

**2020 Annual Meeting**

51<sup>st</sup> Meeting of EuChemS-DAC

**Sunday, September 6, 2020**

**Time:** 9.00 – 12.00 (CEST), 8.00 – 11.00 (BST), 10.00 – 13.00 (EEST)

**Venue:** Online meeting, assembled using Zoom software, session at link  
<https://videoconf-colibri.zoom.us/j/94631913991?pwd=L0VsMktndkdXLYtCU2poVUVwSmxidz09>

MINUTES

**1. Opening**

*1.1 Welcome by Slavica Ražić*

Slavica Ražić (SR) welcomed Delegates, Guests and Observers, asking for an individual short presentation regarding the name, affiliation and the respective society.

*1.2 Finalisation of the Agenda*

No changes to the Agenda were required.

*1.3 Changes in membership, attendance, apologies*

The list of participants can be found as **Attachment 1** of the Minutes. Hendrik Emons, Franka Kalman and Romà Tauler sent their apologies for not being present.

MS reported that Prof. Mathew Nindi has been nominated as Observer of the South African Chemical Institute. MS also informed that there are still pending nominations, and that the Koninklijke Vlaamse Chemische Vereniging (Belgium), the Society of Chemists & Technologists of Macedonia (North Macedonia), The Danish Chemical Society (Denmark), and the Estonian Chemical Society (Estonia) have been contacted once again.

*1.4 Approval of the Minutes of 50<sup>th</sup> DAC Meeting, Sunday, September 1, 2019, Istanbul*

The minutes were approved.

## **2. Report of the Chair**

### *2.1 Chair remarks and News from EuChemS (2019-2020)*

SR informed that all activities from EuChemS were shifted to online mode, including the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of EuChemS, which took place online on July 3. The DAC has sent a greeting card that was displayed during the session (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JMrs2WX23zE&t=82m36s>).

SR also informed that the EuChemS Congress in Lisbon, initially planned to September 2020, was shifted for 2 years, scheduled now to August 2022 (<https://euchems2022.eu/>).

SR also commented that, in line with last pandemic months, the *Chemistry in Europe* published a collection of testimonies about education activities during the lock-down period, including her testimony as representative of the Analytical Chemistry community (<https://www.euchems.eu/newsletters/chemistry-in-europe-2020-3/notes/>).

SR also informed that the following EuChemS General Assembly will take place online (September 24, 2020) and that she will participate.

Along with the Agenda, the document “DAC strategy 2021-2023\_SEP 4.pdf” (**Attachment 2**) was sent to all participants of the Annual Meeting. SR asked for comments until the end of September 2020. All remarks and comments will be considered and in absence of them the document will be considered as final.

After the last Annual Meeting of EuChemS-DAC, the Steering Committee had two meetings. Both were held online, the first was held on 26 May 2020 and the second one was held two days ago (4 September 2020).

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

### *3.1 Steering Committee membership for 2021*

As the mandate of Marcela Segundo as Secretary will end in December 2020, SR proposed her appointment for a new term, starting on January 2021. SR also informed that, according to the statutes, approval by the Delegates is required without voting. All delegates approved this proposal. Therefore, 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.

### *3.2 DAC Tributes*

SR informed that the call for DAC Tribute is opened without a given deadline, nominations can be sent to SR and MS.

### *3.3 Robert Kellner Lecture*

#### *3.4 DAC Award*

Both topics were addressed together and SR reminded the deadline for submission of applications as October 31, 2020. The jury of both awards have been updated with the following composition: Luisa Torsi (President), Christopher Brett, Lutgarde Buydens, Bernhard Lendl, Juergen Popp, and Charlotta Turner.

#### *3.5 Cooperation with DCE and DFC*

SR informed that contacts with DCE (Division of Chemistry and the Environment) and DFC (Division of Food Chemistry) chairs were established to foster cooperation among Divisions. Ioannis Katsogiannis (DCE chair) is willing to continue with the exchange of lectures and dedicated sessions in ICCE (International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment) and EuroAnalysis. Feedback from DFC is pending.

