

2021 Annual Meeting

52nd Meeting of EuChemS-DAC

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Time: 9.00 – 11.30 (CEST), 8.00 – 10.30 (BST), 10.00 – 12.30 (EEST)

Venue: Online meeting, assembled using Zoom software, session at
<https://videoconf-colibri.zoom.us/j/84528716899?pwd=KzJJUmYxOUFHR1gyT0JnaGpVbVFPdz09>

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

SR proposed the addition of topic *4.3 EUROANALYSIS XXII, 2025* and topic *7.1 New initiatives*. The topic *7.1 Date and venue of the 2021 DAC Annual Meeting* 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. Charlotta Turner, Günter Gauglitz, Jonas Bergquist, and Lutgarde Buydens sent their apologies for not being present.

MS reported that new delegates have been nominated by the Gesellschaft Oesterreichischer Chemiker (Austria) - Prof. Dr. Martina Marchetti-Deschmann, and by the Hungarian Chemical Society (Hungary) - Prof. Viola Horvath. More recently, the Danish Chemical Society (Denmark) have indicated Dr. Lorens Sibbesen as their nominated delegate. MS also informed that the Consiglio Nazionale degli Ordini dei Chimici e dei Fisici is no longer affiliated to EuChemS, therefore there will be no new delegate from this organization. Information about pending nominations was also given, including that from the Koninklijke Vlaamse Chemische Vereniging (Belgium), from the Society of Chemists & Technologists of Macedonia (North Macedonia), and from the Estonian Chemical Society (Estonia).

Two new liason members were appointed: Prof. Joana Amaral for the Division of Food Chemistry and Prof. Ana Aguiar-Ricardo from the Division of Green and Sustainable Chemistry.

1.4 Approval of the Minutes of 51st DAC Meeting, Sunday, September 6, 2020, online

The minutes were approved.

2. Report of the Chair

2.1 Chair remarks and News from EuChemS (2021-2022)

SR informed that the European Analytical Column will be published soon and will focus on teaching analytical chemistry during the pandemic, also acknowledging the contribution of Martin Vogel (MV).

SR also shared that she has participated in the First EuChemS @Global Women's Breakfast 2021 (<https://www.euchems.eu/newsletters/euchems-global-womens-breakfast-qwb/>). As a follow up, the EuChemS Task Group on *Inclusion and Diversity* was created, with Pilar Goya as leader and SR participating as one of the members.

SR also indicated that she has been acting as an Appointed member of EuChemS Executive Board since January this year (<https://www.euchems.eu/about-us/executive-board/>), representing Professional Networks (Divisions and Working Parties) along with Peter Szalay from the Division of Computational and Theoretical Chemistry. Since then, there were two online meetings (18 February and 18 June 2021) and the minutes are available to members of Steering Committee and to Delegates at request. The most important activities of EuChemS are published on the website (<https://www.euchems.eu/>), while the News page (<https://www.euchems.eu/policy-and-communication/news/>) is full of events with articles and videos. SR also informed that the following EuChemS General Assembly will take place online (October 22, 2021) and that she will participate.

SR also informed that the EuChemS Congress in Lisbon, is scheduled to August 28 - September 1, 2022 (<https://euchems2022.eu/>).

On invitation from the President and General Secretary of the EuChemS, an Editorial entitled "Challenges Toward Sustainable Future" was published by Slavica Ražić and Peter G. Szalay.

After the last Annual Meeting of EuChemS-DAC, the Steering Committee had four meetings. All were held online, on February 3, February 19, March 10, and September 8 2021. SR mentioned that there are currently several EuChemS open calls, as listed below. The deadline for submission is December 31, 2021.

