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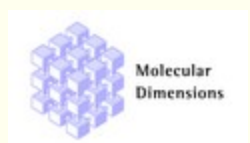
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in Leuven on 7 and 9 August 2006, during the 23rd European Crystallographic Meeting.

Those present: day(s) present

Member-Countries, Councillors or Proxies: [] = not present

p: = proxy

Dz Algeria	Guehria Laidoudi	_7_9
At Austria	Ekkehart Tillmanns	_7_9
Be Belgium	Luc Van Meervelt	_7_9
Bg Bulgaria	Kostadin Petrov	_7_9
Hr Croatia	[Stanko Popovic] p: Dalibor Mllic	_7_9
Cz Czech + Slovak	Jindrich Hasek	_7_9
Dk Denmark	[Robert Feidenhans!] p: Sine Larsen p: Kenny Stahl	_7_9
Eg Egypt	Karimat El Sayed	_7_9
Fi Finland	[Keijo Hämäläinen] p: Merja Blomberg	_7_9
Fr France	Jean-Louis Hodeau	_7_9
De Germany	Wolfgang Neumann	_7_9
Gr Greece	[Irene Mavridis] p: Emmanuel Saridakis	_7_9
Hu Hungary	Alajos Kalman	_7_9
Il Israel	[Israel Goldberg]	_7_9
It Italy	Paola Spadon	_7_9
Lv Latvia	Anatolij Mishnev	_7_9
Ma Morocco	Abdelmalek Thalal	_7_9
Nl Netherlands	Piet Gros p: A.L. Spek	_7_9





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No Norway	Carl Henrik Gørbitz	__7__9
Pl Poland	Adam Pietraszko p: Marek Glowka	__7__9
Pt Portugal	[Ana Margarida Damas] p: Teresa Duarte	__7__9
Su Russia	Svetlana Zheludeva	__7__9
Yu Serbia	[Slobodanka Stankovic] p: Olivia Klisuric	__7__9
Si Slovenia	[Ivan Leban] p: Nina Lah	__7__9
Za South Africa	[Susan Bourne] p: Mino Caira	__7__9
Es Spain	Enrique Gutierrez-Puebla	__7__9
Se Sweden	Ylva Lindqvist	__7__9
Ch Switzerland	Jürg Schefer	__7__9
Tn Tunisia	Mongi Debbabi	__7__9
Tr Turkey	Yalcin Elerman	__7__9
Uk UK	Christine Cardin p: Katherine Mccauley	__7__9
Ua Ukraine	Anatoliy Senyshyn	__7__9
IM1	Teresa Borowiak	__7__9
IM2	Massimo Nespolo	__7__9
	Quorum count: Total	31 31
Observers:		
IUCr	Chris Gilmore	__7__9
Armenia	Siranush Bezirganyan	__7__9
SIG's representatives:		
SIG.1	Anders Liljas	__7__9
SIG.2	Heinz Graafsma	__7__9
SIG.3	Gervais Chapuis	__7__9
SIG.4	Thomas Weirich	__7__9
SIG.5	Wulf Depmeier	__7__9
SIG.6	Jean-Louis Hodeau	__7__9
SIG.7	Paola Gilli	__7__9
SIG.8	Jordi Rius	__7__9
SIG.9	Antony L. Spek	__7__9
SIG.10	Svetlana Zheludeva	__7__9
SIG.11	Alain Polian	__7__9
SIG.12	Pamela Thomas	__7__9
SIG.13	Chick C. Wilson	__7__9
ECM's representatives:		
ECM-23	Luc van Meervelt, Harry Reynaers, Bernard Tinant	__7__9
ECM-24	Abdelmalek Thalal	__7__9
Executive Committee (EC):		
President	Hartmut Fuess	__7__9
Vice-President	Mariusz Jaskolski	__7__9
Past-President	Claude Lecomte	__7__9
Secretary	Giuseppe Filippini	__7__9
Treasurer	Teresa Duarte	__7__9
Members	Anders Liljas	__7__9



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Also present:

Andreas Roodt	__7__9
Chick C. Wilson	__7__9
Massimo Nespolo	__7__9
Petra Bombicz	__7__9
Robert Cernik	__7__9
Eleanor Dodson	__7__9
Herta S. Effenberger	__7__9
Santiago Garcia-Granda	__7__9
John R. Helliwell	__7__9
Engin Kendi (future ECM's)	__7__9
Radomir Kuzel	__7__9
Sine Larsen	__7__9
Carlo Mealli	__7__9
Frank van Meurs	__7__9

The proposed agenda and most of the reports have been distributed by e-mail circulars (**April 11**: Preliminary notice; **May 11**: Agenda, Proposal for voting procedure of IMs' representatives, Proposals for EC officers; **June 9**: SIG-1, -2, -4, -5, -9 reports; **July 13**: Proposals for EC ordinary members; **July 18** President's report, SIG-8, -10, reports; **July 27**: SIG-3 report; **July 28**: SIG-11, -13 reports; **July 31**: Treasurer's and SIG-6 reports; **August 1**: SIG-7 report).

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

First session: 7 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 that no applications have been received.

The President introduced the observer from Armenia and invited her to say a few words. Dr Bezirganyan reported briefly on the situation of crystallography in her 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 Max Perutz Prize

The Prize has been given, during the Opening Ceremony, to Eleanor Dodson, **“for developing, implementing, teaching and applying the best tools available to produce macromolecular structures of highest quality”**.

1.3.2 Felix Bertaut Prize

The foundation of the Prize in cooperation with the European Neutron Scattering Association (ENSA) was announced for young scientists under 35. Crystallographers and neutron diffraction researchers will receive the prize in a sequence to be defined. The first award will be distributed during the ENSA meeting at Lund in July 2007.

