

EuCheMS Corner

The European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences (EuCheMS)

Division of Chemistry and the Environment (DCE)

Divisional Steering Group Meeting in Torun 16th April 2005

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

The Steering Group of the Division met in Torun on Saturday 16th April as guests of the Nicolas Copernicus University and the Polish Chemical Society. Ten members were present. The change of name from Federation of European Chemical Societies (FECS) to European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences (EuCheMS) was noted and a draft of the Constitution of the new Association was received (see <http://www.chemsoc.org/networks/enc/fecs/constitution.htm>).

The Annual Report of the Division for 2004 was approved (see <http://www.chemsoc.org/pdf/enc/annrepchemenv.pdf>).

The main business of the meeting concerned preparations for forthcoming EuCheMS DCE International Conferences on Chemistry and the Environment in 2005 and 2007 and the 1st FECS Congress in 2006.

10th FECS International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment, Rimini 4th to 7th September 2005

Luciano Morselli and Sergio Facchetti reported on progress with the organisation of the 10th Conference to be held in conjunction with the National Congresses of the Environmental and Cultural Heritage Chemistry Division of the Italian Chemical Society and the Consiglio Nazionale dei Chimici (see <http://www.adriacongex.it/10theuchemsconference/>). Extensive sponsorship and financial support has been obtained so as to fund internationally reputed speakers and minimise costs to delegates and especially graduate students, who may attend the whole conference for 150 Euros. The advance programme was discussed and chairing and abstract refereeing duties agreed. It is hoped to issue this programme shortly. The deadline for abstracts has been extended to May 20th 2005. Some 300 delegates are expected. However, concern was expressed that the dates for the ECOTOX 2005 conference 'Advances and Trends in Ecotoxicology' had recently been changed and now clashed with the Rimini conference.

1st FECS European Chemistry Congress, Budapest, 27th to 31st August 2006

Two Congress sessions on Environmental Chemistry of two hours each will be held on 29th August 2006. The Division has identified four eminent speakers to be invited to deliver 30 minute presentations and will seek six high quality 20 minute presentations to support these. In addition, through its subcommittees, it plans to organise a satellite event of two half days on 31st August and 1st September at the same venue with 27 further presentations.

It was noted that EuCheMS plans to hold congresses every two years and that the second will be in Italy in 2008. This will affect Divisional Conferences, which will now be held biennially in the years between congresses.

11th FECS International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment, Torun 2nd to 5th September 2007

Facilities, which are to be provided free of charge by the university, were viewed and Boguslaw Buszewski outlined progress on preparations for the 11th conference to be held at the Nicholas Copernicus University. The international conference will be held in conjunction with the Polish Chemical Society, which will organise an environmental/analytical conference in Polish immediately following the event.

12th FECS International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment 2009

A proposal to hold the 12th Conference in Sweden had been received from Åke Bergman. This together with any other proposals received will be considered at the Divisional meeting in September.

Collaboration with ESPR

The Division received a report from Almut Heinrich, Publisher Editor of 'Environmental Science and Pollution Research' (ESPR), the Division's official organ, in which she described the distribution agreement recently made between the journal's publishers ecomed and Springer. She also gave details of progress on new sections in ESPR relating to China and on Sustainable Chemistry and on the strategy of publishing the papers in ESPR-OnlineFirst (<http://www.scientificjournals.com/sj/all/onlineFirst>). The Division makes recommendations for membership of the journal's Editorial Board and is seeking new blood to reflect the evolving specialisms in environmental chemistry. ESPR is currently publishing selected papers from the 9th International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment held in Bordeaux last year. The journal also supports the Division's website at <http://www.scientificjournals.com/sj/espr/EuCheMS> which has recently been updated.

Divisional Chairman

Philippe Garrigues' first term of office as Divisional Chairman expires on 31st December 2005. He has indicated his willingness to stand for a second three year term. Nominations will be considered at the Divisions annual meeting in September and, if necessary, an election held.

Divisional Committee Meeting Autumn 2005

The EuCheMS Division of Chemistry and the Environment will hold its annual meeting in Rimini on 3rd September and it is hoped that Divisional Sub-committees will also meet during the conference.

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