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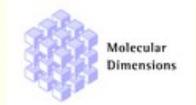
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Minutes of the ECA Council, Durban, 2003

Member-Countries, Councillors or Proxies [] = not present p: = proxy, day(s) present

At Austria: Herta Silvia Effenberger	_____26_____
Ekkehart Tillmanns	_____27_____
Be Belgium: Luc van Meervelt	_____26_27_____
Bg Bulgaria:	_____
Hr Croatia: [Boris Kamenar] p: Dubravka Matcovic Calogovic	_____26_27_____
Cz Czech+Slovakia: [Jindrich Hasek] p: Radek Kuzel	_____26_27_____
Dk Denmark: [Robert Feidenhans'l] p: Jurg Erik Jorgensen	_____26_27_____
Eg Egypt: Karimat El-Sayed & Mostafa M. Radwan	_____26_27_____
Ee Estonia:	_____
Fi Finland: Timo Paakkari	_____26_27_____
Fr France: Jean Louis Hodeau	_____26_27_____
De Germany: [Wolfgang Neumann] p: Robert Dinnebier	_____26_27_____
Gr Greece: [Irene Mavridis] p: Thanasis Hountas	_____26_27_____
Hu Hungary: Alajos Kalman	_____26_27_____
Il Israel: Joel Bernstein	_____26_27_____
It Italy: [Paola Paoli] p: Annalisa Guerri	_____26_27_____
Lv Latvia: [Anatolij Mishnev]	_____
Ma Morocco: Abdelmalek Thalal	_____26_27_____
Nl Netherlands: [Piet Gros] p: Ton Spek	_____26_27_____
No Norway: [Berit Fjaertoft]	_____
Pl Poland: [Adam Pietraszko] p: Marek Gł?ka	_____26_27_____
Pt Portugal: Ana Margarida Damas	_____26_27_____
Ru Russia: Svetlana Zheludeva	_____26_27_____
Yu Serbia: [Slobodanka Stankovic]	_____
Si Slovenia: [Ivan Leban]	_____
Za South Africa: Demi Levendis	_____26_27_____
Es Spain: Xavier Solans	_____26_27_____
Se Sweden: [Sven Lidin] p: Anders Liljas	_____26_27_____
Ch Switzerland: [Helen Stoeckli-Evans] p: Hans Grimmer	_____26_____
p: Gervais Chapuis	_____27_____
Tr Turkey: Yalcin Elerman	_____26_27_____
Uk United Kingdom: C.C. Wilson	_____26_27_____
Ua Ukraine: [Oksana Ivanivna Bodak]	_____
Elected: Giovanni Ferraris	_____26_27_____
Elected: Elspeth Garman	_____27_____

Elected: Hans Grimmer 26 27Elected: Carlo Mealli 26 27Elected: Paola Spadon 26 27

Quorum count: Total: (28 28)

Observers: IUCr: Davide Viterbo 26 27Tunisia: Mongi Debbabi 26 27

SIG's representatives:

SIG.1 Anders Liljas 26 27SIG.2 Pierre Becker 26 27SIG.3 Ted Janssen 26 27SIG.4 Ute Kolb 26 27SIG.5 Herta Silvia Effenberger 26 27SIG.6 Jacek Grochowski 26 27SIG.7 Gastone Gilli 26 27SIG.9 Ton Spek 26 27SIG.10 Mikail Kovalchuk 26 27SIG.12 Pamela Thomas 26 27SIG.13 Chick C. Wilson 26 27

ECM's representatives:

ECM-21 Andreas Roodt 26 27ECM-22 Alajos Kalman, Petra Mombicz, Laszlo Fabian 26 27ECM-23 Luc van Meervelt & Bernard Tinant 26 27

Executive Committee:

President: C. Lecomte 26 27Vice-President: P.T. Beurskens 26 27Secretary: G. Filippini 26 27Treasurer: T. Duarte 26 27Members: E. Dodson 26 27M. Jaskolski 26 27D. Viterbo 26 27

Also present : H. Fuess

The proposed agenda, some reports, and additional information have been

distributed by e-mail circulars (April 29: Agenda; July 17: SIG-1, -5, -6, -10 reports; July 29: SIG-2, -3 reports). On August 26, at the opening of the Council meeting were handed over: Treasurer's, SIG-4, -7, -8, -9 reports).

Professor Claude Lecomte, the ECA President, was in the chair.

First session: 26 August.

1. Opening

1.1 Welcome to Council and Guests

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

1.2 Special welcome to new IM-Councillors

The Chairman expressed his best wishes to the new Councillors, who represent the Individual Members.

1.3 Application for membership

The Secretary informed the Councillors that application from Algeria hasn't been received yet, even if contacts are well ahead. The Council is looking forward to have Algeria among the ECA member Countries.

