

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the

DIVISION of NUCLEAR and RADIOCHEMISTRY

**held during the RANC 2023 conference in Mercury Castle Hill hotel, Budapest, Hungary
on Monday 8th May 2023 at 18:30**

Present:

Marko Štok (chair, Slovenia), Jon Petter Omtvedt (web editor, Norway), Jan John (Treasurer, Czech Republic), Antonia Denkova (Secretary, The Netherlands), Nick Evans (UK), Xiaolin Hou (Denmark), Andreas Türler (Switzerland), Katarzyna Szarlowicz (Poland), Flavia Groppi (Italy), Zoltan Homonnay replaces Noémi Nagy (Hungary), Mojmír Němec, invited (not representative of DNRC board), Alice Seibert (Germany).

Absent:

Stepan Kalmykov (Russia), Divna Djokić (Serbia), C. Gascó Leonarte (Spain), Rositza Mihailova Kamenova-Totzeva (Bulgaria), Isabel Santos (Portugal), Israel Zilbermann (Israel), Mehmet Mahramanlioglu (Turkey), Noil Fotini (Greece), Christian Ekberg (Sweden), , Gareth Law (Finland), Thomas Cardinaels (Belgium), Pavol Rajec (Slovakia), Ioannis Paschalidis (Cyprus), Philippe Moisy (France)

Apologies were received from: Thomas Cardinaels (Belgium), Ioannis Paschalidis (Cyprus), Gareth Law (Finland), Philippe Moisy (France), Christian Ekberg (Sweden), Mehmet Mahramanlioglu (Turkey).

1. Welcome, Approval of agenda

No points added to the agenda.

2. Society representation – changes and updates

The following members will be replaced:

Andreas Türler by Patrick Steinegger (waiting for official nomination)

Clemens Walther by Alice Seibert (waiting for official nomination)

Philippe Moisy has informed us that he will retire until end of the year and will also be replaced.

Turan Unak is retired and Turkish chemical society is working on to find replacement, until then, Mehmet Mahramanlioglu will communicate with the division as an observer.

Flavia Groppi still needs to be officially nominated by the Chemical Society of Italy. Jan John contacted the society but has not heard anything from them for several years.

Action 1: Marko will try to approach Chemical Society of Italy again to clarify status of Flavia Groppi.

It is discussed how to get more DNRC members to join and also what to do with members that do not respond. Marko has tried to contact member societies from Israel, Portugal, Serbia, Spain and Turkey through EuChemS secretary. Only Turkish chemical society responded and they will find replacement. In principle the national society should nominate a member to EuChemS through online form.

Representative from Spain and Portugal would be very welcome, as well as from Israel, Serbia, Austria, Croatia, Estonia, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania. If anybody has ideas who can be approached that should contact Marko. Possibly, people could also be approached during RANC 2023.

Action 2: Members are asked to propose possible candidates for representatives in DNRC from Spain, Portugal, Israel, Serbia, Austria, Croatia, Estonia, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania.

3. Protocol of last meeting (M. Štok)

Minutes discussed, no comments. Process of nominating of Jáchymov / St Joachimsthal for Historical Landmarks Award is ongoing. Jan John is trying to put forward nomination through Czech chemical society.

4. News from EuChemS (M. Štok)

Last year meeting of EuChemS was held in Lisbon. It was proposed to have a European chemistry day. DNRC is asked to increase the number of nominations for EuChemS awards. If anybody has idea who to nominate should have a look at the website for more information. It might be worth having a look since there are different interesting awards also for young scientists. EuChemS asked the DNRC to change the DNRC Honorary Membership to EuChemS DNRC Honorary Membership. All agreed to the name change.

Ideas of topics and names of speakers were provided for ECC9 2024.

EuChemS also commented that contract should be signed with EuChemS for the organisation of PN conferences. 20 % of the surplus needs to go to EuChemS, which is divided equally between EuChemS and PN, EuChemS cover 10 % of the losses if any. Radchem and NRC never make profit if organized by a university or society as they are non-profit organisation so the question is whether such a contract makes sense. Currently the practice is that RadChem organisers pay 2000 EUR to the EuChemS as a contribution to EuChemS activities for RadChem conference. It is expected that similar it will be also for NRC 10 conference. It is decided to wait, since for the planned conferences this is not possible, maybe later on it will make sense. For the moment, there is a long-term agreement with Radchem but for NRC (NRC 11 and later on) perhaps something can be arranged.

Next board meeting of EuChemS is in June. Marko thinks to ask them whether they can provide a repository to store and share DNRC documents.

