

European Federation of Chemical Engineering Working Party on Crystallization

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Minutes

of the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Working Party on Crystallization (WPC) held on 16 March, 2008 at the Congress Centre in Maastricht, The Netherlands.

Delegates present:

B. Biscans	France
A. Chianese	Italy
P. Daudey	The Netherlands
B. Glennon	Ireland
J. Gómes-Morales	Spain
M. Hounslow	United Kingdom
P. Jansens	The Netherlands
M. Mazzotti	Switzerland
F. Paroli	Italy
A. Rasmuson	Sweden
M. Rauls	Germany
R. Spruijtenburg	Switzerland
M. Stepanski	Switzerland
P. Synowiec	Poland
J. Ulrich	Germany

Delegates absent and apologies:

Z. Bubnik (apologies)	Czech Republic
P. Carvin (apologies)	France
E. Korin	Israel
P. Koutsoukos (apologies)	Greece
B. Lakatos	Hungary
I. Melikhov	Russia
S. Myasnikov	Russia

Permanent guests present:

M. Guilietti	Brazil
K.-K. Kim	Korea
A. Bulutçu	Turkey
R. Geertman	The Netherlands
L. Lafferrère	France
P. Vonk	The Netherlands

Permanent Guests absent and apologies:

R. Guardani

The outgoing chairman, Joachim Ulrich, opened the meeting and welcomed all present. Christian Lindenberg from ETH Zurich was welcomed as a guest of the meeting, in his capacity as a member of the organising committee for ISIC 18.

Herman Kramer from TU delft was invited as a proposed future member of the WPC.

1. Minutes of last WPC meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the Working Party held on 22 March, 2007 in University College Dublin, Ireland, were approved.

2. Election of new WPC Chairman and Secretary.

The 2nd and last term of the present chairman and secretary comes to an end. At the last WPC meeting in Dublin, Joachim Ulrich proposed Béatrice Biscans as the next Chairman of the Working Party and several delegates supported the proposal. A formal approval was given at this meeting unanimously by the delegates. Brian Glennon was selected by the meeting as the Secretary to replace Robert Spruijtenburg.

The meeting noted the excellent service and leadership provided by the outgoing Chairman and Secretary since they took over the roles in 2001 and warmly thanked them for their work. The meeting expressed the hope that they would continue to play a role in the activities of the Working Party. J. Ulrich will continue as the academic delegate from Germany. R. Spruijtenburg will remain as a permanent guest of the WPC.

3. Nomination of new delegates.

Manfred Stepanski from Sulzer was accepted as the new industrial delegate from Switzerland to replace R. Spruijtenburg.

Herman Kramer from TU Delft was announced as the new academic delegate from The Netherlands to replace Peter Jansens (the decision will be subject to the confirmation by the Dutch Chem Eng Society).

Pieter Vonk from DSM in The Netherlands was welcomed as a permanent guest of the WPC.

Subject to final confirmation by the IChemE, Sean Birmingham will become the industrial delegate from the United Kingdom.

An industrial delegate is expected to be nominated by Ireland in the next few weeks.

4. European Projects in Crystallization. Angelo Chianese reported that there were few opportunities for crystallization projects in the latest Framework Programme. However, there were possibilities for work with nanoparticles.

B. Biscans requested that the meeting consider the Marie Curie Programme as a basis for Working Party collaboration. A small subgroup, comprising of Angelo Chianese, Ake Rasmuson, Herman Kramer and Joachim Ulrich, was asked to prepare a proposal for the next Working Party meeting. Members of the Working Party would be circulated for their views on possible input before the end of the year.

Eutectic freeze crystallization was identified by Matthias Rauls as a possible topic for research collaboration. Members were asked for their views.

5. Further Activities of the WPC. Members will be contacted soon to confirm their details for the website.

Peter Jansens confirmed that a special issue of ChERD would be published with selected papers from ISIC 17, while a special issue of Crystal Growth & Design would be published with papers from the CGOM workshop. The ChERD issue would be edited by Peter Jansens, Joachim Ulrich and Mark Roelands. Gérard Coquerel and Kevin Roberts will edit the Crys. Grow. Des. issue. It is anticipated that approximately 15 papers will be published in the special ISIC issue. Additional papers accepted for publication, but not included in the special issue, will be published in ChERD in regular issues.

A deadline of mid December for receipt of manuscripts for review, with a publication date in the second half of 2009, was agreed.

6. Homepage of WPC. Robert Spruijtenburg handed over the current content of the Working Party website to Brian Glennon. The chairman will discuss with EFCE the possibility of EFCE hosting the website in the future.

7. Next WPC meeting. It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the WPC in ETH Zurich on 24-25 March, 2009. This will facilitate a review of the ISIC18 arrangements.

8. Update on ISIC 18. Marco Mazzotti presented an update of the ISIC 18 preparations. The website is under development, and the venue has been booked. The proposed dates are 13-16 September, 2011, with the meeting starting on the morning of Wednesday 14 September.

The conference will be held in the main ETH building which has lecture rooms and sufficient space for circulation, posters and exhibitions. The local organising committee has been established to progress the arrangements. A proposal to hold teaching workshops on Tuesday 13 September was presented. This and other details will be discussed at the next WPC meeting in Zurich.

9. Update on ISIC 19. Jaime Gómes-Morales indicated that Spain would be interested in hosting the meeting in Granada. A. Nusret Bulutçu reaffirmed the interest in hosting the meeting in Istanbul, while Piotr Synowiec indicated that Poland would like to propose Krakow as a location for the conference.

Expressions of interest to host ISIC 19 were requested for consideration at the next WPC meeting.

10. Any other business. In the absence of any other business the meeting was closed.

Next meeting: ETH Zurich on 24-25 March, 2009

B. Glennon (reviewed by B. Biscans)