1.4 News and information from the Executive Committee.

1.4.1 ECA Prize

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

The European Crystallographic Association is to award the third European Crystallography Prize to Prof. Carmelo Giacovazzo of the University of Bari, Italy. Prof. Giacovazzo is being recognised for his major theoretical and practical contributions to the solution of the phase problem in a wide spectrum of applications.

1.4.2 ECANEWS

The President thanked Dr D.M. Proserpio, the ECANEWS webmaster and pointed out some possibility of improvement. The Secretary 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.

2. Former e-mail decisions

The Secretary reminded the Councillors of the decision taken by e-mail after the Council meeting in Geneva:

- final approval of SIG-13 "Molecular Structures and Chemical Properties" [e-mailed on March 17, 2003],
- approval of the procedures for the election of the Councillors representing the IM's [e-mailed on March 25, 2003],
- approval of the Agenda of the present Council meeting [e-mailed on April 29, 2003],
- call for proposal of candidates for the Councillors representing the IM's [e-mailed on May 5, 2003],
- results of the election of 5 Councillors representing to IM's [e-mailed on June 6, 2003].

3. Annual Reports by the Executive Committee (Aug. 2002 - 31 Dec. 2002) and preliminary progress reports (up to Aug. 2003)

3.1 Report by the President

Professor Lecomte emphasised the role of ECA in helping co-operation among African Countries. He informed of the close collaboration with the IUCr in arranging for support in favour of the young scientists, in the form of bursaries for PhD students, funded also by South African Universities.

He continued informing the Council that the first Algerian meeting had taken place at the beginning of November 2002 in Algiers and the Algerian Crystallographic Association has been installed. Contacts are in progress with Tunisia and other African countries. The Association Marocaine de Cristallographie has organised the first school, published the first issue of its Bulletin and has already a website (www.ucam.ac.ma/fssm/amc).

He also pointed out that it is time to think of the possibility of organising European schools.

3.2 Report by the Secretary

Dr Filippini thanked the Councillors for many fruitful contacts during the previous year and remembered that the Executive Committee has only the task of carrying out the proposals put forward by the Council, and by the crystallographic community at large, through the Councillors.

3.3 Report(s) by the Treasurer

The Treasurer, Professor Duarte, reported on the budget, countersigned by the auditors - Professors M.A. Carrondo and S. Garcia-Granda. The President commented on the Countries which haven't paid the national fees and the Councillors were invited to take the necessary steps to solve the situation. It has been asked (El-Sayed) to send on time annual invoices to the Councillors. It has been suggested to sponsor a five-year fee for the IM's and to introduce a National collector in order to simplify the procedure and save money. The situation of the budget is fine, even if the money received from ECM19 (Nancy 2000), lent to ECM20 (Krakow 2001), was given to ECM21 (Durban 2003), which may not be able to give back the loan (see point 6.1).

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

4.1 Auditors for 2003

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

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 distributed to-day. The SIG has its website.

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 distributed to-day.

5.8 SIG.8 Powder Diffraction (SIGPD)

The report has been distributed to-day.

5.9 SIG.9 Crystallographic Computing (CCSIG)

The report has been distributed to-day.

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.

No report has been received.

5.12 SIG.12 Material Science.

Professor Thomas made a brief report, pointing out the contributions to ECM21. The full report will be sent as soon as possible.

5.13 SIG.13 Molecular Structures and Chemical Properties

Professor Wilson made a brief report, pointing out the contributions to ECM21. The full report will be sent as soon as possible.

5.x Further developments re SIG's

It has been suggested to increase the level of overlap and harmonisation among the SIGs (Grochowski, Ferraris), which is actually done by the Programme Committee of the ECMs (Wilson) in many cases in an efficient way (Lecomte), notwithstanding some misunderstandings (Gilli). Some degrees of freedom have to be left to the PC (Mealli), which has however a majority of SIGs' representatives (Jaskolski).

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 and of the SIGs' representatives in the ECM Programme Committee ensure both the scientific level and the continuity.

6.1 ECM-21 (2003) Durban

Professor Roodt gave some introductory information 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. He still hoped that the budget could eventually be balanced.

The goal of some 550 participants has been missed by 10%. Some 100 students were however helped in different ways, from waiving of the registration fee to free accommodation to bursaries for travel and accommodation. Further details will be given as soon as possible.

6.2 ECM-22 (2004) Budapest

The Council decided to postpone this item to August 27.

6.3 ECM-23 (2006) Leuven

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

The meeting will take place in the first decade of August from Sunday 6 to Friday 11 August.

Before adjourning the meeting, Professor Lecomte informed the Councillors that so far there were five candidates for three ordinary members of the Executive Committee, namely Anders Liljas, Andreas Roodt, Santiago Garcia-Granda, Luc van Meervelt and Chick C. Wilson. Other candidatures for any position of the Executive Committee may be submitted to the Secretary with a letter undersigned by five Councillors, before the start of the next session.

