Minutes of the ECA Council, Leuven, 2006

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
Hr Croatia [Stanko Popovic] p: Dalibor Millic
     _7_9
Cz Czech + Slovak Jindrich Hasek
     _7_9
Dk Denmark [Robert Feidenhans'l] p: _7_9
    Sine Larsen p: Kenny Stahl _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]
It Italy Paola Spadon
     _7_9
Lv Latvia Anatolij Mishnev
     _7_9
Ma Morocco Abdelmalek Thalal
     _7_9
Ni Netherlands Piet Gros p: A.L. Spek
     _7_9
No Norway  Carl Henrik Gørbitz  __7__9
Pl Poland   Adam Pietraszko p: Marek  __7__
            Glowka  __9__
Pt Portugal  [Ana Margarida Damas] p:  __7__
            Teresa Duarte  __9__
Su Russia   Svetlana Zheludeva  __7__9
Yu Serbia   [Slobodanka Stankovic] p:  __7__
            Olivia Klisuric  __9__
Si Slovenia  [Ivan Leban] p: Nina Lah  __7__9
Za South Africa  [Susan Bourne] p: Mino  __7__9
            Cairo  __9__
Es Spain    Enrique Gutierrez-Puebla  __7__9
Se Sweden   Ylva Lindqvist  __7__9
Ch Switzerland   Jürg Schefer  __7__
Tr Tunisia   Mongi Debbabi  __9__
Tr Turkey    Yalcin Elerman  __7__9
Uk UK       Christine Cardin p:  __9__
Ua Ukraine  Anatoliy Senyshyn  __7__9
            Katherine Mccauley  __7__
IM1         Teresa Borowiak  __7__9
IM2         Massimo Nespolo  __7__9
            Quorum count: Total  31 31
Observees:
IUCr        Chris Gilmore  __7__9
Armenia     Siranush Bezirganyan  __7__9
SIG's representatives:
SIG.1       Anders Liljas  __7__9
SIG.2       Heinz Graafsma  __7__
SIG.3       Gervais Chapuis  __7__9
SIG.4       Thomas Weirich  __7__
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  __7__9
            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
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.


3.1 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.


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](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.

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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