

**Protocol of the General Assembly
of the European Colloid and Interface Society (ECIS)
held at the 28th ECIS Conference
Conference Centre in Grand Resort Hotel, Limassol, Cyprus
18:00 – 19:00, Tuesday, 9 September 2014**

Presiding: Debora Berti

Protocol: Peter Kralchevsky

90 ECIS Members are present as certified by the Attendance List

AGENDA

1. **Opening**
2. **Minutes of 27th ECIS Conference:** <http://www.ecis-web.eu/ECIS13-Minutes.pdf>
3. **ECIS Annual Conferences** (presentations limited to 5 min each plus maximum 5 min discussion):
 - a. ECIS 2014 Limassol (7–12 September): Account of the organization.
 - b. ECIS 2015 Bordeaux (6–11 September): Short description by a representative of the Organizing Committee.
 - c. Future Conferences. Student conference in Krakow, 2015. Proposals and decision on the ECIS 2017 and 2018 conferences.
4. **Awards**
5. **Financial Report**
6. **Overbeek Foundation**
7. **AOB**
8. **Closing**

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MINUTES

1. **Opening:** Debora Berti (DB), the President of ECIS, acts as the chairman and opens the meeting. She thanks the Organizing Committee for the perfect organization and the wonderful meeting, despite the necessity to relocate the conference from Haifa to Limassol one month before its beginning. She presents the Agenda of the meeting, which has been dispatched to the participants in advance.
2. **Minutes:** The ECIS General Assembly (GA) unanimously accepts the minutes of the last GA in Sofia, Bulgaria, 2013.

3. ECIS Annual Conferences:

- a. **28th ECIS, 7-12 September 2014, Limassol, Cyprus:** Dganit Danino (Technion, Haifa, Israel), Chair of the Conference Organizing Committee, provides a detailed account of the organization. The number of participants is 223 total, which includes 91 ECIS members, 84 regular participants, 37 students, 8 registered as COST members and 3 lifetime members. The participants by countries are: 36 from Germany, 32 from Israel; 21 from Sweden; 14 from France; 13 from Italy, etc. The total incomes from the participation fees is about \$130,000 plus additional incomes from supports delivered by COST, sponsors, including universities in Israel. This funding has been sufficient to cover all conference expenditures. Conference Proceedings will be published in *Colloids and Surfaces A*, and in a topical issue of *Colloids and Surfaces B* on Biosurfaces and Colloids.

The ECIS training course will focus on EM and CryoEM methods. The course will be held at the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology. Updated information on a new date will be published later.

- b. **29th ECIS, 6–11 September 2015, Bordeaux, France:** Short description by a representative of the Organizing Committee was presented by Thomas Zemb (ICSM, Marcoule, France). The conference venue will be the Congress Centre *Pin Galant Mérignac*. The early registration fees will be : EUR 575 for ECIS members ; EUR 625 for regular participants, and EUR 300 for students. The conference topics and the names of invited speakers, scientific and organizational committee members have been announced.
- c. **15th European Student Colloid Conference, 8–11 June 2015, Krakow, Poland:** Piotr Warszynski (Polish Academy of Sciences, PAS) presents a brief information about the conference. It will take place in the Jerzy Haber Institute of Catalysis and Surface Chemistry of PAS. It will include a training school with 8 lectures; 8 student sessions with 46 oral presentations (15 min + 5 min discussion) + 2 poster sessions. The participation fee will be EUR 190. Support for a limited number of students will be provided by COST Action CM1101. Abstract submission deadline: 13.03.2015. Further information could be found at website: www.esc2015.krakow.pl.

30th ECIS, 4-9 September 2016, Rome, Italy: Debora Berti reminds that during the GA in Sofia 2013 it was unanimously decided that the 30th ECIS will take place in Rome in 2016, organized by the University "La Sapienza".

Proposals and decision on the ECIS 2017 and 2018 conferences:

Enrique Lopez Cabarcos (Complutense University of Madrid) proposes the **31st ECIS Conference (3–8 September 2017)** to take place in Madrid, Spain.