- i. EuChemS Lecture Award 2021 (<https://www.euchems.eu/awards/lecture-award/>)
- ii. EuChemS Award for Service 2021 (<https://www.euchems.eu/awards/award-for-service/>)
- iii. EuChemS Historical Landmarks Award 2021 (<https://www.euchems.eu/awards/euchems-historical-landmarks/>)
- iv. Nominations for Members of the International Award Committee of European Chemistry Gold Medal (IACM) (<https://www.euchems.eu/awards/european-chemistry-gold-medal/>)

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

3.1 Steering Committee membership for 2022

Jiri Barek (JB) has asked to be replaced as Treasurer. According to our Statutes, topic 3.4 (i) *The Treasurer is proposed by the Chairperson (or Chairperson-Elect). Normally the Treasurer is a Delegate; the society represented is requested for moral and financial support of the appointment. The Treasurer is approved by the Annual Meeting for a term of office of three years which may be renewed.*

Therefore, SR proposed MV as the following Treasurer and this proposal was approved by all Delegates present in the Meeting. JB will remain at least one year more in the Steering Committee to accompany the transition of duties.

Moreover, as organizer of the next Euroanalysis conference, Franka Kalman will join the Steering Committee and Lutgarde Buydens will step down, because of cancellation of Euroanalysis in The Netherlands.

Therefore, the members of the Steering Committee for 2022 will be: Slavica Ražić (Chair), Marcela Segundo (Secretary), Martin Vogel (Treasurer), Charlotta Turner, Sibel Özkan, Jiri Barek and Franka Kalman.

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. MS has stressed that Delegates are not eligible.

3.3 Robert Kellner Lecture

3.4 DAC Award

Both topics were addressed together. The jury of both awards has the following composition: Luisa Torsi (President), Christopher Brett, Lutgarde Buydens, Bernhard Lendl, Juergen Popp, and Charlotta Turner. A total of ten nomination (five for each award were received). The jury decided to attribute the DAC-EuChemS Award to Prof. Aldo Roda, from University of Bologna while the RKL Award went to Karen Faulds, professor at University of Strathclyde.

The award lectures will be presented online on September 16 2021, 11:00 (CEST), more information can be found at https://www.euchems.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Announcement_Programme-and-Speakers-1.pdf.

SR also informed that a new call will be opened soon with the deadline for submission of applications as October 31, 2022.

3.5 Cooperation with DCE and DFC

SR informed that there was an understandable decrease in cooperative activity due to the pandemic. We have reactivated recently the connection to the DFC (Division of Food Chemistry) through the new liason person Joana Amaral. They are currently organizing the EuroFoodChem conference that will be held on-line from 22-24 November 2021 (<https://xxieurofoodchem.events.chemistry.pt/organization>) and SR was invited to join the Scientific Committee as Chair of DAC. Moreover, Nora Ventosa (delegate from Catalan Chemical Society to the Division of Green and Sustainable Chemistry), was one of plenary speakers on 1st European Sample Preparation e-conference, organized by the Sample Preparation Study Group, on March 2021.

4. EUROANALYSIS Conferences

4.1 Cancellation of EUROANALYSIS XXI, Nijmegen, Netherlands, 2021

SR informed that the conference was cancelled due to the pandemic situation and despite the efforts to change its date to 2022, which was not accepted by the Executive Board of EuChemS because of the organization of EuChemS conference in the same year. This

request has also been denied to the DFC. The organization in online format was not feasible either.

4.2 EUROANALYSIS XXII, Genève, Switzerland, 2023

Franka Kalman has shown an update about the progress of organization, including the logo and the structure of the website that will be available soon.

4.3 EUROANALYSIS XXII, 2025

SR informed that the call for applications for organization of EUROANALYSIS XXII in 2025 will open tentatively three years before (2022) as established in DAC procedures and practices. Nevertheless, this topic will be discussed in the next Steering Committee meeting scheduled to April 2022 and a postponement can be agreed upon depending on the pandemic situation. The decision taken will be immediately communicated to Delegates.

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. Because of pandemic, activities and outcomes are in large extent corrupted and this have to be taken into account. Therefore, the three Study Groups (SGs) that are ending their 3 years period will have their activity extended for one year more and decision on continuation will be taken in 2022. SR also suggested that SGs Chairs should check and refresh the membership, once a year, as all members are expected to contribute in any way and, if it is not possible for any reason, leaving the SG is expected.

