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**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the
DIVISION of NUCLEAR- and RADIOCHEMISTRY
held on Monday 2nd May 2011 at 11 hrs
at LASA in Milano, Italy**

Those present: Mauro Bonardi (Italy), Heinz W. Gäggeler (Switzerland, Chair), Horst Geckeis (Germany), Jan John (Czech Republic), Jukka Lehto (Finland), Panagiotis Misaelides (Greece), Jon Petter Omtvedt (Norway).

Apologies were received from: Nicholas D.M. Evans (UK), C. Gascó Leonarte (Spain), Xiaolin Hou (Denmark), Jerzy Narbutt (Poland), Pavol Rajec (Slovakia), Gunnar Skarnemark (Sweden), Turan Unak (Turkey), Árpád Vincze (Hungary), Anthony Ware (UK)

Those not present: Alexander Chekmarev (Russia), Divna Djokić (Serbia & Montenegro), Zvonimir I. Kolar (The Netherlands), Ioannis Paschalidis (Cyprus), Isabel Santos (Portugal), Eric Simoni (France), Rayna Stefanova (Bulgaria), Israel Zilbermann (Israel).

1. H. Gäggeler welcomed the participants, introduced new members and passed the apologies.
2. The Annual Meeting agreed to the Agenda as circulated.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting (April 19th 2010) were reviewed and approved. The DNRC – INCS relations were briefly touched in the discussion.

4. Changes within EuCheMS

H. Gäggeler reviewed the history and present of EuCheMS. EuCheMS is an associated member of IUPAC. The Executive Board has been restructured since this year – there are two Division Heads in the ExCom but there is still no system in Division Heads meetings and positions building. An unofficial meeting of Division Heads took place last year in Prague upon the initiative of Helena Grennberg (Division of Organometallic Chemistry).

The groups representing less than 20 countries act as Working Parties. From this year on, the EuCheMS office moved from London to Brussels. Financing via member societies.

5. Radiochemistry Symposium at the Nuremberg 3rd EuCheMS Congress – a retrospect
H. Gäggeler reports: Having NRC half-day symposium included was a difficult task. Four top speakers attracted about 80 participants from all fields of chemistry – a clear success.

6. NRC-8 Conference in Como, 17-21 Sept. 2012

Discussion: Changing the name of NRC and RadChem series to “EuCheMS International conference on ...”.

M. Bonardi, Organizer, reports: The conference fees have not been set, yet – it is closely connected with the selection of the venue. The location has been changed from Lake Garda to Lake Como. The options are Villa Erba, Villa Olmo or some new hotel in the city. Proceedings – MB presents an idea to divide the papers between RA and JRNC. Broadly discussed – generally, the preference is to stick to RA only, if necessary limiting the number of pages per paper. Number of invited speakers discussed – one per session seems optimum. Strong preference was expressed to stick to the “no parallel sessions” rule. International Advisory Board – who are / should be the members? It is preferred that the IAB – people who should form the programme – is not identical with the DNRC membership who are representatives of national chemical societies, not necessarily representatives of research fields. Topics have to be discussed first. A mutually agreed list of preliminary topics was drafted. Test web site: <http://nrc8.mi.infn.it/>

ACTION:

MB will propose names of conveners, where readily available, and distribute the completed list for comments by DNRC within short deadline.

It seems to be advisable that the full registration fees do not exceed 600 EUR.

7. Radiochemistry Day at the 4th EuCheMS Congress Prague, 26-30 August 2012 (Chairman of DNRC Convener)

H. Gäggeler reports: Visibility at ECC is important but the meeting is close to NRC-8. Should we get combined with Environmental chemistry? “Environmental” topics mentioned in the discussion included synchrotron radiation speciation, impact of Chernobyl, maybe in relation to Fukushima ... “Non-environmental” topics included heavy element chemistry, thorium fuel cycle, radionuclides for drug development, etc.

ACTION:

A combined session with environmental division will be organised.

H. Geckeis and J. Lehto will propose few names of speakers.

H. Gäggeler will finalise the negotiation with the Division of Chemistry and the Environment trying to have the work Nuclear- and/or Radiochemistry in the title of the combined session.

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8. Other Conferences

INCS Congress – Flavia Groppi reports: 90 abstracts at this moment, deadline is 29 May. Early registration deadline is 29 May, too. 8 sessions (NC and RC, Radioanalytics, Radiopharmaceutical Chemistry, Health Phys and Radiation Chem., Nucl.Fuel Cycle,Waste Transmutation and Gen IV Reactors, Radioecology and Geochemistry, Education in NC and Physics). <http://3rdincc.mi.infn.it/>

Migration – some 250 abstracts accepted. Special session on the Chinese nuclear activities will be organised.

ACTION:

ALL should send to J. John details (dates, web sites) of the conferences they are aware of.

J. John will organise updating the 10 years calendar on the DNRC web.

9. Newsletter of our division – a status report.

A. Ware promised to carry on for one more year since autumn 2010. The only person remaining from the Newsletter Task Force will be A. Vincze.

ACTION:

H. Gäggeler and J. John will contact A. Ware and A. Vincze and propose solution to this situation.

Any volunteers to take over the position of the Newsletter editor or to join the Newsletter Task Force are kindly requested to contact H. Gäggeler ASAP.

10. AOB

- a. Next NRC (2016) – Finland. Norway is prepared as a substitute.
- b. H. Gäggeler reported that the former FECS, now EuCheMS, awards system is inactive at this moment.

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