Second session: 27 August.

6.2 ECM-22 (2004) Budapest

Dr Fabian made a detailed description of the arrangements provided in Budapest for the best success of the meeting. Dates are 25 to 31 August 2004, with excursion on Sunday 29 (not included in the registration fee of 400 ?). The Conference and its connected Exhibition will be held at the ELTE Convention Centre ([E?v? Lor?d University](#), Institute of Chemistry). The venue is equipped with complete range of conference facilities and there are many comfortable accommodations nearby.

The conference site can be reached easily by public transportation and it is fully accessible by disabled people. It is situated in a nice and peaceful park on the Danube embankment, enriched by the pleasant atmosphere of the Buda side.

Conference Timetable

arrival, registration, opening ceremony, welcome reception,

exhibition

Conference day, exhibition day, student mixer

Conference day, exhibition day, concert

Conference day, exhibition day, social evening

Excursion day

30.08 Conference day, conference dinner

31.08 Conference half day, closing ceremony

More details : www.ecm22.mtesz.hu

The discussion was very lively. It was commented that 400 ? without excursion and conference dinner was somehow high (Filippini), that 6.5 days against the 4 + 1 final day for excursion was too long for ECM standards (Fuess), that end of February for submission of abstracts was inappropriate (Ferraris). Other comments pertained the EPDIC meeting (Kuzel). The Council recommended a four-day meeting with excursion at the end and a substantial reduction of the registration fee.

7. Proposals and decisions regarding ECM-24

The proposal of Darmstadt has been postponed to a later date.

Professor Thalal renewed his presentation of Marrakech (Morocco).

A proposal to hold ECM-24 in Valencia (Spain) was illustrated by Professor Solans.

Professor Lecomte remembered that the decision for ECM-24 has already been taken last year in Geneva, namely " The Council decided that, if Darmstadt proposal is not renewed at the Council meeting in Durban, the site for ECM-24 in 2007 will be Marrakech".

With thanks and excuses to Professor Solans, the point was closed.

8. Proposal of amendments to Statutes and By-Laws

The Secretary read the proposal of amendment, which was sent on time according to Statutes 17.2 ("The proposal including the verbatim amendments shall be open to inspection at least three months before and until the close of the Council meeting at which the vote on the proposal is to be taken"):

Present:	Proposal:
"The Officers of the Association constituting the Executive Committee are	"The Officers of the Association constituting the Executive Committee are
a. the President,	a. the President,
b. the Vice-President,	b. the Vice-President,
c. the Secretary,	c. the Secretary,
d. the Treasurer,	d. the Treasurer,
e. three Additional Members."	e. the Past-President,
	f. three Additional Members."

and opened the discussion by saying that this proposal was founded on the necessity of a minimum of continuity between two Executive Committees.

The Chairman put under vote the proposal, which was approved with one abstention. The Council agreed that this vote implies also repeal of the next but one sentence "- The President is not eligible for re-election to any other office in the Executive Committee".

9. Elections for President and other Officers

9.1 Elections for President

No other proposals being received, Professor Fuess has been declared the new

President.

Professor Fuess thanked the Councillors and said he would carry on the collaboration with the crystallographic communities in Africa without letting aside the improvement of the relationships with the Eastern European Countries. Some efforts will be devoted towards finding an arrangement with EPDIC, which is a brilliant community of crystallographers. Consideration will be given to the Corporate Affiliate Members (CAM's) and solutions are to be found for the collection of fees from our National and Individual Members, a way to find more money for organising schools. He is looking forward to close collaboration with the other members of the Executive Committee, who will have precise responsibilities to fulfil.

9.2 Elections for Vice-President

No other proposals being received, Professor Jaskolski has been declared the new Vice-President.

9.3 Elections for Secretary

No other proposals being received, Dr Filippini has been confirmed as Secretary.

9.4 Elections for Treasurer

No other proposals being received, Professor Duarte has been confirmed as Treasurer.

9.5 Elections for other members of the Executive Committee

The five candidates were put under secret ballot. Professor Beurskens acted as teller. The elected were: Liljas, Roodt and Wilson.

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

Professor Fuess, the new president, summarised this point by saying that the discussion has given rise to many useful suggestions, which will be exploited by the new Executive Committee.

11. Any other business

Dr Dodson submitted to the Council a motion against the patenting of crystallographic software, which is under discussion at the European Parliament.

It was suggested to record the Keynote Lectures at the ECM as to prepare a database to be put on the web (Chapuis). It was commented that it is not legal (Dodson), unless the speakers sign a form in advance (Garman).

Other comments concerned the ECMs. It was suggested to assign them only to places where expenses are reduced and fees are low (Tillmanns), which implies the presentation of a detailed budget together with the proposal (El-Sayed & Bernstein).

Dr Thomas proposed a vote for thanks for the retiring members of the Executive Committee. This was carried on with applause.

12. Close

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