

**Protocol of the General Assembly
of the European Colloid and Interface Society (ECIS)
held at the 31st ECIS Conference
Auditorium Ramón y Cajal, Faculty of Medicine, Complutense University,
Madrid, Spain
16:25 – 18:06, Thursday, 7 September 2017**

Presiding: Piotr Warszynski

Protocol: Peter Kralchevsky

101 ECIS Members from 24 countries are present, as certified by the Attendance List

AGENDA

1. **Opening**
2. **Minutes of 30th ECIS Conference:** <http://www.ecis-web.eu/ECIS16-Minutes.pdf>
3. **ECIS Conferences** (presentations):
 - a. ECIS 2017 Madrid (3–8 September): Account of the organization.
 - b. European Student Colloid Conference (Florence, 19–22 June 2017): Account of the organization.
 - c. ECIS 2018 Ljubljana (2–7 September): Short description by a representative of the Organizing Committee.
 - d. Future ECIS Conferences: Proposals and decision on ECIS 2019.
 - e. Proposals and decision for the next European Student Colloid Conference in 2019.
4. **Elections of ECIS Vice President**
5. **Awards**
6. **Financial Report**
7. **Overbeek Foundation**
8. **AOB**
9. **Close**

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MINUTES

1. **Opening:** Piotr Warszynski (PW), the President of ECIS, acts as the chairman and opens the meeting. He thanks the Organizing Committee for the excellent organization and the very successful conference. He presents the Agenda of the meeting, which has been dispatched to the participants in advance.
2. **Minutes:** The ECIS General Assembly (GA) unanimously accepts the minutes of the last GA in Rome, Italy, 2016.
3. **ECIS Annual Conferences:**
 - a. **31st ECIS, Madrid, Spain, 3–8 September 2017:** The Conference Chair, Prof. Enrique Lopez-Cabarcos, University Complutense of Madrid (UCM), Spain, describes a detailed account of the organization. A total number of 531 persons from 48 countries attended the conference, including 86 from Germany, 83 from Spain, 71 from France, 38 from Poland, etc. The conference was supported by 20 sponsors. The total incomes from the participation fees plus additional incomes from supports delivered by sponsors have been sufficient to cover all conference expenses. The training course “Design of colloidal materials for medical applications” took place in the Faculty of Pharmacy, UCM, on the 1st and 2nd of September 2017, and the 30 places offered in the course were covered by students coming from eight countries. The 31st ECIS conference included 8 plenary lectures, among them the Overbeek 2017 gold medal and the ECIS-Solvay prize lectures; 36 keynote lectures; 180 oral presentations and 335 posters. Conference participants are invited to submit their ECIS contributions to the special issues of [Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochemical and Engineering Aspects](#) (Impact Factor 2.714) and [Polymers](#) (Impact Factor 3.364); submission deadline – 28 February 2018.
 - b. **16th European Student Colloid Conference, Florence, Italy, 19–22 June 2017:** Brian Vincent presents report of the organization. 123 students attended the meeting, from 26 countries, including 5 countries from outside Europe. The European countries sending the most students were: 23 from Italy; 17 from the UK; 15 from Germany; 9 from France and 8 from Russia. There were 50 lectures and 71 poster presentations by students. In addition, there were 7 overview-style lectures by senior academics, including the lecture by Chiara Neto from the University of Sydney, Australia. For more details – see the [Report posted at the ECIS website](#).
 - c. **32nd ECIS, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 2–7 September 2018:** Marija Bester-Rogac (Faculty of Chemistry & Chemical Technology, University of Ljubljana) presents details on the organization. The conference venue will be the Conference Centre in Grand Hotel “Union”: large hall with 800 seats plus two smaller halls with 300 seats each. The hotel prices will be in the range 70–165 EUR/night; hostels of price 15–50 EUR/night will be also available. Rooms for accommodation are booked also in [InterContinental Hotel](#), Ljubljana. The conference fee will be about 510 EUR. Details can be found at the

[ECIS-2018 website](#). Jacob Klein recommends the ECIS members to attend the conference in Ljubljana, where he has given lectures and has been very positively impressed. Regine v. Klitzing suggests skipping the last lunch in order to reduce the conference fee. Ger Koper suggests reducing the price of the conference dinner by absorbing a part of this price in the conference fee. Tomas Zemb suggest reducing the parallel sessions to two, except those organized with independent funding, such as from COST actions. Piotr Warszynski notes that the society has grown with the years, so that more than two parallel sessions might be necessary. Enrique Lopez-Cabarcos notes that with restrictions on the number of parallel sessions, he would be never able to attract over 500 participants at the ECIS conference in Madrid.

