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## Minutes of the ECA Council, Florence, 2005

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in Florence on 25 and 28 August 2005, during the XX Congress of the International Union of Crystallography.

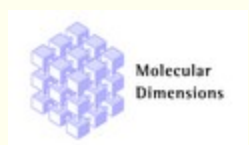
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Those present: day(s) present

Member-Countries, Councillors or Proxies :

[] = not present p: = proxy

Dz Algeria	[Achoura Guehria Laidoudi] p:Fadhila Balegroune	_25_28
At Austria:	[Ekkehart Tillmanns] p:Herta Silvia Effenberger	_25_28
Be Belgium	Luc van Meervelt	_25_28
Hr Croatia	[Boris Kamenar] p: Stanko Popovic	_25_28
Cz Czech+Slovakia	Jindrich Hasek	_25_28
Dk Denmark	[Robert Feidenhans'l] p: Sine Larsen	_25_
Eg Egypt	Mostafa M. Radwan	_
Fi Finland	Keijo Hämäläinen	_25_28
Fr France	Jean Louis Hodeau	_25_28
De Germany	Wolfgang Neumann	_25_28
Gr Greece	Irene Mavridis	_25_28
Hu Hungary	Alajos Kalman	_25_28
Il Israel	[Joel Bernstein] p: Noam Adir	_25_28
It Italy	[Paola Paoli] p: Roberta Oberti	_25_28
Ma Morocco	Abdelmalek Thalal	_25_28





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Nl Netherlands	Sybolt Harkema	_25_28
No Norway	Carl Henrik Gorbitz	_25__
Pl Poland	Adam Pietraszko	_25_28
Pt Portugal	[Ana Margarida Damas] p: Margarida Archer	_25_28
Su Russia	[Svetlana Zheludeva] p: Irina Makarova	_25_28
Yu Serbia	[Slobodanka Stankovic] p: Goran Bogdanovic	__28
Si Slovenia	[Ivan Leban]	_25__
Za South Africa	Susan Bourne	_25_28
Es Spain	[Enrique Gutierrez-Puebla] p : Santiago Garcia-Granda	_25_28
Se Sweden	[Sven Lidin] p: Anders Liljas	_25_28
Ch Switzerland	Helen Stoeckli-Evans	_25_28
Tn Tunisia	Mongi Debbabi	_25_28
Tr Turkey	Yalcin Elerman	_25_28
Uk United Kingdom	[Christine Cardin] p: Georgina Rosair	_25_28
Ua Ukraine	Roman Gladyshevskii	_25_28
Elected	Giovanni Ferraris	_25_28
Elected	Elsbeth Garman	_25_28
Elected	Hans Grimmer	_25_28
Elected	Carlo Mealli	__
Elected	Paola Spadon	_25_28
	Quorum count: Total	32 29
Observers:		
IUCr	Davide Viterbo	_25_28
Armenia	Hakob Bezirganyan	_25_28
SIG's representatives:		
SIG.1	Anders Liljas	_25_28
SIG.2	Ullrich Pietsch	_25__
SIG.4	Ute Kolb	_25__
SIG.5	Herta Silvia Effenberger	_25_28
SIG.6	Naomi Chayen	__28
SIG.7	Roland Boese & Paola Gilli	_25__
SIG.8	Robert Cernik	_25__
	Jordi Rius	__28
SIG.11	Alain Polian	_25_28
SIG.12	Mike Glazer	_25__
SIG.13	Chick C. Wilson	_25_28
ECM's representatives:		
ECM-22	Alajos Kalman	_25_28
	Petra Bombicz	_25_28



ECM-23	Luc van Meervelt & Harry Reynaers	_25_28
ECM-24	Abdelmalek Thalal Abdelkader Mokhlisse	_25_28  _25_28
Executive Committee (EC):		
President	Hartmut Fuess	_25_28
Vice-President	Mariusz Jaskolski	_25_28
Past-President	Claude Lecomte	_25_28
Secretary	Giuseppe Filippini	_25_28
Treasurer	Teresa Duarte	_25_28
Members	Anders Liljas Andreas Roodt Chick C. Wilson	_25_28  _25_28  _25_28
ECANEWS webmaster	Massimo Nespolo	_25_28
Also present:	Engin Kendi (future ECM's) Radomir Kuzel Gill Moore & Douglas Moore (future ECM's) Frank van Meurs Atila Yücel (future ECM's)	_25_28  _25_28  _25_28  _25_28  _25_28  _25_28

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The proposed agenda and most of the reports have been distributed by e-mail circulars (**April 1**: Preliminary notice; **June 16**: Agenda, SIG-2, -3, -4, -5, -6, -8, -9 reports; **July 13**: President's and Secretary's report, SIG-1, -12, -13 reports and Proposals for ECM25 & 26; **August 9**: SIG-7, -10, -11 report).