1.3.3 ECANEWS

- The President thanked the webmaster, Professor Massimo Nespolo, for his dedicated contribution in improving the site. 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 further implemented.
- Former e-mail decisions

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

3. Annual Reports by the Executive Committee (Aug. 2005 - 31 Dec. 2005) and preliminary progress reports (up to Aug. 2006)

3.1 Report by the President

Professor Fuess referred to his report sent to all Councillors(enclosed).

3.2 Report by the Vice-President on sponsorship of meeting and schools.

During the term 2003-2006, the main activities of the Vice President were focused (i) on coordination of the ECA program to support crystallographic schools and conferences, and (ii) on attempts to establish contacts with new national members.

Ad (i): A set of rules have been worked out for supporting the participation of young scientists in crystallographic schools and conferences. Those rules were discussed during ECA Council Meetings and are enclosed as a document entitled "Operational guidelines for supporting European workshops, schools, and conferences on crystallography by ECA". These Guidelines have been used to evaluate applications for support, to disburse the funds, and to collect reports. Overall, 14 meetings were supported for the total amount of 18000 Euros (2004: 3 meetings, 4000 Euros; 2005: 5 meetings, 7000 Euros; 2006: 6 meetings, 7000 Euros). At the time of the ECA Council Meeting in Leuven, reports from organizers of all closed meetings have been obtained. They are available from the Vice President on request. A summary of all grants awarded during the term 2003-2006 is enclosed.

Ad (ii): Letters have been sent to the crystallographic communities in Romania, Belarus, and Lithuania. As a result, an observer from Belarus attended the ECA Council Meeting in Budapest, August 2004.

3.3 Report by the Secretary

Dr Filippini thanked the Councillors for many fruitful contacts during the six years of office and pointed out some aspects which may be overcome only with their help. 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. And this is particularly needed when a new Secretary takes office.

3.4 Report by the Treasurer

Professor Duarte reported on the budget. Sending on time

annual invoices to the Councillors improved the payments.

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.

Dr Kuzel reported on the IM's fees collection which resulted in more than 200 regular members. The five-year fee (€ 50), decided in order to simplify the procedures and save money, seems to work both by credit card payments and money transfer.

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

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

The Councillors approved the audited accounts for 2005.

4.1 Auditors for 2006

No decision has been taken. Proposals will be put forward by the new EC and approved by the Councillors according to the TVP.

Pre 7. Elections for President and other Officers

At the Chairman's request, the Council agreed to listen to the statements of all the candidates for the new Executive Committee.

Professors Helliwell, Larsen, Kuzel, Effenberger, Garcia-Granda, Roodt, van Meervelt, Wilson and Doctors Bombicz and Mealli said a few words on their aims and wishes should they be elected.

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.

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.

Professor Thomas apologized for not sending the report in advance, then summarized the main activity of the SIG.[A full report is enclosed with this minutes]. 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

Second session: 9 August.

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-23 (2006) Leuven (www.ecm23.be/)

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

From 4 to 6 a Satellite on "Mathematical Crystallography" has been held:

[<http://www.lcm3b.uhp-nancy.fr/mathcryst/leuven2006.htm>]with 50 participants.

The format follows that of previous ECMs, opening and welcome on 6th. From 7 to 10: in the morning 2 parallel Keynote Lectures + 6 parallel Microsymposia, the same (but reversed) in the afternoon + poster session.

The conference dinner on 10th and the excursion on 11th are included in the registration fee.

Attendance is of more than 800 participants.

6.2 ECM-24 (2007) Marrakech

Professor Thalal and a representative of the organizing secretariat in Marrakech 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 (www.mansoureddahbi.com), with opening ceremony and welcome cocktail on the 22nd evening, four full days (23-26) for Keynote Lectures, Microsymposia, Poster Sessions and exhibitors, and the excursion on 27th. Conference dinner (26th) and excursion are included in the registration (ordinary before March 31st 2007/late 370/440€, ECA IMs 350/420 €, student packet = registration + BB for 7 nights 350/400 €, accompanying 120€). Grants are planned to be offered not only for students, but also for researchers from developing countries.

The website, which is continuously updated, is at www.ecm24.org/.

7. Elections for President and other Officers

7.1 Election for President

No other proposals being received, Professor John R. Helliwell has been declared the new President.

7.2 Election for Vice-President

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

7.3 Election for Secretary

No other proposals being received, Dr Petra Bombicz has been declared the new Secretary.

7.4 Election for Treasurer

No other proposals being received, Professor Radomir Kuzel has been declared the new Treasurer.

7.5 Elections for Ordinary Members of the Executive Committee

The six candidates (Effenberger, Garcia-Granda, Mealli, Roodt, van Meervelt, Wilson) were put under secret ballot.

Professor Duarte and Jaskolski acted as tellers. After two votes, the elected were: Santiago Garcia-Granda, Andreas Roodt and Luc van Meervelt.

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

(see enclosure)

9. Any other business

The Chairman thanked all the participants for the useful discussion.

..A vote of thanks was given by the Councillor for Russia for all the EC Members who finished their term.

10. Close

Giuseppe Filippini, Secretary

Hartmut Fuess, President

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▶ **Minutes of the ECA Council, Istanbul, 2009**

▶ **Minutes of the ECA Council, Osaka, 2008**

▶ **Minutes of the ECA Council , Marrakech 2007**

▶ **Minutes of the ECA Council , Florence 2005**

▶ **Minutes of the ECA Council , Budapest 2004**

► **Minutes of the ECA Council , Durban
2003**

► **Minutes of the ECA Council , Geneva
2002**

► **Minutes of the ECA Council , Krakow
2001**