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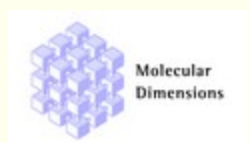
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Minutes of the ECA Council, Budapest, 2004

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in Budapest on 27 and 29 August 2004, during the 22nd European Crystallographic Meeting.

	Member-Countries	Councillors or Proxies [] = not present p: = proxy	day(s) present	
Dz	Algeria	Achoura Guehria Laidoudi	27	29
At	Austria	[Ekkehart Tillmanns] p:Herta Silvia Effenberger	27	29
Be	Belgium	Luc van Meervelt	27	29
Hr	Croatia	Boris Kamenar & Stanko Popovic	27	29
Cz	Czech+Slovakia	Jindrich Hasek	27	29
Dk	Denmark	[Robert Feidenhans'l] p: Sine Larsen	27	29
Eg	Egypt	Mostafa M. Radwan	27	29
Fi	Finland	Pekka Suortti & Merja Blomberg	27	29
Fr	France	Jean Louis Hodeau	27	29
De	Germany	Wolfgang Neumann	----	29
		p: Wulf Depmeier	27	----
Gr	Greece	[Irene Mavridis] p: Nikos Pinotsis	27	29
Hu	Hungary:	Alajos Kalman	27	29





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Il	Israel:	Joel Bernstein	----	29
It	Italy:	Paola Paoli	27	29
Ma	Morocco:	Abdelmalek Thalal	----	----
Nl	Netherlands:	[Sybolt Harkema] p: Ton Spek	----	----
No	Norway:	Carl Henrik Gorbitz	27	29
Pl	Poland:	Adam Pietraszko & Marek Glówka	27	29
Pt	Portugal:	[Ana Margarida Damas] Teresa Duarte	27	29
Su	Russia:	Svetlana Zheludeva	27	29
Yu	Serbia:	[Slobodanka Stankovic]	----	----
Si	Slovenia:	[Ivan Leban]	----	----
Za	South Africa:	Susan Bourne	27	29
Es	Spain:	Xavier Solans	27	29
Se	Sweden:	[Sven Lidin] p: Anders Liljas	27	29
Ch	Switzerland:	[Helen Stoeckli- Evans] p: Radovan Cerny	27	29
Tr	Turkey:	Yalcin Elerman & Engin Kendi	27	29
Uk	United Kingdom:	Christine Cardin	27	29
Ua	Ukraine:	Roman Gladyshevskii	27	29
Elected:		Giovanni Ferraris	27	29
Elected:		[Elspeth Garman] p: Jane Endicott	27	----
		P: Colin Nave	----	29
Elected:		Hans Grimmer	27	29
Elected:		Carlo Mealli	27	29
Elected:		Paola Spadon	27	29
		Quorum count:	29	30
		Total:		
Observers:				
IUCr:	Davide Viterbo	27	29	
Belarus:	Alexander Lyakhov	27	29	
Bulgaria:	Stanislav Ferdov	----	29	
Moldova:	Yurii Simonov	27	29	



Tunisia: Mongi Debbabi 27 29

SIG's representatives:

SIG.1	Anders Liljas	27 29
SIG.2	Heinz Graafsma	27 ----
SIG.3	Vaclav Petricek	27 29
SIG.4	Ute Kolb	---- 29
SIG.5	Herta Silvia Effenberger	27 ----
SIG.6	John Helliwell	---- 29
SIG.7	Paola Gilli	27 ----
SIG.9	Ton Spek	---- ----
SIG.10	Mikail V. Kovalchuk	27 29
SIG.11	Alain Polian	---- 29
SIG.12	Pamela Thomas	27 29
SIG.13	Chick C. Wilson	27 29

ECM's representatives:

ECM-21	Andreas Roodt	27 29
ECM-22	Alajos Kalman	27 29
	Petra Bombicz	27 29
	Laszlo Fabian	27 29
ECM-23	Luc van Meervelt	27 29
	Harry Reynaers	27 29

Executive Committee (EC):

President:	Hartmut Fuess	27 29
Vice-President:	Mariusz Jaskolski	27 29
Past-President:	Claude Lecomte	27 ----
Secretary:	Giuseppe Filippini	27 29
Treasurer:	Teresa Duarte	27 29
Members:	Anders Liljas	27 29
	Andreas Roodt	27 29
	Chick C. Wilson	27 29

ECANEWS webmaster: Massimo Nespolo 27 29

Also present:

Bill Duax	27 29
Rached Ben Hassen	---- 29
Santiago Garcia-Granda	27 ----

Enrique Gutierrez-Puebla 27 ----

Frank van Meurs ---- 29

The proposed agenda, some reports, and additional information have been distributed by e-mail circulars (April 23: Agenda; June 1: SIG-3, -5, -6, -8, -9 reports; July 27: SIG-2, -10 reports; August 6: SIG-12 report). Enclosed with these minutes: Treasurer's, SIG-1, -4, -7, -11 reports.

