

**Protocol of the General Assembly  
of the European Colloid and Interface Society (ECIS)  
held at the 30<sup>th</sup> ECIS Conference  
University La Sapienza, Rome, Italy  
18:10 – 19:23, Tuesday, 6 September 2016**

Presiding: Piotr Warszynski

Protocol: Peter Kralchevsky

89 ECIS Members are present as certified by the Attendance List

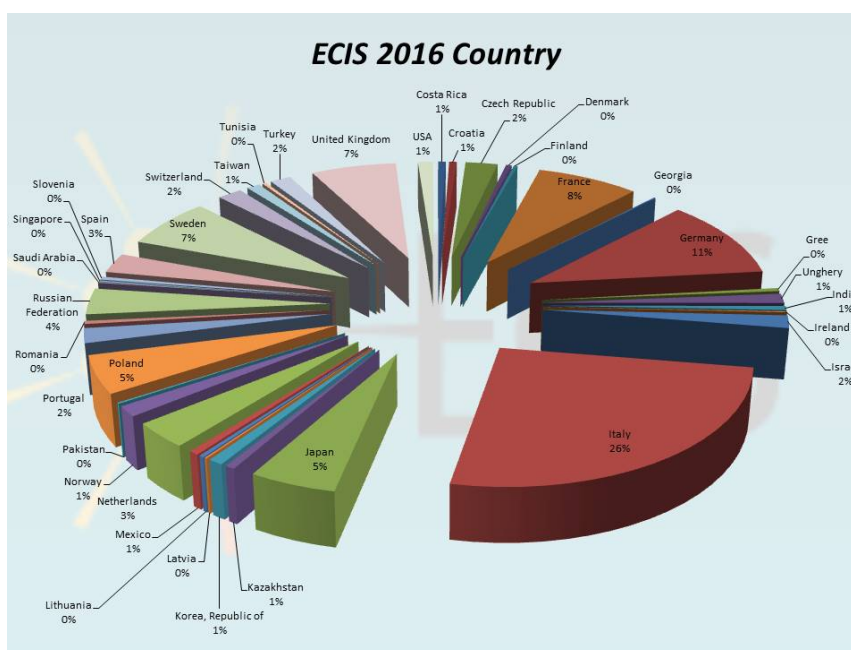
**AGENDA**

1. **Opening**
2. **Minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> ECIS Conference:** <http://www.ecis-web.eu/ECIS15-Minutes.pdf>
3. **ECIS Annual Conferences:**
  - a. ECIS 2016 Rome (4–9 September): Account of the organization.
  - b. ECIS 2017 Madrid (3–8 September): Short description by a representative of the Organizing Committee.
  - c. ECIS 2018 Ljubljana (2–7 September): Short description by a representative of the Organizing Committee.
  - d. Future Conferences: Proposals on ECIS 2019 (1–6 Sept).
  - e. Suggestions for the next Student Conference.
4. **Elections of ECIS Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster**
5. **Awards**
6. **Financial Report**
7. **Overbeek Foundation**
8. **AOB**
9. **Close**

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## MINUTES

- 1. Opening:** Piotr Warszynski (PW), the President of ECIS, acts as the chairman and opens the meeting. He thanks the Organizing Committee for the excellent organization and the wonderful meeting. He 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 Bordeaux, France, 2015.
- 3. ECIS Annual Conferences:**
  - The Conference Chair, Prof. Luciano Galantini (La Sapienza Univ., Rome, Italy), describe a detailed account of the organization. A total number of 808 persons registered to the conference, 20 of which canceled before the meeting. Therefore, the final number of registered participants was 788, which includes 23% ECIS members, 40% regular participants, and 37% students. The participants came from 38 countries distributed according to the following percentages for the first 10 most represented countries: 26% from Italy; 11% from Germany; 8% from France; 7% from United Kingdom; 7% from Sweden; 5% from Poland; 5% from Japan; 4% Russian Federation, 3% Spain; 3% from The Netherlands. The total incomes from the participation fees plus additional incomes from supports delivered by sponsors, including public Italian institutions has been sufficient to cover all conference expenses. The symposium honoring Conxita Solans was held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, afternoon. The conference included 6 plenary lectures among them the Overbeek 2016 gold medal and the ECIS-Solvay Prize, 9 invited keynote lectures; 22 selected keynote lectures; 211 oral presentations and 543 posters. Conference participants are invited to submit their ECIS contribution to as special issue of *Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochemical and Engineering Aspects*. The journal site is open for submission.