## **4. EUROANALYSIS Conferences**

### *4.1 EUROANALYSIS XXI, Nijmegen, Netherlands, 2021*

Lutgarde Buydens informed that, due to the pandemic situation, the conference format was under discussion, pending towards a hybrid format or a totally online event. In case of a hybrid conference, the location will be changed to Radboud University. The conference website is open and more information will be placed there upon development of travelling and pandemic situation.

### *4.2 EUROANALYSIS XXII, Genève, Switzerland, 2023*

Franka Kalman has sent information to be shared with delegates, including that the United Nations Conference Centre in Geneva has been booked and that the meeting will preferably take place in person. Nevertheless, arrangements for online/hybrid format are also under study.

## 5. Reports and Information

SR informed that the expected activities and future perspectives of Study Groups have been discussed in the previous meeting of the Steering Committee. Despite the effect of the current pandemic situation on professional activities, it is important to establish goals and active collaboration among the members of each study group, particularly those seeking renovation of their activity.

### *5.1 Study Group 'Education in Analytical Chemistry'; Head: M. Vogel (2020-2022)*

The report for 2019/2020 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.

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

The report for 2019/2020 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates ([Attachment 4](#)). The activities of this Study Group are extended for 2021-2023.

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

The report for 2019/2020 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates ([Attachment 5](#)). The activities of this Study Group are extended for 2021-2023. Steve Lancaster wishes to contribute by investigating the impact of analytical chemistry in recently attributed Nobel prizes.

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

The report for 2019/2020 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates ([Attachment 6](#)).

### *5.5 Study Group 'Chemometrics'; Head: F. Marini (2019-2021)*

The report for 2019/2020 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 2019/2020 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates (**Attachment 8**). The Head of the group Sergey Shtykov could not attend the meeting. Activities of this Study Group are extended for 2021, pending renovation based on future goals.

#### *5.7 Study Group 'Electroanalytical Chemistry'; Head: J. Barek (2020-2022)*

The report for 2019/2020 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates (**Attachment 9**).

#### *5.8 Task Force 'Sample Preparation'; Head: E. Psillakis (2019-2020)*

The report for 2019/2020 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates (**Attachment 10**). The Task Force was improved to Study Group after unanimous approval by delegates for the period 2021-2023.

#### *5.9 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. Additionally, the LinkedIn DAC page has been created (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8945596/>). All delegates were invited to follow and Federico Marini offered assistance to maintain the page updated. Gennady Evtugyn informed that LinkedIn is banned from Russia, thus some delegates will not be able to join.

### **6. Events organized in cooperation with DAC-EuChemS**

#### *6.1 Past events*

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

#### *6.2 Upcoming events*

16th International Students Conference "Modern Analytical Chemistry", 17-18 September 2020, Prague, Czech Republic

## **7. Any other business**

*7.1 Involvement with DAC in EU Committee on beating cancer (request from RSC, <https://www.euchems.eu/newsletters/new-special-european-parliament-committees/>)*

On 19 June, the European Parliament announced having set up special and inquiry committees and a permanent subcommittee. Among them, the new special committee on beating cancer will implement concrete actions in order to prevent and fight cancer. (The tasks of this special committee will also be to identify legislation and other measures to deal with cancer, as well as finding solutions to support scientific research in this area.). There was a request of information from RSC if there are some actions planned in our division. At this point, as far as known, the DAC will not be involved. If any update come from the EuChemS, it will be discussed in our board. Anyway, we invite anyone that would like to know more to be in contact with RSC elected President.

*7.2 Date and venue of the 2021 DAC Annual Meeting*

The Annual Meeting 2021 will take place in Nijmegen on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021, 9:00, prior to Euroanalysis 2021 (tentative schedule).

Marcela Segundo  
(Secretary)

Slavica Ražić  
(Chair)