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**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the
DIVISION of NUCLEAR- and RADIOCHEMISTRY
held on Wednesday 11th September 2013 at 19:00 hrs
at Brighton Conference Centre, Kings Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 2GR, U.K.**

Those present: Nicholas D.M. Evans (UK), Heinz W. Gäggeler (Switzerland, Chair), Horst Geckeis (Germany), Jan John (Czech Republic), Jukka Lehto (Finland), Jon Petter Omtvedt (Norway).

Apologies were received from: Mauro Bonardi (Italy), Xiaolin Hou (Denmark), C. Gascó Leonarte (Spain), Panagiotis Misaelides (Greece), Jerzy Narbutt (Poland), Ioannis Paschalidis (Cyprus), Pavol Rajec (Slovakia), Gunnar Skarnemark (Sweden), Turan Unak (Turkey), Nóra Vajda (Hungary).

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

Guest: Anthony Ware (UK)

- 1) H. Gäggeler welcomed the participants and passed the apologies from Mauro Bonardi (Italy), Xiaolin Hou (Denmark), C. Gascó Leonarte (Spain), Panagiotis Misaelides (Greece), Jerzy Narbutt (Poland), Ioannis Paschalidis (Cyprus), Pavol Rajec (Slovakia), Gunnar Skarnemark (Sweden), Turan Unak (Turkey), Nóra Vajda (Hungary) who sent his best regards to the group and should be present for the next meeting.
In a short discussion, it was concluded that the new chairman should organize contact with the countries with non-active representatives and try to remedy this situation.
- 2) The Annual Meeting agreed to the Agenda as circulated.
- 3) The Minutes of the previous DNRC meeting at NRC8 in Como (Italy) on the 19th September 2012 were reviewed and approved.
Mistake in item 4 – Belgrade meeting was in 2011, not 2012.
Review of actions:
 - Most done, J. Narbutt still to contribute the article on ICHTJ laboratories.
 - Not all countries contacted, yet, several still to be contacted. Permanent task.
- 4) News from EuCheMS
 - a) J. John presented the conclusions of the Divisions and Working Parties Chairs Meeting that took place in Dublin on the 11th October 2012. The most important conclusions were that
 - i) EuCheMS Guidelines for Divisions/WPs were revised and ExCom is monitoring its implementation. DNRC Procedures & Practices will have to be modified accordingly.

- ii) The divisional conferences (for us NRC and RadChem) should use the divisional version of the EuCheMS logo, not the “full EuCheMS logo”.
 - iii) The divisions can have two types of accounts with EuCheMS – account “on a name” (must not include any reference to EuCheMS) or “EuCheMS account”.
 - iv) All divisions should send to Nineta a statement listing all the currently active contracts the division may have.
 - v) The Minutes of divisional meetings have to be sent to EuCheMS Secretary General for archiving “at a reasonable time” after the meeting.
 - vi) Each division maintains its own part of the web. The consequence is that the pages of different divisions are rather different. It is an intention of the Secretariat to unify the design to some extent.
- b) J. John presented the conclusions of the last General Assembly of EuCheMS that took place in Dublin on the 11th October 2012. The most important conclusions were that
- i) SWOT analysis of EuCheMS was performed with the conclusions that EuCheMS needs to Focus on its strengths, Set its priorities, Balance the interests of the stakeholders.
 - ii) EuCheMS policy is further developed by the ExCom to strengthen the influence of EuCheMS. As key collaborations ECTNA, Initiative for science in Europe, European chemicals agency, Cefic, ERA-Chemistry, and European physical society were identified.
 - iii) European Young Chemists’ Network (EYCN) is very active.
 - iv) Two Roundtable discussions were considering What are the European needs of Member Societies? and Combining forces for Horizon 2020 .
 - v) EuCheMS finances are balanced.
- c) EuCheMS News layout changed.
- d) EuCheMS compiled “Roadmap for Chemistry – developing solutions in a changing world” – nuclear energy included.
- 5) H. Gäggeler reported on the status of the 5th EuCheMS Chemistry Congress, to take place in Istanbul from 31st August to 4th September 2014. Together with the Division of Chemistry in Life Sciences, DNRC participates in setting up the Theme E – Chemistry for and in Life Sciences.
H. Gäggeler reported problems in contact with the ECC5 Scientific Committee – especially with the partners in Theme E “Chemistry for and in Life Sciences”.
JJ should act actively at GA and D/WP Chairs meeting in Budapest. It is necessary to find out who is the convener if Theme E and get in touch with him/her.
- 6) H. Gäggeler reported that, on behalf of DNRC, he prepared and submitted nomination of prof. Andreas Türler for a EuCheMS lecture, to be delivered at ECC5 with suggested topic lecture “Positioning new elements” (based on his recent review paper in Chemical Reviews). Even though this nomination has not been selected, it was positively evaluated and may be selected for a later opportunity. Horst Geckeis reports that AT delivered a similar talk for GDCH recently which was very well accepted.
- 7) J. John reported on the status of organisation of the EuCheMS International Radiochemical Conference (RadChem 2014), to take place in Mariánské Lázně on 11-16 May 2014. No problems in the preparation of the conference were identified. It was agreed that the next DNRC Annual Meeting will take place during this conference.

8) J. Lehto reported on the status of organisation of the EuCheMS International Nuclear- and Radiochemistry Conference (NRC9), to take place in Marina Congress Centre, Helsinki on 29 August – 2 September 2016. Advertisement will start at RadChem 2014. DNRC approved J. Lehto's proposals for the composition of the NRC9 International Advisory Board:

- J. Lehto (chair)
- DNRC Chair (co-chair)
- A Türler (SHE)
- J. John (Education)
- X. Hou (radioanalytical chemistry)
- S. Clark (environment)
- J. Steinbach or F. Rösch (radiopharmaceutical chemistry)
- H. Geckeis (waste)
- Melissa Denecke (now Manchester, for UK)
- S. Kalmykov
- someone of France – S. Bourg Christophe Poinssot, Bert Grambow
- maybe USA, Japan

HG suggest that the conference is “note very expensive” especially for the young generation.....

9) J. John organised the election of new DNRC chairman starting on the 1st January 2014. “Call for Nominations for the Chairperson” was made at the previous DNRC meeting (Como, 2012) and was published in the 49th issue of the DNRC Newsletter. The Call was closed 3 months before the Brighton Annual meeting. Only one nomination was received – the RSC nominated prof. Nicholas D. M. Evans, PhD MSc CChem CSci, Loughborough University, UK, as a candidate on the future DNRC chairman. In secret ballots, prof. Evans was elected the DNRC chairman for the next period by a unanimous vote (6 votes YES out of 6 votes casted). The new Chairperson will assume its office on the 1st January 2014.

10) Date and place of the next Annual meeting

The next DNRC meeting was agreed to take place during the “RadChem 2014” conference that takes place in Marianske Lazne on 11-16 May 2014.

11) AOB

- H. Gäggeler reported that since January 2014 he will be succeeded in DNRC by A. Türler as Swiss representative.
- A. Ware reported that the next ERA conference will be organised in September 2014.
- N. Evans thanked H. Gäggeler for his work for the DNRC.
- J. John drew the attention to the fact that the membership in the Division reached the lower limit defined by EuCheMS for the Divisions.

ACTION:

NE will contact France, Netherlands and Belgium

JL will contact Russia, Bulgaria and Sweden.

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