

**Protocol of the General Assembly of the European Colloid and Interface
Society
Thursday, September 10 2009
at 23rd ECIS Conference in Antalya, Turkey**

1. **Opening:** Maria Da Garca M Miguel (MM), the President of ECIS, acts as the chairwoman and opens the meeting at 18:35. She warmly thanks the organizers for a very good organization and meeting.
2. The minutes of the last assembly are accepted unanimously by the general assembly.
3. Reports on ECIS Conferences:
 - a. ECIS 2009 Antalya
Seyda Bucak provides a detailed account of the organization, the conferences has again been a full success with 370 participants from numerous countries in Europe, North- and South America, Asia and Australia.
 - b. Presentation Prague 2010:
The conference will be in Prague on September 5-10, 2010. Karl Prohaszka provides a short description of the conference site, which will be at a venue in the heart of the city, nearby hotels, and cheap student accommodation available. He also presents the local and scientific committees, the main topics and the registration fees.
 - c. Presentation Proposal from Berlin for 2011:
Reinhard Miller present their proposal, which is a cooperation between MPI Golm, the University of Potsdam and the TU Berlin, and which is unanimously accepted by the General Assembly.
 - d. Future Conferences:
2012: Bulgaria (Sofia): There is no firm commitment, but an indication that the conference could be organized in Sofia, backed by an active national community. It could be organized jointly by the University of Sofia and the academy of Sciences, similarly to the previous IACIS conferences that had attracted about 700 participants.
Lund: Tommy Nylander points out that the conference has never been in Sweden, and he presents a proposal for the conference to be held either in Lund or Malmö

2013: Jeroen van Duijneveldt confirms that the UK would be ready to organize the conference either in 2013 or 2014 through a joint effort of the national colloid organizations.

e. Student Conference:

Andrew Howe reports on this year's student conference, held in Almeria from July 15-18. This 4th student meeting in the current series was a great success, with 108 PhD students from 16 countries participating. He gratefully acknowledges the perfect organization and the great effort made by the local organizers (Antonio Fernandez-Barbero as the "senior" host) and Brian Vincent.

He also presents a proposal made by K. Holmberg to host the next student conference 2011 in Göteborg. The General Assembly agrees unanimously on this proposal.

4. Balance and budget: The secretary Peter Schurtenberger (PS) presents the ECIS financial report, which is unanimously accepted.

5. Information on Overbeek Foundation:

Martien Cohen Stuart reports on the various activities for fund raising made to obtain sustainable funding for the medal. The goal has not been reached yet, we are save for the coming years (currently approximately 30'000 € secured), with additional funds promised but not yet received. He asks for suggestions for further actions. MM thanks Martien Cohen Stuart and his colleagues for their effort.

Björn Lindman also reports on the fundraising activities that he conducted together with H. Möhwald. After an initial successful start, the financial crisis has severely hampered this task. PS suggest to put together a list with all contacted companies/persons in order to avoid multiple requests.

MM thanks again all involved persons for their effort.

6. Elections: The general secretary describes the situation with respect to the new structures required, where the duties of the general secretary should be split and two new positions of a secretary and a treasurer should be created. These two positions should then be elected during the GA 2010

President elect: Two nominations have been received, however, one of the candidates has withdrawn in the mean time. V. Starov presents the remaining candidate, Reinhard Miller, his scientific background and his connections to the society. MM asks if the members of the GA propose other nominations. As this is not the case, ballots for a written vote are handed out

7. Call for prize nominations:

PS points out the importance of the nominations for the ECIS prizes and asks the members to submit nominations that allow for a well-founded decision in a fully transparent manner.

6b. MM announces the result from the election: 51 votes for R. Miller, 2 abstentions. She congratulates R. Miller, and asks Andrew Howe (AH) to take over as the new president of ECIS. AH continues with the GA.

8. AOB:

- a. P. Kralchevsky provides a short report about the COST D43 action and meeting at this years ECIS meeting. 50 scientists have been supported with about 800 €, which amounts to a total of about 40'000 €. He also informs about the meetings planned for 2010, that includes another major event at ECIS 2011 in Prague.
- b. Martien Cohen Stuart takes the occasion to thank Kenneth Dawson, who is now leaving the board, for his important contributions to ECIS that include the now so successful COST D43 action as well as the creation of new prizes. The GA thanks him with a big applause!

9. AH thanks MM for her important work as the president of ECIS, and closes the meeting at 19:45.