Distributed on August 28: Treasurer's report.

Professor Hartmut Fuess, the ECA President, was in the chair.

#### **First session: 25 August.**

- Opening

##### 1.1 Welcome to Council and Guests

The Chairman welcomed the Councillors, the observers and the guests.

##### 1.2 Application for membership

The Secretary informed the Councillors that application from Tunisia has been submitted according to our Statutes and By-Laws. The Chairman asked for approval. *The Council unanimously approved with cheers.*

Professor Mongi Debbabi was asked to take the seat as member of the Council. He expressed his thanks for the warm welcome and reported briefly on the situation of Crystallography in Tunisia.

The President introduced the observer from Armenia and invited him to say a few words. Dr Bezirganyan reported briefly on the situation of crystallography in his Country and thanked the EC and the Council for the opportunity of attending the meeting.

Contacts with potential members of the ECA have been planned, with the presence of members of the EC at the national meetings.

- News and information from the Executive Committee.
- 1.3.1 ECANEWS
- The President thanked the webmaster, Professor Massimo Nespolo, for his dedicated contribution in improving the site, and the Vice-President and the Secretary for *ad hoc* amendments. Professor Nespolo stressed that every Country should have a responsible liaison in order to speed up the flow of information. As a start the Councillors themselves will act in this office. Links with the National and SIGs' websites will be implemented.
- Former e-mail decisions

No decisions were taken by e-mail between the Council in Budapest and the present one in Firenze.

3. Annual Reports by the Executive Committee (Aug. 2004 - 31 Dec. 2004) and preliminary progress reports (up to Aug. 2005)

#### 3.1 Report by the President

Professor Fuess made a brief report on the main activities of the Executive Committee (EC) after the ECM-22 in Budapest.

Membership - The members of the EC used their personal relations to establish or re-establish contacts with countries in Central and Eastern Europe and in Northern Africa. They were partly successful. Initiatives are under way to consolidate the presence in Africa through a Magreb network for schools and workshops. A similar approach is sought for the Baltic Countries.

Finances - The questions of collecting money from Individual Members has not yet been solved: later some proposals will be put forward. Progress has, however, been made to obtain the contributions from National Members and Corporate Affiliate members.

IUCr-Newsletter - ECA has arranged to have a contribution in the IUCr-Newsletter. The first has been prepared by Professor Jaskolski, on the ECM-22 and the relationship with the former SU-Countries, (vol. 12-4) – complemented by a report by the local organizers, Professor Kalman and Dr Bombicz (vol. 13.1). A second one is under preparation by Professor Roodt on the development of crystallography in Africa following the ECM-21 in Durban. The National members are kindly invited to submit contributions on national meetings and schools.

SIGs - Most of the special interest groups (SIG's) worked well. Their representation in the Program Committee of ECMs has to be reconsidered. Relations with the powder community (EPDIC) has been strengthened on the occasion of the EPDIC meeting in Praha. It has been decided to appoint representatives on each other EC. The Council will be asked to vote on a possible joint meeting in 2010.

Incorporation – The President reported the enquires made by him and the Secretary to find a long-lasting solution for the incorporation of ECA. At present, the ECA is incorporated in Nijmegen at the local Chamber of Commerce with a registered Statute in Dutch. It seems not feasible, with our limited budget, to foresee a solution as it is for IUCr, which has been incorporated in Geneva. The European Community does not seem able to cope with the legal aspects of the European Associations. Dr Harkema will report, later in the year, about the present status of the

incorporation.

### 3.2 Report by the Secretary

Dr Filippini thanked the Councillors for many fruitful contacts and point-ed out some aspects (see report) which may be overcome only with their help. The more the Association is growing, the more the Secretary needs the help of every-body to keep the pace with the dissemination of the information.

### 3.3 Report(s) by the Treasurer

Due to the Treasurer's late arrival, at the President's request, the Council agreed to postpone this item to the 2nd session of the Council meeting.

