

The European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences (EuCheMS) Division of Chemistry and the Environment (DCE)

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Divisional Committee Meeting in Torun, Poland, 8th September 2007

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

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The Committee of the Division met in Torun on Saturday 8th May 2007 as guests of the Faculty of Chemistry, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun and the Polish Chemical Society. Twelve members were present or represented at the meeting together with observers from the university and Prof Pawel Kafarski, President of the Polish Chemical Society.

11th EuCheMS International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment, Torun 9th to 12th September 2007

The meeting was followed by the 11th International Conference subtitled 'Chemistry, Environment and Human Activity in Civilization Development' and held in Torun in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary Congress of the Polish Chemical Society. The congress as a whole was expected to be attended by some 1180 participants from 40 countries with 430 of these registered for the Divisional Conference. In total more than 270 oral presentations, 845 posters and 45 exhibitors were scheduled. Prof Richard Ernst, Nobel Laureate and NMR pioneer led the invited speakers.

2nd EuCheMS European Chemistry Congress, Turin 16th to 20th September 2008

The Division Chairman, Philippe Garrigues reported on arrangements for the 2nd EuCheMS Congress. The scientific programme would be structured into three symposia under each of five headings: Advances in Synthesis, Advances in Understanding, Chemistry and Life Sciences, Energy and Industry, Environment, and Materials and Devices. The symposia under Environment would be: Greenhouse Gases, Greening Chemistry and Water. The Convenor for Greening Chemistry would be G Centi from Italy. The Division nominated Sergio Fachetti assisted by Sirpa Herve to be convenor for the Water Symposium. Each Symposium would have one Keynote, 3 Topic and 11 Oral Presentation speakers. Suggestions for the Keynote and Topic speakers would be submitted by members through the convenors. The Division would also participate in the Greenhouse Gases Symposium through Allan Astrup Jensen. Details of the Congress at given at: <http://www.euchems-torino2008.it/site/home.asp>

12th EuCheMS International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment, Stockholm 14th to 17th June 2009

Åke Bergman reported on progress with organisation of the 12th Conference. Senior professors at the University of Stockholm had agreed to participate in the organising committee, an international steering committee including active Divisional members has been established, sponsors secured and a budget agreed. Major topics in the Conference such as Atmospheric, Inorganic, Analytical, Organic Environmental and Green

Chemistry would have sessions on each of the three days. Minor topics such as Biochemistry, Archaeological Chemistry and QSAR would have one session each. Short courses would be staged prior the Conference. Details may be seen at: <http://www.chemsoc.se/sidor/KK/icce2009.htm>

Collaboration with 'Environmental Science and Pollution Research' (ESPR)

The journal supports the Division's website at: <http://www.scientificjournals.com/sj/espr/EuCheMS>

Furthermore, ESPR announces the EuCheMS DCE Conferences, publishes reports thereon (see p. 536) as well as on the Divisional Committee Meetings, and also publishes selected papers from the Conferences following peer review. In short, ESPR accompanies EuCheMS DCE in all activities.

The year 2007 has turned out to be a milestone for ESPR and hence for all associates as well. The ESS (Electronic Submission System) (<<http://www.scientificjournals.com/sj/all/ESS>>), which has been operating since 2005, tripled the number of paper submissions, not only for ESPR, but for the whole family of www.scientificjournals.com [Journal of Soils and Sediments (JSS), The International Journal of Life Cycle Assessment (Int J LCA) and the German-language journal Umweltwissenschaften und Schadstoff-Forschung (UWSF)]. The system has gained acceptance from the scientific community and is in continuous improvement.

The new ESPR Framework with nine subject areas and associated Subject Editors works well, is continuously updated and, as the Editors believe, provides improved and more targeted publication opportunities in the journal.

The journal enjoyed the considerable increase in the Impact Factor 2006 (from 1.518 in the 2005 JCR Science Edition to 1.980 in the 2006 JCR Science Edition). The current calculation for the Impact Factor 2007, to be published around mid-2008, yields a Factor of 2.5.

Finally, ESPR, with the whole journals family, will be transferred to Springer at the end of 2007 (please see ESPR No. 6, p. 351 for further details). The Editors have great expectations from this transition, in particular regarding the global gateways of Springer.