

**Protocol of the General Assembly  
of the European Colloid and Interface Society (ECIS)  
held at the 27<sup>th</sup> ECIS Conference  
Conference Centre in Princess Hotel, 131 Kn. Maria Louisa Blvd., Sofia, Bulgaria  
12:20 – 13:20, Wednesday, 4 September 2013**

Presiding: Reinhard Miller  
Protocol: Peter Kralchevsky

**AGENDA**

**1. Opening**

**2. Minutes of 26th ECIS Conference:** <http://www.ecis-web.eu/ECIS12-Minutes.pdf>

**3. ECIS Annual Conferences:**

(a) **ECIS 2013 Sofia (1–6 September):** Account of the organization.

(b) **ECIS Student Meetings 2013** (report) and 2015 (announcement)

(c) **ECIS 2014 Haifa (7–12 September):** Short description by a representative of the Organizing Committee.

(d) **Future Conferences:** Proposals and decision on ECIS 2016 and ECIS 2017.

**4. Changes in the Statutes of ECIS**

**5. Election of Vice President of ECIS**

**6. Awards**

**7. Financial Report**

**8. Lifetime memberships**

**9. Overbeek Foundation**

**10. AOB**

**11. Close.**

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**MINUTES**

- 1. Opening:** Reinhard Miller (RM), the President of ECIS, acts as the chairman and opens the meeting. He sincerely thanks the Organizing Committee for the perfect organization and the wonderful meeting. He presents the Agenda of the meeting, which has been dispatched to the participants in advance.

2. **Minutes:** The General Assembly (GA) unanimously accepts the minutes of the last GA in Malmö-Lund-2012.

3. **ECIS Annual Conferences:**

a. 27<sup>th</sup> ECIS, 1-6 September 2013, Sofia, Bulgaria:

Elena Mileva (Inst. Physical Chemistry, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia), Chair of the Conference Organizing Committee, provides a detailed account of the organization. The pre-conference training course on “Colloids and Medical Applications” took part with 65 participants from 21 countries; 8 lecturers delivered 14 lectures. The total number of participants at ECIS 2013 was 640 from 53 countries all over the world, including 32 European countries. 240 participants (38 %) were students (paid students fees). From the European countries, most participants came from Bulgaria – 97, Germany – 75 and France – 48; from the non-European countries – Japan – 61, Australia – 16 and USA – 8. The satellite COST CM1101 and MP1106 meetings attracted 147 participants, total. The delivered presentations include: 6 plenary lectures (40’); 15 keynote lectures (30’); 189 oral communications (20’), and 395 posters.

b. **ECIS Student Meetings 2013:** Brian Vincent presents a brief report for the Student Meeting that took part in Potsdam/Golm on 10-13 June 2013. The next ECIS Student Meetings 2013 will be in the summer of 2015 in Cracow, Poland.

c. **28<sup>th</sup> ECIS, 7-12 September 2014, Haifa, Israel:**

Daniel Harries (Hebrew University, Jerusalem), member of the Organizing Committee, provides detailed information on the organization of the 28<sup>th</sup> ECIS conference. The conference venue will be the Technion in Haifa, Churchill Auditorium Hall for 670 people, as well as the Students House halls for 300 and 170 people. Another possible venue, Carmel Center, has been also reserved. The estimated participation fees will be as follows: ECIS member, early registration – 550 EUR; regular participant – 600 EUR; student – 290 EUR.

d. 29<sup>th</sup> ECIS, 6-11 September 2015: RM recalled that last year it was decided the conference to take part in Bordeaux, France.

e. 30<sup>th</sup> ECIS, 4-9 September 2016: RM announces that one bid has been submitted – that of Rome. Luciano Galantini (Dipartimento di Chimica, Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza", Italia) presents the offer of University "La Sapienza" to organize the ECIS 2016 conference. The estimated participation fees will be as follows: ECIS member, early registration – 420 EUR; regular participant – 470 EUR; student – 250 EUR. By open vote, the GA unanimously decides the ECIS 2016 conference to take place in Rome.

