



# President's business by Floris Rutjes

2022 General Assembly meeting, Lisbon, PT

# EuChemS activities

- EuChemS is the umbrella organisation representing national Chemical Societies across Europe
- EuChemS provides a single, unbiased European voice in Chemistry and related fields
  - Taking positions in consultations of the European Commission (e.g. High Level Roundtable)
  - Organising policy workshops (e.g. The Carbon Element – Key towards a sustainable society)
- EuChemS provides for each Member Society and their members added values and provides unique services, *such as*
  - Access to a unique European Chemistry network
  - Input into EuChemS policy statements
  - Involvement in EuChemS workshops, EuChemS Chemistry Congresses
  - Role in EuChemS Divisions and Working Parties (Professional Networks)
  - Access to EuChemS offices in Brussels
  - Support with organisation of online events
  - Online teaching

# Proposal agreed at the premeeting on 30 Sept 2021

2106/ 13 The Executive Board unanimously recommended to the General Assembly to agree on *the reduced conference registration fees for members of EuChemS Member Societies.*

**In order to create a tangible benefit for all EuChemS Member Societies and their members and in order to further strengthen the common European community for chemistry provided by EuChemS, it is proposed that these reduced registration fees shall equally apply to all individual members of all EuChemS Member Societies. In other words, each and every member of a EuChemS Member Society is eligible to take advantage of the reduced registration fees originally limited to the members of the Member Society organizing the corresponding event.**

**Implementation strategy now to be discussed by the Executive Board meeting and brought forward to the General Assembly for approval.**

# Implementation proposal

- Implementation proceeds in a rather pragmatic way: when registering, foreign participants should simply state the national Chemical Society (which must be a EuChemS member) that they are member of (possibly also by providing their membership number), which is sufficient for paying the reduced registration fee. The hosting society may wish to verify this with the corresponding sister society but is not obliged to do so.
- Member societies that cannot fulfil this rule (e.g. because members can join meetings for free) are allowed to adjust the rule in a reasonable manner.

# Active Open Task Groups

## **EuChemS Outreach**

*Chaired by Floris Rutjes*

## **Open Science**

*Chaired by Floris Rutjes*

## **Inclusion and diversity**

*Chaired by Pilar Goya*

## **Financial matters and awards**

*Chaired by Eckart Ruehl*

## **EuChemS Periodic Table/Circular Economy**

*Chaired by Nicola Armaroli*

[www.euchems.eu/euchems-task-groups/](http://www.euchems.eu/euchems-task-groups/)

# EuChemS-EFMC MoU

- Longstanding collaboration between EFMC and EuChemS
- Discussions how to further strengthen collaboration
- MoU has been drafted, agreeing that EFMC and EuChemS each year organize a scientific session at a conference organized by the other partner
- Involves from EuChemS side forthcoming ECC meetings and meetings organized by the Division for Chemistry in Life Sciences
- MoU will be signed on Wednesday during ECC-8

# EuChemS Periodic Table

- Continuation of Periodic Table policy workshops on specific Elements
  - Lithium
  - Nitrogen
  - Phosphorus coming in 2023
- Community translations
- Video (in progress)
- Promotion on communications channels
- Small workshop during ECC-8 at EuChemS booth



# Newsletters & Yearbook: CHANGE AS OF 2023



- The Executive Board decided to merge both newsletters into one
- Change to be implemented as of January 2023 onwards



# EuChemS Awards

**Award names have been made more consistent and must contain EuChemS**

**Awards opening soon**

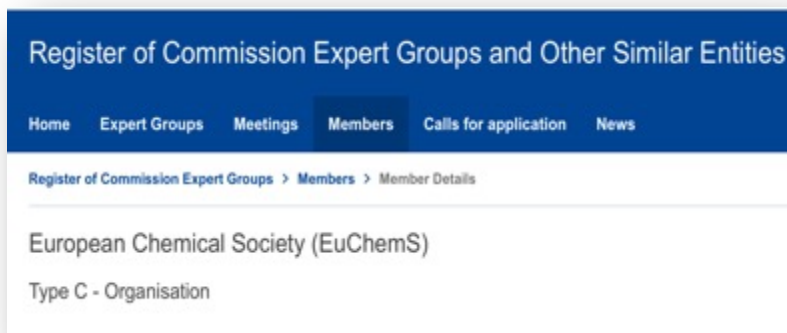
- EuChemS Gold Medal (FKA European Chemistry Gold Medal)
- EuChemS Award for Service
- EuChemS Lecture Award
- EuChemS Historical Landmark Award

**How can we receive more nominations?**

[www.euchems.eu/awards/overview/](http://www.euchems.eu/awards/overview/)



# High Level Roundtable on the implementation of the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (E03757)



## EuChemS @High Level Roundtable:

- Floris Rutjes – EuChemS representative
- Nineta Hrastelj – Deputy representative (“Sherpa”)
- Supported by team of experts from EuChemS member societies for input
- Last meeting May 18 concerning 'Safe and Sustainable by Design'

## Roundtable chaired by:

- Virginijus Sinkevičius  
Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries
- Thierry Breton  
Commissioner for Internal Market

## Lunch debate at European Parliament (May 29)

- Part of 3-day programme of the 1st European Innovation Area (EIA) Summit
- Lunch debate 'Nature is our next technology – Toward a synthetic cells' innovation ecosystem for Green Technology in Europe'
- Turned into a more general discussion with a MEP (Ivars Ijabs) and an EIC Programme Manager (Marco Antonio Pantaleo) on funding larger fundamental research initiatives/areas

# The Burlington Consensus (Jan 26)

- **Call for setting up a global panel on chemicals, waste, and pollution**
- EuChemS representatives present
  - Floris Rutjes
  - Nineta Hrastelj
- organised by Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) and UK Government's Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra)

**“Chemical pollution is a global issue that needs to be addressed on a global scale: EuChemS supports building a platform coordinating this global effort, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and governments.”**



# EuChemS Historical Landmarks Award plaque Prague (July 1)

Ceremony at UCT was attended by Ulrich Schubert, Pavel Matějka, Pilar Goya, Floris Rutjes, Renáta Oriňaková, Tomáš Navrátil, Pavel Drašar, and Jan John.



<https://www.euchems.eu/newsletters/historical-landmark-prague/>

# Stick to Science

## Urgent call for the inclusion of the United Kingdom and Switzerland to the Horizon Europe framework programme

- The United Kingdom and Switzerland are not full members of the Horizon Europe programme
- Swiss and British researchers may lose significant funding opportunities and scientific ties may be severed
- EuChemS supports scientific openness and barrier-free international scientific cooperation
- Almost 6000 signatories



The graphic features a blurred background of laboratory glassware. At the top center is the 'Stick to Science' logo, which consists of a stylized atom with three intersecting elliptical orbits in purple, red, and yellow. Below the logo, the text 'Stick to Science' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with the tagline 'Put science collaboration before politics' in a smaller font underneath. A large blue quotation mark is on the left, and a smaller one is on the right, framing the central text: 'An online signature campaign for an open and inclusive European Research Area.' At the bottom, a blue rounded rectangle with a dashed white border contains the website 'stick-to-science.eu' and the Twitter handle '@Stick2Science', each accompanied by its respective icon.

  
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