- d. **33rd ECIS Conference in 2019**. Erin Koos, supported by Hugo Demeyere, proposes ECIS 2019 to take place in KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium. The plenary lectures will take place in a lecture room with 814 seats. Smaller lecture rooms appropriate for parallel sessions are available close by. The conference fee at early registration will be 550 EUR for ECIS members and 350 EUR for students-members. Because the lecture rooms are occupied during the first week of September, she proposed ECIS-2019 to be held between 8th and 13th September 2019. The conference will be preceded by a Short Course on Microfluidics and Surface Rheology (5–6 September) and followed by a Rheological School (16–20 September). By open vote, the GA unanimously decides the 33rd ECIS conference to take place in KU Leuven, Belgium, 8–13 September 2019.
- e. **17th European Student Colloid Conference in 2019**: Peter Kralchevsky presents the bid of the Sofia University, Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy, to organize the 17th Student Conference in Varna, Bulgaria. The conference venue will be in “Cherno More” Hotel in Varna, near the Black Sea coast, with a hall for 230 people and other halls for posters and receptions. Student organizing committee was formed with Chair [Mihail Georgiev](#) and Secretary [Veronika Ivanova](#). The conference fee and hotel room prices are expected to be lower than that those for the 16th ESC in Florence. The 17th ESC in Varna will be followed by the 8th Bubbles & Drops Conference in Sofia, 24–28 June 2019. By open vote, the GA unanimously decides the 17th ESC to take place in Varna, Bulgaria, 18–22 June 2019.
- f. **34th ECIS Conference in 2020**. Piotr Warszynski presents the bid from Aristotelis Xenakis, National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, Greece, to organize the 34th ECIS conference in Athens, 6–11 September 2020. Information for two hotels appropriate for conference venues is presented. The conference will be preceded by a training course. Further information will be presented at ECIS-2018 in Ljubljana, where the decision for ECIS-2020 will be taken.

4. Election of new Vice President of ECIS: Piotr Warszynski (PW) reminds that one candidate, Dganit Danino (Technion, Haifa, Israel) has been nominated before the deadline, 31 May 2017. He explains the procedure of the secret vote. Tommy Nylander (Lund,

Sweden) presents the candidate Dganit Danino. The ECIS members vote. The votes are counted by Elena Mileva, present ECIS Vice President, and Pierandrea Lo Nostro, ECIS Webmaster. PW announces the results of the vote: Total: 72 votes; 66 votes “YES”, 2 votes “NO” and 4 abstentions. With this vote, Dganit Danino is elected for new ECIS Vice President.

5. Awards:

- a. Piotr Warszynski informed about awards at 31st ECIS Conference those number increased since previous year.
- b. Peter Kralchevsky proposes Lifetime ECIS Membership to be awarded to Helmuth Möhwald, Max Planck Institute of Colloids and Interfaces, Potsdam/Golm, Germany, for his great contributions to the society. By open vote, the GA unanimously decides ECIS Lifetime Membership to be given to Helmuth Möhwald.
- c. Debora Berti describes problems with the participation of European and Australian young researchers, who have been awarded a trip to Australia and Europe, respectively, to take part in the ACIS/ECIS conferences. The problem is related to the fact that the ACIS student conferences are held in February of the even years, whereas the ECIS student conferences are held in June of the odd years. After a discussion, the situation is left as it is now.

6. Financial Report. The ECIS Treasurer, Andreas Fery, presents the Financial Report of ECIS:

Budget 7.9.2016 – 7.9.2017

Girokonto (Checking account): started with 8.435,34 € and ends with 8.958,65 €

Zuwachssparen (Savings account): started with 40.250,68 € and ends with 40.572,70 €

In addition, 11.840 € will be received from ECIS-2016.

On the checking account, the following transactions were taken:

Beleg-No.	Datum		In (€)	Out (€)
	23.08.2016		8.435,34	
1	29.09.2016	Ferroni Award H. Jiang		535,00
2	11.10.2016	Langmuir Award S. Lazzari		315,00
3	11.10.2016	Solvay Prize S. Magdassi		3015,00
4	11.01.2016	Poster Prize I. Copperstein		265,00
5	11.10.2016	Poster Prize T. O’Neil		250,00
6	11.10.2016	Lecture Prize M.C. Di Gregorio		300,00
7	11.10.2016	Poster Prize Z. Xing		250,00

8	11.10.2016	Poster Prize P. Yazhgur		250,00
9	11.10.2016	Poster Prize J. Crassous		250,00
10	11.10.2016	Lecture Prize K. Roger		300,00
11	18.10.2016	Poster Prize C. Fasolato		250,00
12	08.12.2016	Membership fee Justin Zoppe	25,00	
13	03.02.2017	Baudouin Foundation 2016	3000,00	
14	09.03.2017	European Student Colloid Conference 2017		3035,00
15	22.05.2017	Notarkosten		86,69
16	12.06.2017	Enzo Ferroni Donation	500,00	
17	07.07.2017	Elsevier	3000,00	
18	21.07.2017	4 Membership fees	100,00	
19	08.08.2017	Baudoin Foundation 2017	3000,00	
	08.08.2017	Saldo	8.958,65	

Luciano Galantini confirms that the transfer from ECIS-2016 has been carried out recently. The budget has been checked by Prof. Thomas Hellweg, Bielefeld, Germany, who confirms that the finances are correct. The Financial Report is accepted by the GA unanimously, by an open vote.

7. Overbeek Foundation

No new information.

8. AOB

Ger Koper announces that a new proposal for European COST (Cooperation in Science and Technology) Action, entitled “Interfacial science and technology for encapsulation”, has been just submitted. The ECIS members are invited to join the new COST Action, if the proposal is approved.

Alexander K. Shchekin (Saint Petersburg State University, Russia) presents information about the forthcoming 5th International Conference on Colloid Chemistry and Physicochemical Mechanics, Saint Petersburg, 10–14 September 2018.

9. Closing:

PW thanks again the Local Organizers and closes the meeting at 18:06.

Peter Kralchevsky
ECIS Secretary

Piotr Warszynski
Chair of the ECIS General Assembly

Madrid, 7th September 2017