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Committee Meeting in London on March 4, 2000



London, Burlington House, on March 4, 2000.

First row, from left: Maria Teresa Vasconcelos, Almut Heinrich (guest), Sirpa Herve, Hartmut Frank, Heide Brito (guest), Uri Zoller

Second row, from left: Michael Gagan (guest), Wilhelm Höflinger, Mudis Salkauskas, Panos Siskos, Toomas Tenno, George Ebrill, Milt Karayannic (guest), Allan Astrup Jensen, John Holder

Education in Environmental Chemistry

The Committee met in London on Saturday 4th March 2000 at Burlington House when the host was the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC). The major theme of the meeting was **Education in Environmental Chemistry**. Prof. Miltiades KARAYANNIS, Prof. of Analytical Chemistry, University of Ioannina, Greece and Chairman of the European Chemistry Thematic Network (ECTN) Working Group on Chemistry and the Environment, and Dr. Michael GAGAN of the UK Open University and Chairman of the FECS Division on Chemical Education were among the guests attending.

Subcommittee Education

Prof. KARAYANNIS described the contents of the final report of the ECTN Working Group that can be viewed / downloaded at the ECTN website <http://www.cpe.fr/ectn>. Plans were announced to establish a Subcommittee of the FECS DCE to consider **Education/Teaching in Environmental Chemistry**. The Chair will be Prof. Uri ZOLLER of the University of Haifa, Israel. The first formal meeting of the sub-committee will be held in conjunction with an agenda setting workshop probably in Copenhagen in **September 2000**. Dr. GAGAN noted that in the UK the Open University is producing for the first time a degree course in Environmental Chemistry.

7th FECS International Conference

Arrangements were discussed for the 7th FECS International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment in **Porto, 27-30 August**. The topic is **Metal Speciation in the Aquatic Environment**. Invited speakers include leading Europeans plus American experts Russell Erickson of the US EPA, Allen Burton, John Donat, François Morel and William Sunda. On March 1st, over 110 abstracts have been submitted from 22 countries. To allow for difficulties experienced in some countries, the deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended and a substantial number of additional papers are expected. Abstracts will be published in a special edition of the journal Environment Science and Pollution Research (ESPR) published by ecomed and will also be available in extended form together with late submissions on the ecomed website <http://www.scientificjournals.com>. The updated Second Announcement and Call for Papers will be published in the April edition of **ESPR - Environ. Sci. & Pollut. Res.** Peer reviewed proceedings will be issued following the conference.

8th FECS International Conference

Preliminary arrangements for the 8th FECS International Conference to be held in **Athens in 2002** were discussed. The conference will be a wide ranging one around the theme of chemistry for sustaining the quality of the environment and life. The timing is likely to be **1-4 September 2002**. Details will appear on the Division website: <http://www.scientificjournals.com/espr/fecs>

Sub-committee Atmospheric Chemistry

A Sub-committee of the Division dealing with Atmospheric Chemistry and Pollution will be established under the Chairmanship of Prof. Hartmut FRANK of the University of Bayreuth, Germany. Objectives of the subcommittee were agreed and include the promotion of co-operation in research and education, organisation of events, dissemination of information, identification of priority research areas for funding and advising EU administrators. **The Second Atmospheric Reactive Substances (ARS) Conference** will be held in **Bayreuth, 9-11 April 2001** and this will also be a venue for a meeting of the sub-committee.

Sub-committee Green and Sustainable Chemistry

A Sub-committee of the Division has been established dealing with Green and Sustainable Chemistry. The acting Chairman is Allan Astrup JENSEN of dk-TEKNIK, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT, Copenhagen, Denmark. The final report of the European Environment Agency on a European Green and Sustainable Chemistry Award has been published and is available in full at http://service.eea.eu.int/envirowindows/management_concepts.shtml
It is expected that the FECS DCE Sub-committee will be responsible for selection of the judges for the award, when implemented.

At the annual meeting of the Italian Environmental Chemistry Consortium (INCA) in Rome 28 February 2000, **three green and sustainable chemistry awards** were made to Italian industries for recent developments. Further similar national awards in the UK, Germany and Greece are planned.

25 year Anniversary Booklet

It was agreed that the Division will produce a **25 year Anniversary booklet** outlining the history and development of the Division to coincide with the Athens Conference in 2002. Co-ordinator of the production of the booklet will be Prof. Jan SKRAMSTAD of the University of Oslo, Norway, one of the Divisions's longest serving members.

Membership

Membership of the Division has now increased to **34 members from 30 countries**, the latest additions being from Romania (Prof. Raluca Delia Mocanu, Cuza University, Iasi) and a second Italian representative (Prof. Luciano Morselli, University of Bologna). Both Chemical Societies in Italy will now be represented. The Division's Annual Report has been published and is on the Division website together with a full membership list and contact details (see also <http://www.scientificjournals.com/espr/fecs>).

The **next meeting** of the Committee will be on **Saturday 26th August 2000 in Porto**, Portugal, prior to the 8th International Conference.

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