

**FECS DCE: Division Meeting**

The Federation of European Chemical Societies (FECS)  
Division for Chemistry and the Environment (DCE)

## Divisional Steering Group Meeting in Bordeaux, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2003

John Holder reports on the current activities of the FECS Division of which he is Secretary



The Steering Committee met in Bordeaux on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2003, as guests of the French Chemical Society and the Laboratoire de Physico-Toxicochimie des Systems Naturels of the University of Bordeaux. The main business of the meeting concerned preparations for forthcoming FECS International Conferences on Chemistry and the Environment.

### Committee Chairmanship / Secretaryship

[Philippe Garrigues](#) from the French Chemical Society succeeds Allan Astrup Jensen from Denmark as Chairman. John Holder from the United Kingdom continues as Secretary.

### 9th FECS International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment – due to have been held at the M.V.Lomonosov University in Moscow in August / September 2004

Concern was expressed that progress with preparations for the conference had been too slow and that funding for the organising committee and probably also therefore for the conference itself had been difficult to obtain. The Steering Committee took the view that it would be too great a risk to defer decision on the Moscow Conference until the full Divisional Meeting in the autumn and therefore, using the emergency powers granted to it by the procedures, the Steering Committee took the decision to cancel the Moscow conference and to prepare an alternative venue.

After discussion, it was agreed that the alternative venue for the 9<sup>th</sup> FECS Conference would be in Bordeaux with [Philippe Garrigues](#) as the principal organiser. The conference would be held in conjunction with the 2<sup>nd</sup> French Environmental Chemistry Conference. Environmental chemistry was now attracting a substantial membership in the French Chemical Society and a good attendance could be guaranteed. A new conference hall was under construction in Bordeaux city centre and would be ready in good time. It was also expected that the new tram system, which connected the University with the city, would also be complete by Autumn 2004.

It was agreed to hold the conference from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2004 with the FECS Divisional meeting on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August and workshops on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>.

A working title of 'Behaviour of Chemical Contaminants in the Environment' was adopted. Session titles of: 'Sampling Strategies', 'Bioaccumulation', 'Transformation', 'Environmental Modelling' and 'Pollution Prevention' were agreed. It was noted that Green Chemistry would be included in the last of these. It was agreed that the timing and arrangement of plenum and parallel sessions would be the same as for the highly successful 8<sup>th</sup> Conference in Athens. It was suggested that application be made for the award of a FECS Lecture for the conference and that possibly a distinguished French environmental chemist could be invited to deliver it.

There would be one hour allocated for the FECS Lecture, half an hour for plenary invited lectures, 20 minutes for oral presentations in up to three parallel sessions, posters during the intervals with prizes and five-minute poster presentations for the winners.

### 10th FECS International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment

[Luciano Morselli](#) presented an outline programme for the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference to be held in Rimini, Italy at the beginning of September 2005. The conference organisers would be the University of Bologna and the Italian Chemical Societies with collaboration from the Universities of Milano-Bicocca, Venezia, Torino, Siena, Urbino and Insubria. The title of the conference would be 'Environment: Our Choice, Our Life'. The provisional list of topics

was: Environmental Sustainability, Persistent Organic Pollutants – Atmosphere, Environmental Modelling, Waste and Contaminated Sites, Environmental Monitoring, Cultural Heritage, Ecotoxicology, Marine Ecosystems and Green Chemistry.

The location would be the university campus in Rimini with a visit to Venice for one afternoon session. Funding for the conference was being sought from a banking foundation and other sources. It was proposed to hold a training course on the impact of atmospheric contaminants on cultural heritage on the Sunday preceding the conference.

### Arrangements for 2006

There would be no Divisional conference in 2006. Instead the Division would be invited to contribute to the four day FECS Congress in Budapest. Two days would be set aside for Divisional topics in five parallel sessions. Division Members were invited to submit 'hot' topics to the Chair by email for discussion at the next FECS Executive Committee Meeting to be held in Barcelona in October.

### 11th FECS International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment

The Secretary noted that he was required to invite proposals for conferences from Members and their societies at least nine months ahead of the Division Meeting at which the decision would be made and that this should be three years before the conference was due to be held. The final date for decision for the 2007 conference was therefore the 2004 autumn meeting. Nevertheless it would be helpful if members could bring proposals to the autumn 2003 Division meeting for discussion.

### Division Meeting Autumn 2003

The next meeting of the Division would be held on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2003** in conjunction with the Swiss Chemical Society meeting 'Analytical Chemistry of Organic Contaminants in the Environment' in Zurich.

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