SR also suggested that the Chairs should organize at least one meeting in year with all members as currently online meetings are easy to organize. Moreover, SR suggested to FK to provide a room for SGs to meet in Euroanalysis 2023 (similar to that organized in Euroanalysis 2017).

SR also invited all Heads of Study Groups to organize online events (workshops, seminars) and mentioned that EuChemS can provide technical support, including the webcast platform.

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

The report for 2020/2021 has been received and shared with delegates during the Annual Meeting (Attachment 2). MV mentioned that a SG meeting will take place at the end of September to discuss future actions. FK suggested the collection/analysis of textbook features for teaching analytical chemistry, along with information on online resources available to the community.

5.2 Study Group 'Quality Assurance and Accreditation'; Head: E. Gjengedal (2021-2023)

The report for 2020/2021 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates (Attachment 3). EG mentioned the strong cooperation with Eurachem members, particularly Ricardo Silva. She also mentioned the availability of material from Eurachem that can complement textbooks contents in teaching activities.

5.3 Study Group 'History'; Head: D.T. Burns (2021-2023)

The report for 2020/2021 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates (Attachment 4). D.T. Burns was not present and delegates agreed that the content of the report translated the activity of the group.

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

The report for 2020/2021 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates (Attachment 5). RvS commented on activities planned for the next year, including the publication of article in open access mode and the annual meeting of the group to take place in the International Conference on Analytical Chemistry to take place in Bucharest. RvS also commented on inviting new members to the group, particularly new delegates. The activities of this Study Group were extended for 2022.

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

The report for 2020/2021 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates (Attachment 6). FM added that an online tutorial workshop will be organized by the end of November. The activities of this Study Group were extended for 2022.

5.6 Study Group 'Nanoanalytics'; Head: S. Shtykov (2021)

The report for 2020/2021 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates (Attachment 7). The Head of the group Sergey Shtykov could not attend the meeting but communicated to MS his intentions to keep the SG active with new proposals. The activities of this Study Group were extended for 2022.

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

The report for 2020/2021 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates (Attachment 8). JB has left the meeting before this topic due to conflicting schedules and mentioned to MS in written that activities were planned for next year.

5.8 Study Group 'Sample Preparation'; Head: E. Psillakis (2021-2023)

The report for 2020/2021 has been received and has been sent out to the delegates (Attachment 9). EP had a short presentation about the material presented in the report, mentioning also the activities planned for the next year.

5.9 DAC website

SR informed that DAC-EuChemS is being reformulated, along with other pages of EuChemS and invite attendees of the Annual Meeting to exploit it (<https://www.euchems.eu/divisions/analytical-chemistry/>).

SR reinforced 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 is active (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8945596/>), currently with more than 110 followers. SR emphasized that is important to accept only members that are really interested in the professional activity of DAC-EuChemS.

6. Events organized in cooperation with DAC-EuChemS

6.1 Past events

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

Additionally, the 1st European Sample Preparation e-Conference (March 11-12, 2021) and ExTech 2021 - XXIII International Symposium on Advances in Extraction Technologies (June 30 - July 2, 2021) were organized in cooperation with Study Group Sample Preparation.

6.2 Upcoming events

17th International Students Conference “Modern Analytical Chemistry”, 16-17 September 2021, Prague, Czech Republic

12th International Conference on “Instrumental Methods of Analysis”, 20-23 September 2021, virtual event organized by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the National Technical University of Athens

EuroFAST2022 - European Forum on Analytical Sciences and Technology, 19-22 April 2022, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

7. Any other business

7.1 New initiatives

SR inquired about other topics to be discussed. Elia Psillakis indicated that involvement of EuChemS in current topics (COVID, environmental issues) is not visible in the webpage. MS agreed and directed attention to the page about Policy & Communication (<https://www.euchems.eu/policy-and-communication/policy-positions/>) where more information about this topic can be found.

7.2 Date and venue of the 2021 DAC Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting 2021 will take place in Lisbon on Sunday 28th August 2022, 9:00, prior to 8th EuChemS Chemistry Congress (tentative schedule).

Marcela Segundo
(Secretary)

Slavica Ražić
(Chair)