## 4. Approval by the Council of the submitted accounts (re 3.3)

### 4.1 Auditors for 2005

At the President's request, the Council agreed to postpone this item to the second session of the Council meeting.

## 5. Reports regarding SIG's

### 5.1 SIG.1 Macromolecular Crystallography

The report has been e-mailed. No comments were put forward by the Councillors.

### 5.2 SIG.2 Charge, Spin & Momentum Density

The report has been e-mailed. No comments were put forward by the Councillors.

### 5.3 SIG.3 Aperiodic Crystallography

The report has been e-mailed. No comments were put forward by the Councillors.

### 5.4 SIG.4 Electron Crystallography

The report has been e-mailed. No comments were put forward by the Councillors.

#### 5.5 SIG.5 Mineralogical Crystallography

The report has been e-mailed. No comments were put forward by the Councillors.

#### 5.6 SIG.6 Instrumentation and Experimental Techniques (IET)

The report has been e-mailed. No comments were put forward by the Councillors.

#### 5.7 SIG.7 Molecular Interaction and Recognition (MIR)

The report has been e-mailed. No comments were put forward by the Councillors.

#### 5.8 SIG.8 Powder Diffraction ( SIGPD )

The report has been e-mailed. No comments were put forward by the Councillors.

Dr Cernik, Vice Chairman of the EPDIC Committee and officer of SIG-8, reported that the EPDIC Committee has expressed a vote in favour of a joint meeting with ECA which could be held only in 2010, either in France or in Germany.

#### 5.9 SIG.9 Crystallographic Computing ( CCSIG )

The report has been e-mailed. No comments were put forward by the Councillors.

#### 5.10 SIG.10 Diffraction physics and optics

The report has been e-mailed. No comments were put forward by the Councillors.

#### 5.11 SIG.11 Extreme Conditions.

The report has been e-mailed. No comments were put forward by the Councillors.

#### 5.12 SIG.12 Material Science.

The report has been e-mailed. No comments were put forward by the Councillors.

### 5.13 SIG.13 Molecular Structures and Chemical Properties

The report has been e-mailed. No comments were put forward by the Councillors.

#### 5.x Further developments re SIG's

The Secretary informed the Council on the decision taken by the EC to send to the SIG's officers a questionnaire asking for names and address of the officers, membership and main activities.

### **Second session: 28 August.**

#### 3.3 Report(s) by the Treasurer

Professor Duarte reported on the budget. Sending on time annual invoices to the Councillors improved the payments. A few Countries haven't yet paid the national fees and the Councillors were invited to take the necessary steps to solve the situation. President, Vice-President and Secretary will make the necessary steps.

The situation of the budget is fine, and will even improve if the ECM's organizers will continue to give some money to the ECA, as it has been done so far by the organizers of Nancy and Budapest ECM's.

The President reported the EC decision of asking Dr Kuzel to take care of the IM's fees and to look for a National collector. A five-year fee (€ 50) has been also decided in order to simplify the procedures and save money.

One of the auditors, Professor Garcia-Granda, read the report with approval.

*The Councillors approved the audited accounts for 2004.*

#### 4. Approval by the Council of the submitted accounts (re 3.3)

##### 4.1 Auditors for 2005

The Councillors, deciding to continue with the internal auditing, confirmed Professors Maria Armenia Carrondo and Santiago Garcia-Granda as auditors for the year 2005.



## 6. Reports regarding ECM's

### 6.0 Relationship between ECA and the ECM's

It seems to the Council that the relationships between the ECA and the ECM work properly: the presence of two members of the Executive Committee ensure both the scientific level and the continuity.

### 6.1 ECM-22 (2004) Budapest, final report

Dr Bombicz gave a detailed report.

16 Keynote Lectures, 40 Microsymposia, with a total of 203 oral presentations, two Posters sessions, each lasting two days, with about 400 abstracts.

Registration and abstract submission were fully electronic. The internet corner consisted of 22 computers. One satellite (Mathematical and Symmetry Aspects) was held before the ECM. The exhibition attracted 30 firms for 4.5 days. Bursaries totalling 10000 € were awarded to some 95 participants.

The registered participants were more than 600, of which 150 students, plus 60 accompanying members.

The Council expressed its appreciation.