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

=== First session: 27 August ===

1. Opening

1.1 Welcome to Council and Guests

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

He reminded the Councillors the sudden death of Professor Jacek Grochowski, the Vice-Chair of SIG-6 and one of the organizers of ECM20 in Krakow. The Council joined in a moment of silence.

1.2 Application for membership

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

Professor Mrs. Achoura Guehria Laidoudi was asked to take the seat as member of the Council. She expressed her thanks for the warm welcome, reported briefly on the

Algerian Crystallographic Association and announced the next Algerian Crystallographic meeting in Constantine (2005).

The President introduced the observers and invited them to say a few words on the situation of crystallography in their Country. Drs Lyakhov (Belarus), Simonov (Moldova) and Prof Debbabi (Tunisia) reported briefly and thanked the EC and the Council for the opportunity of attending the ECM-22. Further contacts have been planned, with the presence of members of the EC at the national meetings.

Professor Gladishevskii expressed his appreciation for the efforts made by the EC to encourage Ukraine to return into the ECA.

1.3 News and information from the Executive Committee.

1.3.1 Max Perutz ECA Prize

The President informed the Council that the Executive Committee decided to give the ECA Prize the name of Max Perutz. Perutz was born 1914 in Austria. He went to Cambridge in 1936 being fascinated by biochemistry and started to work with Bernal at the Cavendish on haemoglobin. In 1939 he became assistant of Sir Lawrence Bragg supported by different grants. After many years of hard work he was successful by introducing the isomorphous replacement method in the early fifties. Finally the structure of haemoglobin has been solved and Perutz became a Nobel laureate in 1962. His scientific perseverance, his pioneering work in one of the leading fields of crystallography and his personal life makes him an ideal patron for the prize of our association.

Professor Liljas, chair of the selection Committee, reported briefly on the procedures.

The European Crystallographic Association has awarded the Max Perutz Prize to Professor George Sheldrick of the University of Göttingen Germany. Professor Sheldrick is

being recognised "for seminal contributions to the development of direct methods and for converting the theory into straightforward procedures for solving small and large crystal structures".

1.3.2 ECANEWS

The President thanked [Prof. Davide M. Proserpio](#), the former webmaster, for his dedicated contribution in maintaining the site and introduced the new one, [Prof. Massimo Nespolo](#). It has been 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.

2. Former e-mail decisions

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

3. Annual Reports by the Executive Committee (Aug. 2003 - 31 Dec. 2003) and preliminary progress reports (up to Aug. 2004)

3.1 Report by the President

Professor Fuess made a brief report on the main activities of the Executive Committee (EC) after the ECM-21 in Durban.

The EC met in Darmstadt on February 7/8, 2003. In between the meetings the members corresponded by e-mail.

The Executive Committee has decided to spend some money for the support of young scientists to attend International Meetings of Crystallography. Applications have to be addressed to the Vice-president.

Membership - The members of the EC used their personal relations to establish or reestablish contacts with countries in Central and Eastern Europe. They were partly successful.

Finances - The questions of collecting money from Individual Members has not yet been solved. Progress has, however, been made to obtain the contributions from National Members and Corporate Affiliate members.

ECA has arranged to have a contribution in the IUCr-Newsletter. The first two will be prepared by Professor Jaskolski, on the ECM-22 and the relationship with the former SU-Countries, and by Professor Roodt on the development of crystallography following the ECM-21.

Most of the special interest groups (SIG's) work well. Their representation in the program committee of ECMs has to be reconsidered. Relations with the powder community (EPDIC) will be further strengthened.

3.2 Report by the Secretary

Dr Filippini thanked the Councillors for many fruitful contacts during the previous year and pointed out some points which may be overcome only with the help of the Councillors.

Individual Members - It is very important to keep in contact with them, but some have left their positions, some have moved, some have decided not to continue to be a member: very few inform the Secretary of these events. Putting the load of organizing the flow of information on the National Councillors is somehow at odds with the spirit of the existence of the IM's, however we cannot have so many difficulties in updating the files and getting the fees. Suggestions are welcome!

Special Interest Groups - It is proper, after seven years of existence, to re-examine their terms of reference and decide about possible merging or the necessity of new ones. From this point of view, most are very keen to give answers, produce reports, while some are reluctant to collaborate.