Next PN meeting in Larnaca, Cyprus 13.10.2023

Action 3: The name of award “DNRC Honorary Membership” should be changed to “EuChemS DNRC Honorary Membership”. Marko and Antonia implement change in Procedures and practices of DNRC, Jon Petter implement change on DNRC web page.

Action 4: Marko will propose Joana Amaral, PN representative in EuChemS executive board, to discuss at executive board meeting feasibility that EuChemS provide repository to store and share DNRC documents.

5. Financial Statement (J. John)

4000 euro for 2019, nothing in 2020 and 2021, 1000 came from EuChemS as a result of RadChem conference in 2022, so now 5000 available. Money can perhaps be used to pay travel expenses to the events to the person awarded EuChemS DNRC Honorary Membership award.

6. Status of the NRC EuroMaster (J.P. Omtvedt and/or J. John)

NRC EuroMaster diploma is a product of CINCH and has been transferred under DNRC umbrella, which is responsible for managing it. The diploma just says that a university fulfils a minimum requirement of knowledge in radiochemistry (based on courses). If an organisation provides courses covering this minimum they can apply for the diploma and give it as supplement to their students. Teaming up with other universities is also possible. So far, University of Helsinki and University of Prague have received this diploma. Within A-CINCH project, status of the NRC EuroMaster is being reviewed. If any member has ideas how to improve its usefulness and increase use of it by other universities, they should contact Jon Petter before the 15th of June 2023.

Action 5: Members are requested to provide feedback on usefulness of NRC EuroMaster diploma until 15.6.2023 to Jon Petter.

7. Status of DNRC on Social Networks (J.P. Omtvedt)

Facebook and LinkedIn page have been created. Facebook is used somewhat, LinkedIn is kind of dead. Takes a lot of time to keep them active. Still unclear how to do that properly mostly due to lack of time.

Action 6: Members are requested to announce workshops, conferences, and any other news from our field of general interest on social networks of DNRC to improve outreach, impact and visibility of division in our community.

8. Report on activities of the NRC Education and Training Work Group (M. Štrok)

Not much activity has happened last year, Ulrich Scherer is quite busy and seems that he cannot manage it. However, now the group has to become active since CINCH will stop in September and should not lose all materials etc. generated within the project. NRC network originated as users for the output of CINCH and makes sense that they should be involved.

Slides of Ulrich are discussed.

There is a lot of work needed to ensure that hands-on courses as well as all generated materials are kept and can be sustained in the future. It is logical that DNRC should be responsible for that happening but it is not clear exactly how to do that. After long discussion it has been decided that there should be one working group responsible for the fate of CINCH legacy, NRC education and the EuroMaster diploma. It is proposed that Mojmir will head for the time being the working group. However, there should be more people involved to make sure that everything is preserved, obviously one person cannot manage it on its own. It is also discussed that ENEN can help but also that is not ideal and therefore it is important to determine exactly how to go further.

Decision 1: Mojmir will head and organize NRC education and training work group. All in favour.

Action 7: Mojmír will organise online workshop until end of June 2023 to initiate activities in NRC education and training work group. Antonia and Marko will provide necessary support. Wide audience should be invited, involving all members of past NRC Network. The aim of the workshop is:

- to present CINCH projects results to persons not involved in it,
- to discuss how to achieve long-term sustainability of developed educational resources,
- to define next actions to be taken and to appoint responsible persons

9. Report on activities of the Task Force for “Identifying and proposing DNRC Honorary Membership” (N. Evans)

Jukka Lehto is proposed for the award. All in favour.

Action 9: Nick will organize everything required to hand over the award to Jukka Lehto. Members agree that reasonable amount of DNRC money can be spent to cover travel expenses of awardee to the event where the award will be handed over to him.

10. Update on organization of NRC 10 (N. Evans)

Nick tells us that Brighton is the most professional venue for conferences in the UK. Easy to get to from London, fly to Gatwick. The Hilton Metropole will be the venue, conference dinner in Grand Hotel. Welcome event at the Brighton pier. Battle of Hastings Site, Arundel castle as excursions, and many other things to do. Registration is already open. More info available on: <https://www.rsc.org/events/detail/38385/10th-international-conference-on-nuclear-and-radiochemistry-nrc10>

Action 10: Members are requested to promote NRC 10 through their channels to ensure success of the event.

11. Upcoming NRC related conferences and meetings (A. Denkova)

NAMLS seems not to exist anymore.

12. Selection of host of the NRC 11 in 2028 (M.Štrok)

Host of NRC 11, Slovenia has volunteered. All in favour!

Decision 2: NRC 11 will be organized in Slovenia.

13. Date and place of the next Annual meeting (M. Štrok)

Decision 3: Next annual meeting will be held during NRC 10, Brighton, UK, 25.-30.8.2024!

14. Miscellaneous

None