Marija Bešter-Rogač (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia) proposes the **32nd ECIS Conference (2–7 September 2018)** to take place in Slovenia.

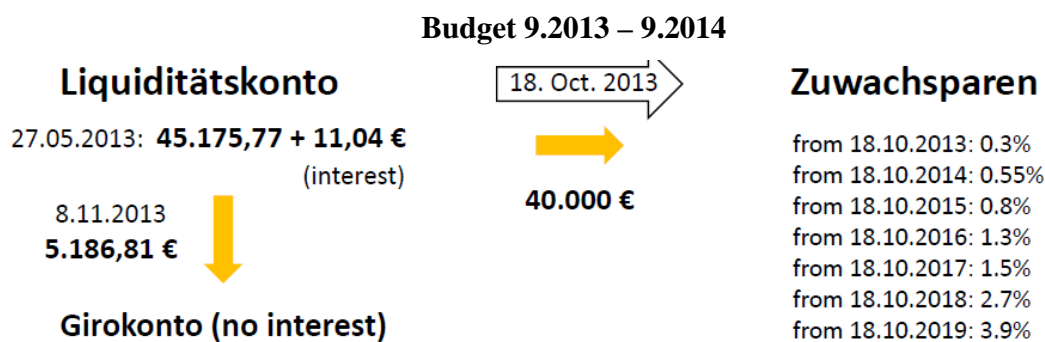
By open vote, the GA unanimously decides the ECIS 2017 conference to take place in Madrid, Spain.

H.-J. Butt suggests the decision for ECIS 2018 to be taken next year, at the GA in Bordeaux, in accordance with the ECIS traditions. The suggestion is accepted by the GA.

4. Awards

DB explains that a support from the ECIS budget is given every year for the Overbeek gold medal. The Rhodia Prize is now renamed “ECIS-Solvay Prize”. The representative of Solvay, Dr. Jean-Christophe Castaing will hand the award. Each year, Prizes for Best Posters are sponsored by Elsevier. Starting this year, Ferroni Award will be adjudged for the best oral presentation delivered by a young scientist. A special prize for the best young scientist at ECIS-2014 will be given by the Technion (IL).

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



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03.06.2013		9.482,56	
	Direct membership fees	185,00	
07.10.13/30.01.14	Rhodia Prize	3.000,00	3.000,00
07.10.2013	Reimbursement		28,70
08.11.2013	Transfer from <i>Liquiditätskonto</i>	5186,81	
19.12.2013	Membership fees, ECIS 2013	9010,00	
17.02.2014	Membership via IACIS	800,00	
26.06.2014	Ferroni Award	500,00	
25.08.2014	Transfer ECIS 2014		4.540,00
16.08.2014	Saldo	20.595,67	

The budget has been checked by Prof. Thomas Hellweg, Bielefeld, Germany, who confirms that the finances are correct. He proposes the accounts to be accepted. His proposal was accepted by the GA unanimously by an open vote.

6. Overbeek Foundation

The representative of the Overbeek Foundation, Prof. Albert P. Philipse (Debye Institute, Utrecht, NL) presents current information concerning the Overbeek gold medal: actions undertaken to find financial support; fabrication and storage of the golden medal.

7. AOB – DB informed the GA for the cooperation between ECIS and ACIS (Australian Colloid & Interface Society). The ACIS conferences are held every two years, normally in early February. Odd years – ACIS (next in 2015). Even years – Student Conference. The Student Conference in Melbourne, February 2014, adjudged an award for a young scientist, who will attend the European Student Colloid Conference in Krakow in 2015 with an oral presentation – airfares from the supervisor; ECIS waives participation fees.

In turns, the European Students Conference in Krakow 2015 will award a student in the early stage of his/her PhD with a participation in the Australian Student Colloid Conference in 2016. The winner will be selected on the basis of a brief presentation of a poster; airfares from the supervisor (ECIS support is also possible); ACIS waives participation fees and provides an accommodation contribution.

8. Closing:

DB thanks again the Local Organizers and closes the meeting at 19:00.

Peter Kralchevsky
ECIS Secretary

Debora Berti
Chair of the ECIS General Assembly

Limassol, 9 September 2014