



**The European Assoc for Chemical and Molecular Sciences (EuCheMS)  
Division of Chemistry and the Environment (DCE)  
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## **Divisional Steering Committee Meeting in Larnaca, Cyprus, 23rd February 2008**

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

The Steering Committee of the Division met in Larnaca on Saturday 23rd of February 2008 as guests the Pancyprian Union of Chemists. Twelve members were present or represented at the meeting together with Professor Epameinondas Leontidis and Dr Elias Elia, President and Vice-president respectively of the host association.

### **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 Division is responsible for the organisation of two symposia within the Congresses Environmental Theme: Greenhouse Gases—convenor Allan Astrup Jensen and Water Pollutants—convenors Sergio Fachetti and Sirpa Herve. The committee received updates on progress from the convenors and reviewed the invited speakers, deadlines and arrangements for managing sessions. Details of the Congress may be seen at <http://www.euchems-torino2008.it/site/home.asp>

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

Åke Bergman was unable to attend the meeting but sent a written communication of progress on arrangements for the Stockholm Conference. The theme of the conference will be 'Emerging Issues' and most plenary and keynote speakers have been contacted. The call for abstracts is in preparation and sponsorship is being sought. Members were asked to assist in the preparation of short courses to precede the event and to publicise it in their own countries. Details may be seen at <http://www.chemsoc.se/sidor/KK/icce2009.htm>

### **3rd EuCheMS European Chemistry Congress, Nuernberg 2010**

Members were invited through the Chairman to suggest topics and plenary and keynote lecturers for the third EuCheMS Congress.

### **13th EuCheMS DCE International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment, 2011**

Members were invited to submit bids to hold the 13th Conference to be held in 2011 to the next meeting of the Division in Turin. Expressions of interest had already been received from Hungary (Veszprém) and the Czech Republic (Brno).

### **EuCheMS DCE Membership**

The Divisional membership list was reviewed. Inactive members were identified and Philippe Garrigues undertook to contact these members and/or their respective Societies to ensure that replacements were nominated as appropriate.

Philippe Garrigues is due to step down as Chairman of the Division at the end of 2008 having served for six years. Members were invited to submit nominations for a new Chair to be elected at the next

meeting of the Division to be held on September 20th in Turin and to take up office on 1st January 2009. John Holder agreed to continue as Secretary until the end of 2009.

### **Award for Service – Allan Astrup Jensen**

The Division is pleased to announce that, in recognition of his significant contribution to European cooperation in chemistry and the environment, a EuCheMS Award for Service has been made to Allan Astrup Jensen. The full citation is as follows:

Dr Allan Astrup Jensen, Danish Chemical Society, has played a vital role in developing EuCheMS activities in chemistry and the environment for over fifteen years.

Under the auspices of the EuCheMS Division of Chemistry and the Environment, Allan Jensen has stimulated actions to promote this important area of chemical sciences through the EuCheMS member societies in over 30 countries in Europe. He has fostered contacts with the European Commission and other agencies in matters concerning chemistry and the environment, including green/sustainable chemistry, and promoted EuCheMS views to EU decision makers.

Through the work of the Division, he has been instrumental in encouraging cooperation on environmental issues between EuCheMS and other international organisations such as IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry) and ISO (International Standards Organisation)

He has driven the development of the successful series of biennial meetings: International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment, the next event being the 12th conference in Stockholm, Sweden, on 14 - 17 June 2009. He is currently serving as convener of the scientific session on Greenhouse Gases to be held during the 2nd EuCheMS Chemistry Congress in Torino, Italy, on 16-20 September 2008.

Allan Jensen has been the representative of the Danish Chemical Society on the FECS/EuCheMS Working Party/Division of Chemistry and the Environment since 1984 and chaired the Division from 1997 to 2003. Further information can be found on the EuCheMS web site [www.euchems.org](http://www.euchems.org)

### **Collaboration with ‘Environmental Science and Pollution Research’**

Due to the transfer of [www.scientificjournals.com](http://www.scientificjournals.com) to Springer, Almut B. Heinrich was unable to participate in the Meeting. However, there was much discussion on the collaboration between the Division and ESPR, and Philippe Garrigues undertook to convey the concerns expressed to the journal and its publisher. These concerns can hopefully be discussed in detail at the Editors Meeting of [www.scientificjournals.com](http://www.scientificjournals.com) on May 31 in Heidelberg.

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

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