### 6.2 ECM-23 (2006) Leuven

Professor Van Meervelt gave more details on [ECM-23 \(2006\) in Leuven](#), following a meeting of the Program Committee held on the previous day.

The meeting will take place from Sunday 6 evening to Friday 11 August. From 4 to 6 a [Satellite on "Mathematical Crystallography"](#) will be held:

The format follows that of previous ECMs, opening and welcome on 6<sup>th</sup> and from 7 to 10: in the morning 2 parallel KN + 5 parallel MS, the same (but reversed) in the afternoon + poster session.

Conference dinner on 10<sup>th</sup>, excursion on 11<sup>th</sup>: both included in the registration (ordinary 370€, IM ECA 350€, student

220€, accompanying 120€ for early reg.).

Submission on line of the abstracts: December 1<sup>st</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Accommodation: hotels \* - 4\*: 60-175€, student packet: 200€.

The website is at [www.ecm23.be](http://www.ecm23.be).

### 6.3 ECM-24 (2007) Marrakech

Professors Mokhlisse and Thalal gave details on the site and fees of ECM-24 in Marrakech. The meeting will take place from 22 to 27 August, 2007 at the Palais des Congrès, with opening and welcome on the 22<sup>nd</sup> evening, four full days for KN, MS, PS and exhibitors, and excursion on 27<sup>th</sup>. Conference dinner (26<sup>th</sup>) and excursion included in the registration (ordinary 370€, IM ECA 350€, student 350€ packet -registration + BB for 7 nights- , accompanying 120€ before March 31<sup>st</sup> 2007).

The **new** website is at [www.ecm24.org](http://www.ecm24.org).

Dr Rosair stressed the importance for young ladies to be accompanied from their hotels to the congress site and vv. Professor Thalal replied that this has already been considered by the Organizing Committee with the provision of shuttle buses. This will be explicitly mentioned in the ECM-24 website.

### 7. ECM-25 and 26 (2009-2010)

Following the Council decision at the Budapest meeting, the Secretary has asked the Councillors for a written letter of invitation on June 8 2005. Invitations were received from Darmstadt, Edinburgh and Istanbul. ***Detailed proposals were circulated on July 7 by the Secretary.***

The EC proposes that the Council decide first on whether to hold a joint meeting with EPDIC in 2010 in Darmstadt or not, and, in case of an affirmative decision, the second vote would be between Edinburgh and Istanbul for 2009.

*The Council unanimously decided for holding ECM26 in*

*2010 jointly with EPDIC in Darmstadt.*

Professor Fuess illustrated the proposal. The meeting would take place at the end of August at the Darmstadium, the Congress Centre under construction, to be completed in 2007. The format could be a 3-day EPDIC meeting, followed by a 4-day ECA meeting (or vice-versa) with one-day overlap. This would allow the exhibitors to stay only for four days, overlapping most of the events. The registration fees will be reduced in case of double attendance.

Subsequently, the word was given to Professor Wilson and Ms Moore for Edinburgh, and to Professors Kendi and Yücel for Istanbul. Both gave a detailed description of the reasons for holding the meeting at their sites.

After the Councillors' comments and requests for explanations, a secret ballot was held, by which the *Council choice was in favour of holding ECM25 in 2009 in Istanbul.*

#### 8. The ECA : what to do - where to go

Discussion regarding rules and future proceedings

Operational guidelines for supporting European workshops, schools and conferences on crystallography by ECA

Professor Jaskolski read the prepared guidelines, which have been approved by the Council with minor amendments and are enclosed with the minutes.

#### 9. Any other business

The IUCr observer, Professor Viterbo, proposed a few items on which collaboration between IUCr and ECA may result in mutual benefit:

- The World Directory of Crystallography (WDC): the listed names dropped from almost 10000 to some 6000: the Union ask both support and advice to improve the situation,
- IUCr Newsletter: more news on national meetings and school are welcome,
- Basic schools are needed more than in previous years because many are "doing" crystallography without any expertise,
- Crystallographic nomenclature: the Union intends to

distribute a dictionary of crystallographic terms and there is a need for advice in the translation.

The Secretary, being the Regional Editor for the WDC, pointed out that the problem had been put to the attention of the responsible persons with comments and suggestions without too much listening: disruption of the frame represented by the National Editors has produced complete disappearance of many Countries.

The President thanked all the participants for the useful discussion.

10. Close

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