongly supported by Nick Evans for its general importance to the chemical and even the non-chemical community – medieval silver mining and production of St. Joachimsthallers that gave name to the dollars.

Voting: No against, no abstentions. – J. John will investigate how to submit a formal proposal.

• Discussion: Participation of DNRC in shaping the ECC Dublin programme

After a discussion, it was agreed that J.P. Omtvedt will contact the chairpersons of the Divisions of Chemistry and Energy, and Chemistry and the Environment and see whether we can jointly propose some topic/theme – e.g. "Chemistry for the Future Energy".

In 2018 / 2019, DNRC had first transactions on its EuChemS account.

#### Income:

- Share of the surplus of RadChem 2018 (2.000 EUR)
- "Seed money"(3.000 EUR)

Expenditures: None Balance: 5.000 EUR

The meeting approved the accounts and discussed financial plan for 2020.

### 5. NRC EuroMaster

No news or new applications.

It was agreed to promote the NRC EuroMaster through the NRC Network

6. Status of the European Network on Nuclear and Radiochemistry Education and Training (NRC Network)

The next General Assembly is foreseen for the NRC 10 conference in Brighton, date to be announced later.

### 7. Status of DNRC on Social Networks

DNRC Facebook Group was established and is mirrored to LinkedIn. This new media has been serving as a replacement for the earlier DNRC Newsletter. Currently (as of 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019), there are 77 followers to the DNRC page and 56 members of the associated group at Facebook.

#### Links:

- Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DivNucRadChem">https://www.facebook.com/DivNucRadChem</a>
- Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/2250535871897787
- LinkedIn group: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8730198

**Task:** Everyone is urged to post any interesting news on courses, conferences, or other relevant materials so as to activate the group.

### 8. Change of the DNRC "Procedures and Practices" (P&P)

J.P. Omtvedt proposed to extend the period for the Chair from three to four year. The reason is that in this way elections will coincide with the NRC conference years and we can expect a better attended Annual Meeting. The proposed new wording of the § 3.1.5 of the P&P is "The Chair, who shall be a Delegate, is elected for 4 years and may be re-elected once for a second period. A third term is allowed on the basis of a special case specified in the Guidelines for Divisions."

Voting: No against, no abstentions. – New wording approved unanimously.

9. Extension of the term of office of the current chairman

Proposal: Current Chair (J.P. Omtvedt) extends his term of office for one year to "fill the gap" formed by the approved change of P&P.

Voting: No against, no abstentions. – Extension approved unanimously.

10. Upcoming NRC related conferences and meetings.

Nick Evans provided an orientation about the status and plans of the forthcoming NRC 10 conference in Brighton, to take place on 23-28<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (https://www.rsc.org/events/detail/38385/10th-international-conference-on-nuclear-and-radiochemistry-nrc10). No problems identified at this stage.

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11. Date and place of the next Annual meeting.

The 2020 meeting will take place during the NRC'10 conference scheduled for Brighton on 24-28<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Exact date and time will be announced later.

### 12. Miscellaneous

• Nomination of new Honorary Member to be awarded at NRC'10: J.P. Omtvedt proposed to award the Honorary Member Award to Prof. Jukka Lehto based on his life-long contribution to NRC and to the Division.

Voting: No against, no abstentions. – Proposal approved unanimously.

- Call for proposals for the host of the future NRC 11 (to take place in 2024) has been opened. The members are requested to submit their potential proposals so that the next host can be announced and NRC 10 in Brighton.
- Election of the Chair in 2019 as of today, the Call for the nominations has been opened as foreseen by the § 3.1.6 of the P&P ("(3.1.6. Normally the call for nominations for the Chair is made at the Annual Meeting in the year before the election. A nomination should be made by a society confirming their moral and financial support of the chairmanship. A nomination must be notified to the Secretary not later than three months before the Annual Meeting at which the election takes place. The candidature will be announced with the invitation to the Annual Meeting.").

Recorded by:
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DNRC Secretary
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### Attachments:

1. DNRC EuCheMS 2019 Annual Meeting presentation



Division of Nuclear and Radiochemistry

**Annual Meeting 2019** 

Skype - 12th December 2019



# **Agenda**

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New members /

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Message from Fotini Noli:

I have recently been informed about the

DNRC Annual Meeting on the 12th December 2019 from Prof. Misailidis, I'll

try to attend the meeting from 10:00 till 11:00 AM because Prof. Misailidis will not be available tomorrow. After his retirement

I am responsible for the radiochemical laboratory of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

I had sent the application form for my participation to Professor Jukka Lehto but after the email of Teija Koivula on 25/6/2018 I didn't get any further information

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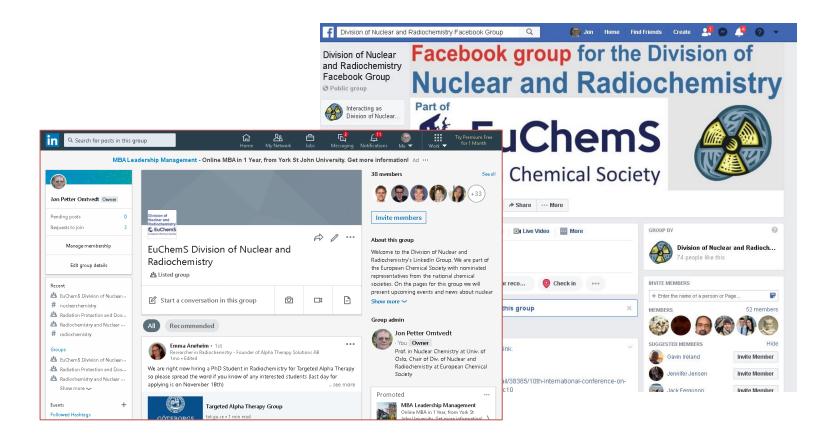
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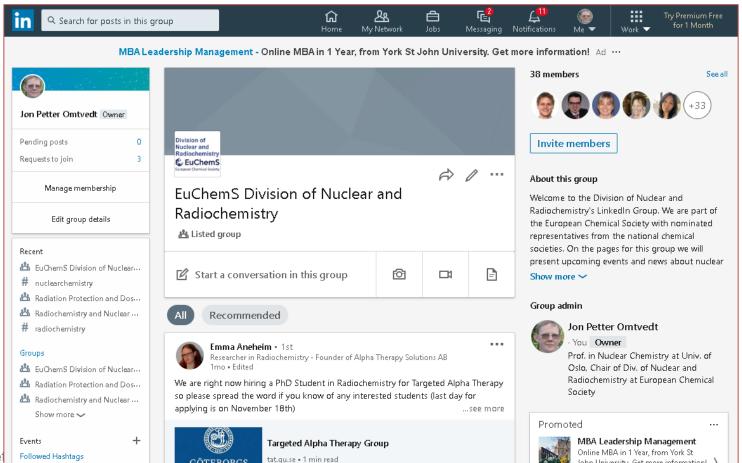
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