

**Protokoll der Mitgliederversammlung der European Colloid and Interface
Society (ECIS)
Während der 26. ECIS Konferenz
Conference Centre "Slaghuset", Jörgen Kocksgatan 7A
Malmö, Sweden
16:35 – 18:30, Monday, 3 September 2012**

Presiding: Reinhard Miller
Protocol: Peter Kralchevsky

AGENDA

1. Opening

2. Minutes of 25th ECIS Conference: <http://www.ecis-web.eu/ECIS11-Minutes.pdf>

3. ECIS Annual Conferences:

- a. ECIS 2012 Malmö (2–7 September): Account of the organization.
- b. ECIS 2013 Sofia (1–6 September): Short description by a representative of the Organizing Committee.
- c. Future Conferences: Proposals and decision on ECIS 2014 and 2015.

4. 2013 ECIS Student Meeting: Short description by a representative of the Organizing Committee.

5. Changes in the Statutes of ECIS:

§ 3 Membership. Addition of the sentence “The board decides about the written application to become a member”

§ 13 Amendments are deleted.

Change of the last sentence “These Statutes are prepared for the General Assembly in Berlin on September 6, 2011, and changed by decision of the General Assembly on September 3, 2012 in Malmö.”

Änderung der Satzung in

§ 3 Mitgliedschaft. Der Satz „Über den schriftlichen Aufnahmeantrag entscheidet der Vorstand“ Soll hinzugefügt werden.

§ 13 Die Abänderungsbefugnis wird gestrichen.

Der letzte Satz wird geändert in „Die vorstehende Satzung wurde in der Gründungsversammlung vom 6.9.2011 errichtet und durch Beschluss der Mitgliederversammlung vom 3.9.2012 geändert“.

6. **Financial Report**
7. **Discussion and decision on the new logo of ECIS**
8. **Awards**
9. **AOB**
10. **Close**

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MINUTES

1. **Opening:** Reinhard Miller (RM), the President of ECIS, acts as the chairmen and opens the meeting. He sincerely thanks the Organizing Committee for the perfect organization and the wonderful meeting. He presents the Agenda of the meeting, which has been dispatched to the participants in advance.
2. **Minutes:** The General Assembly (GA) unanimously accepts the minutes of the last GA in Berlin-2011.
3. **ECIS Annual Conferences:**
 - a. 26th ECIS, 2-7 September 2012, Malmö, Sweden: Thomas Arnebrant (Malmö University, Sweden), member of the Organizing Committee, provides a detailed account of the organization, including the organizing committee; international advisory board; participants and exhibition; scientific program; some statistics; conference venue; finances and sponsoring. The conference includes 6 plenary lectures (2 of which are associated with the prizes); 12 keynote lectures; 118 oral contributions; 415 posters; total – 551 presentations. 451 people attended the conference.
 - b. 27th ECIS, 1-6 September 2013, Sofia, Bulgaria:

Elena Mileva (Institute of Physical Chemistry, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), Chair of the Organizing Committee, provides detailed information on the organization of the 27th ECIS conference, including information for the conference venue, “Princess Sofia Hotel”. The preliminary estimate of the participation fee is 465 EUR. The ECIS’2013 website has been already launched: <http://www.ecis2013.org/en/orgcom.html>
 - c. 28th ECIS, 7-12 September 2014: RM announces that two bids have been submitted:
 - (1) Veronique Schmitt, CRPP, CNRS, Bordeaux, France, member of the Organizing Committee, provides detailed information on the organization plans for the 28th ECIS conference in Bordeaux. The conference venue will be the Bordeaux Convention Centre. A registration fee of 600 EUR/participant is expected.
 - (2) Dganit Danino, Technion, Haifa, Israel, member of the Organizing Committee, provides detailed information on the organization plans for the 28th ECIS conference in Haifa. The conference venue will be in the Technion, with a main hall for 650 people. A registration fee of 475 EUR/participant is expected.

By open vote, 54 votes for Bordeaux vs. 65 votes for Haifa, the GA decides that the 28th ECIS conference will be in Haifa, Israel, 2014.

d. 29th ECIS, 6-11 September 2015: RM announces that three bids have been submitted:

(1) Paul F. Luckham, Chem. Eng. Dept., Imperial College, London, UK, presents the candidature of York and the conference facilities. The expected registration fees are 400 GBP (500 EUR) per regular participant and 250 GBP (312 EUR) per student.