National Members - The correspondence with the

Councillors is always a point of honour for the Secretary. There is a sincere effort from the Executive Committee to increase the number of National members and it is very important the idea of having their representatives as observers, without the financial involvement which may prevent them from participate to the activities of our Association.

The more the Association is growing, the more the Secretary needs the help of everybody to keep the pace with the dissemination of the information.

3.3 Report(s) by the Treasurer

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

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

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

5. Reports regarding SIG's

All the SIG's representatives were invited to say a few words of comment on their reports, whether already distributed or not.

5.1 SIG.1 Macromolecular Crystallography

Professor Liljas made a brief report, pointing out the contributions to ECM22. The full report is enclosed with the minutes.

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

This point is postponed to the second session of the Council meeting.

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)

This point is postponed to the second session of the Council meeting.

5.7 SIG.7 Molecular Interaction and Recognition (MIR)

Dr Gilli made a brief report, pointing out the contributions to ECM22. The full report is enclosed with the minutes.

5.8 SIG.8 Powder Diffraction (SIGPD)

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

Dr Cerny reminded that the next meeting will take place in Geneva in 2006.

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

This point is postponed to the second session of the Council meeting.

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

Professor Wilson made a brief report, pointing out the contributions to ECM22. The full report will be sent as soon as possible.

5.x Further developments re SIG's

The President informed the Council on the decision taken by the EC to monitor the activities of the SIGs with the help of the EC members and on the necessity of having a proper homepage for each SIG.

=== Second session: 29 August ===

3.3 Report(s) by the Treasurer

Professor Duarte, reported on the budget, countersigned by the auditors - Professors M.A. Carrondo and S. Garcia-Granda. 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. For the IM's, it has been suggested to sponsor a five-year fee and to introduce a National collector in order to simplify the procedure and save money. The situation of the budget is fine, and will even improve if the ECM's organizers will be willing to give some money to the ECA.

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

4.1 Auditors for 2003

The Councillors approved the audited accounts for 2003 and, deciding to continue with the internal auditing, confirmed Professors Maria Armenia Carrondo and Santiago Garcia-Granda as auditors for the year 2004.

5. Reports regarding SIG's

5.4 SIG.4 Electron Crystallography

Dr Kolb reported on the Nato Summer School held in Erice last June, with some help from the SIG. The full report is enclosed with the minutes.

5.6 SIG.6 Instrumentation and Experimental Techniques (IET)

Professor Helliwell reminded the involvement of the SIG in many non-ECM directed activities.

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

5.11 SIG.11 Extreme Conditions

Professor Polian made a brief report, pointing out the contributions to ECM22. The full report is enclosed with the minutes.

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.

The President thanked Dr Frank van Meurs, of Bruker-Nonius, for taking care of the good relationships between the exhibitors and the ECM's organizers.

6.1 ECM-21 (2003) Durban

Professor Roodt submitted the financial report on the meeting. The main problem was the revaluation of the Rand over the euro and the US dollar by some 20%, which devaluated the contributions made by the IUCr and the ECA. It has however been succeeded in returning to the ECA account 13000 of the 20000 € lent.

500 participants registered to the ECM from 45 different Countries, additional 50 to the Neutron School and 100 to Indaba. Some 100 students were helped in different ways, from waiving of the registration fee to free accommodation to bursaries for travel and accommodation.

6.2 ECM-22 (2004) Budapest

Professor Kalman and 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 in 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.

Professor Fuess agreed on the necessity of a "grey" period before and after the ECMs for sponsorship to concurrent meeting from the IUCr.

6.3 ECM-23 (2006) Leuven

Professor Van Meervelt gave more details on ECM-23 (2006) in Leuven.

The meeting will take place from Sunday 6 to Friday 11 August.

The website is at www.ecm23.be/.

6.4 ECM-24 (2007) Marrakech

Professor Thalal commented briefly the report emailed to the Councillors on August 6th, 2004. The meeting will take place from 26 to 31 August, 2007 at the Congress Center in Marrakech. The website is at www.ucam.ac.ma/fssm/ecm24/.

7. Preliminary information regarding ECM-25 (2009)

There are standing invitations from Darmstadt, Valencia, Edinburgh and Istanbul.

The Council decided that the Secretary will ask for a written letter of invitation at the beginning of Spring 2005. Later, the proponents will be asked to submit a detailed proposal. It is

foreseen that decision may be taken in Florence for both ECM-25 and ECM-26 (2010).

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

9. Any other business

The President thanked all the participants for the useful discussion.

10. Close

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