

Protocol of the General Assembly of the European Colloid and Interface Society
Thursday, September 4 2008
at 22nd ECIS Conference in Krakow, Poland

1. Opening:

Maria Da Garca M Miguel (MM), the President of ECIS, acts as the chairwoman and opens the meeting at 18:10. She warmly thanks the organizers for a very good organization and meeting. She excuses Kenneth Dawson, the Past President, who had to leave early.

2. The minutes of the last assembly are accepted unanimously by the general assembly.

3. Information from Martien Cohen-Stuart (MCS) regarding the Overbeek Gold Medal prize of ECIS:

The Overbeek foundation trust now provides long time perspectives for the Overbeek Gold Medal prize of ECIS, but there is still some action needed:

- We have to find funding by fundraising actions, 50 – 100 kEuro are needed to fund the Overbeek medal prize.
- A board needs to be established. Suggestion for board: 6 members, 2 representing ECIS, 2 representing Dutch groups (Wageningen (MCS as treasurer), Utrecht (now A. Philipse), 2 independent members: past winners for a period of 3 years, Björn Lindman (coordinates fund raising), Helmut Möhwald; actual balance: 26 kEuro.
- A jury has to be put together; the jury proposed by the ECIS board consists of 3 former winners and the board. Donors have to be acknowledged and will be published on the web site and in all proceedings to come.
- Question (Q): is being European a requirement? Answer (A) by MCS: this has not yet been discussed. H. Lyklema states that Overbeek's daughter wishes to have it remain international.
- Vote on the subject that the prize will be awarded for an important contribution to the development of Colloid and Interface Science in Europe. The General Assembly unanimously accepts this proposal.

4. Reports on ECIS Conferences:

a. ECIS 2008 Krakow

Zbigniew Adamczyk provides a detailed account of the organization and the difficulties of coping with economic developments.

b. ECIS 2009 Turkey: 6 – 11 September

Seyda Bucak provides a short description of the conference site. The scientific committee consists of representatives from academia and industry; there will be 6 sessions and plenary lectures, and a reflection lecture at the end. A short course will take place prior to the conference (5 – 6 September): B. Lindman will be the lecturer, the topic has to be decided. (In the meantime the topic has been decided to be "Self-assembly of Surfactants and Polymers: Fundamentals and Applications")

c. Presentation Proposal from Prague for 2010:

Karl Prohaszka and T. Rabod present their proposal, which is unanimously accepted by the General Assembly.

d. Future Conferences:

Brian Vincent (BV) announces that there is no formal agreement yet, but he suggests UK (Bristol or other venues) with a formal proposal to be made in Turkey 2009.

Helmut Möhwald also has no formal commitment yet, but he declares that Potsdam could also be a possible place for ECIS 2011.

e. Student fees:

There is a suggestion that reduced student fees should not be linked to applications but organizers should budget a regular and reduced student fee for *all* student. The bursary issues will be discussed separately in the board.

The General Assembly agrees unanimously.

f. Student Conference:

BV presents the next student conference to take place on 15 – 18 July 2009 in Almeria; the question is raised whether there should be a follow up for 2011, but no formal decision has been taken.

5. Report on COST D43:

M. Borkovec announces that the next workshop will be held during ECIS 2009. He briefly mentions additional work group meetings and schools and also points out that there are limited funds for travel and exchange of students available.

6. The secretary Peter Schurtenberger presents the ECIS financial report, which is unanimously accepted.

7. Information about nominations for the different ECIS prizes is given.

8. MM announces the opening for the call for nominations for the next ECIS president to be elected at the next General Assembly in Turkey 2009.

9. AOB: G. Koper introduces himself as the new Newsletter editor for IACIS and asks all ECIS members to send him relevant information.

10. MM thanks again the organizers and closes the meeting at 19:30.