(2) Epameinondas (Minos) Leontidis, Department of Chemistry, University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus, presents the candidature of Nicosia and the conference facilities. The expected registration fees are 500 EUR per regular participant and 300 EUR per student.

(3) Veronique Schmitt, CRPP, CNRS, Bordeaux, France, announces that Bordeaux extends its proposal to the organization of the 29th ECIS in 2015.

RM subjects the three candidatures to open vote. The result is:

50 votes for Bordeaux; 29 votes for York, and 48 votes for Nicosia.

RM subjects the two first candidatures, Bordeaux and Nicosia, to open vote.

By open vote, 77 votes for Bordeaux vs. 50 votes for Nicosia, the GA decides that the 29th ECIS conference will be in Bordeaux, France, 2015.

4. ECIS Student Meeting:

a. Information on the 2013 ECIS Student Meeting:

Reinhard Miller (MPI Golm-Potsdam, Germany) presents the organization plans of MPI Golm-Potsdam – the host of the 14th students' conference in June 2013. The expected costs (including food and housing) will be about 350 EUR/person. 100–150 students are expected to participate.

b. Information for the 2015 ECIS Student Meeting

RM announces that during ECIS'2011, Piotr Warszynski (Institute of Catalysis and Surface Chemistry, Cracow, Poland) presented the candidature of Cracow to host the 15th students' conference in June 2015.

5. Changes in the Statutes of ECIS

Hans-Jürgen Butt (HJB), the ECIS Treasurer, presents the reasons for the changes in the ECIS statutes and their formulations as given in the Agenda.

The changes in the Statutes are unanimously accepted by the GA by open vote.

6. Financial Report

HJB presents the Financial Report of ECIS:

15.08.2011		53.847,99	
		in	out
22.09.2011	IACIS/ECIS Funds, Wageningen	646,00	
	Membership fees	70,00	
	Rhodia Prize	3.000,00	3.000,00
31.10.2011	ECIS 2011, membership	11.230,00	
16.11.2011	IACIS Membership fees		960,00
23.11.2011	EREF+ECIS 2013 Conference		3.000,00
	Bank fees		7,55
27.12.2011	Saldo bei Kontoauflösung	61.826,24	

Closing old account, opening new accounts

29.12.2012		6.826,24	
16.01.2012	Donation Accurion	1.500,00	
23.02.2012	Translation ECIS Protokoll		71,40
	Bank fees		3,00
24.08.2012	Membership fee	40,00	
	Saldo	8.291,84	
29.12.2012		55.000,00	
	Interest	106,24	
	Saldo	55.106,24	

The budget balance was checked by Prof. Dr Monika Schönhoff, Münster. Prof. Dr. Michael Borkovec proposed that the accounts be accepted and his proposal was accepted by the GA unanimously by an open vote.

The excess budget will be used to support the ECIS Student Conference and the ECIS annual conference by contributions to the pre-conference Training Course the registration and expenses of the winners of the two ECIS Awards, the Rhodia Prize and the Overbeek Gold Medal.

7. Discussion and decision on the new logo of ECIS

Debora Berti, Vice President of ECIS, presents slides with the three best proposals for the new logo of ECIS. All proposals for new logo have been collected by Pierandrea Lo Nostro (Univ. Florence, IT). RM subjects the old logo and the three best newly proposed logos to selection by open vote. The result of the vote is as follows:

Old logo – 9 votes; New Proposal No. 1 – 43 votes; New Proposal No. 2 – 32 votes; New Proposal No. 3 – 19 votes.

Thus, by open vote, the GA selects the New Proposal No. 1 as the new logo of ECIS.

RM announces that the authors-designers of the new ECIS logo are Ana Kroflič and Robert Rep from the Department of Physical Chemistry, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

8. AOB

No discussion issues have been raised.

9. Closing

RM thanks again the Local Organizers and closes the meeting at 18:30.

The number of ECIS members, who attended the GA in Malmö, was 198, as certified by their signatures in the Attendance List.

Peter Kralchevsky
ECIS Secretary

Reinhard Miller
Chair of the ECIS General Assembly

Malmö, 3 September 2012