4. **Changes in the Statutes of ECIS:** Hans-Jürgen Butt (HJB) presents the proposed changes, as follows (the German version is official):

In § 11 Closing the Society we need to replace “In case of closing the Society the remaining capital is to be given to a non-profit, scientific organization in colloid and interface science” by “In case of closing the Society the remaining capital is to be given to the Kolloidgesellschaft e.V. for using it to advance colloid and interfaces science.”

Im § 11 müssen wir „Im Falle der Auflösung der Gesellschaft ist das vorhandene Vermögen ausschließlich gemeinnützigen wissenschaftlichen Zwecken auf dem Gebiet der Kolloid- und Grenzflächenwissenschaft zuzuführen“ ersetzen durch „Bei Auflösung oder Aufhebung des Vereins oder bei Wegfall steuerbegünstigter Zwecke fällt das Vermögen des Vereins an die Kolloidgeellschaft e.V., die es ausschließlich und unmittelbar für gemeinnützige Zwecke auf dem Gebiet der Kolloid- und Grenzflächenwissenschaft zu verwenden hat.“

By open vote, the GA unanimously accepts the proposed changes in the Statutes of ECIS.

**5. Election of Vice President of ECIS.** RM announces that until the submission deadline, 31 July 2013, one nomination has been received, that of Piotr Warszynski (PW) from the Jerzy Haber Institute of Catalysis and Surface Chemistry, Polish Academy of Sciences, Cracow, Poland. Elena Mileva presents the candidature of PW. The election is carried out by secret vote. The voting papers are counted by Debora Berti and Peter Kralchevsky. Total, 163 participants voted. With a result of 153 YES; 6 NO; 3 abstentions and 1 invalid voting paper, Piotr Warszynski is elected Vice President of ECIS.

## 6. Awards

RM explains that a support from the ECIS budget should be given every year for the Overbeek gold medal. By open vote, the GA unanimously decides the annual support for the Overbeek gold medal to be 2000 EUR.

**7. Financial Report.** Hans-Jürgen Butt presents the Financial Report of ECIS:

### Budget 9.2012 – 9.2013

#### Liquiditätskonto

24.08.2012		55.106,24
27.05.2013	Transfer to Girokonto	10.000,00
	Interest	69,53
	Saldo	45.175,77

		In	out
24.08.2012		8.291,84	
	Direct membership fees	145,00	
11.9./31.10.	Rhodia Prize	3.000,00	3.000,00
25.09.2012	Ana Kroflic ECIS Logo		500,00
06.11.2013	Translation for ECIS registration		213,61
18.12.2012	Malmö ECIS 2012		4.240,67
27.05.2013	Transfer from Liquiditätskonto	10.000,00	
03.06.2013	Student training ECIS 2013		4.000,00
16.08.2013	Saldo	9.482,56	

<sup>1</sup> Sofia received 3000 € end of 2011

## Estimated Budget 2015

Liquiditäts + Girokonto

Year	Description	In	out
<b>9.2013</b>		<b>54.658 €</b>	
2013	Support for Student conference		3000
	Membership fees	8500	
	Travel support prize winners		3000
	Return	3000	
2014	Membership fees	9000	
	Support for ECIS 2014 Haifa (Travel prize winners + training course)		7000
2015	Membership fees	9000	
	Support for ECIS 2015 Bordeaux		7000
	Support for student conference		3000
<b>End 2015</b>		<b>69.500 €</b>	

The budget was checked by Dr. Michael Gradzielski, Berlin. The members confirmed that the finances are correct.

### 8. Lifetime memberships

By open vote, the GA unanimously accepts lifetime ECIS membership to be given to Brian Vincent for his great contributions to the society, including the organization of the ECIS Student Conferences.

### 9. Overbeek Foundation

The issue for the annual support for the Overbeek medal was considered in point 4 above.

**10. AOB** – No suggestions to consider other issues have been given.

### 11. Closing:

RM thanks again the Local Organizers and closes the meeting at 13:20.

Peter Kralchevsky  
ECIS Secretary

Reinhard Miller  
Chair of the ECIS General Assembly

Sofia, 4 September 2013