- b. **31<sup>st</sup> ECIS, 3–8 September 2017, Madrid, Spain:** Enrique Lopez Cabarcos (Complutense University of Madrid) gives a short description about the conference venue and other organizational issues. The large hall of the Faculty of Medicine with 900 seats will be used, together with two smaller halls with 100–170 seats each. Latin America groups will participate the 31<sup>st</sup> ECIS conference. The participation fee is expected to be 530–550 EUR.
- c. **32<sup>nd</sup> ECIS, 2–7 September 2018, Ljubljana, Slovenia:** Marija Bester-Rogac (Faculty of Chemistry & Chemical Technology, University of Ljubljana) gives a short description about the conference venue in Grand Hotel “Union” Conference Centre: large hall with 800 seats plus two smaller halls with 300 seats each. In the Grand Hotel, 400 rooms will be booked. The hotel prices will be in the range 70–105 EUR/night; hostels of price 15–50 EUR/night will be also available.
- d. **Future Conferences: Proposals on ECIS 2019 (1–6 Sept).** George Petekidis (IESL/FORTH Heraklion, Crete, Greece) proposes ECIS 2019 to take place in Crete. More detailed information will be presented at the next ECIS GA in Madrid.
- e. **15<sup>th</sup> European Student Colloid Conference (Florence, 19–22 June 2017)** was presented by Monica Tonelli (Chair of the 16<sup>th</sup> ESC). She briefly presented the event and announced that additional information can be found at conference website, which is already active: <http://www.esc2017.it/>

**4. Elections of ECIS Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster.** Piotr Warszynski (PW) announces that the ECIS secretary and webmaster, Peter Kralchevsky and Pierandrea Lo Nostro, have agreed to serve for a second term. By open vote, the GA unanimously elects Peter Kralchevsky and Pierandrea Lo Nostro, respectively, for ECIS secretary and webmaster for a second term.

PW: The present treasurer, Hans-Jürgen Butt, was elected President of IACIS. He will not serve for a second term. As candidate for new ECIS treasurer he proposes Andreas Fery from Dresden.

Hans-Jürgen Butt presents the candidate. Prof. Andreas Fery is the Head of the Institute of Physical Chemistry and Polymer Physics in Dresden, Germany. He agrees to become the next ECIS treasurer.

PW asks for suggestions of other candidates. No other suggestions. By open vote, the GA unanimously elects Andreas Fery for ECIS treasurer.

**5. Awards:** PW reminds that the winners of the Overbeek gold medal for 2016 is Piero Baglioni from Florence, and the winner of the ECIS-Solvay Prize for 2016 is Shlomo Magdassi from Jerusalem. The representative of Solvay, Dr. Jean-Christophe Castaing will

hand the ECIS-Solvay Prize. The “Enzo Ferroni” and “Langmuir” awards are given to young scientists up to 1 year and 7 years after the PhD, respectively. The best poster awards of Elsevier will be announced on Friday, September 9.

PW: A new organization of the voting for the ECIS-Solvay prize is introduced – anonymous voting by Internet.

## 6. Financial Report. Hans-Jürgen Butt (H-JB) presents the Financial Report of ECIS:

### Budget 2.9.2015 – 6.9.2016

ECIS starts with 22.385 € on the checking account and 40.088 € on the savings account. On the checking account the following transactions were taken:

	In	Out
14.09.2015 ECIS Solvay Prize, Prof. Julian Eastoe		3000,00
17.09.2015 ECIS Poster prize, D. Pilat		250,00
17.09.2015 ECIS Enzo Ferroni Award 2015, Francois Boulogne		500,00
17.09.2015 ECIS 2015 Poster prize, Celine Hubert		250,00
17.09.2015 ECIS 2015 Poster prize, Jiaji Cheng		250,00
17.09.2015 ECIS 2015 Poster prize, Sofi Nöjd		250,00
21.09.2015 ECIS 2015 Poster prize, Christian Gollwitzer		250,00
12.10.2015 Rhodia Operations, Rhodia prize 2015	3000,00	
09.11.2015 ECIS 2015 Poster prize, Baghali Guys Mathapa incl. 40 € bank charges		290,00
16.11.2015 ECIS membership fee, Christoph Hoennscheidt	25,00	
09.03.2016 Langmuir sponsorship	804,67	
21.03.016 ECIS 2016, Rome		10000,00
25.05.2016 ECIS membership fee, Elzbieta Sikora Glinik	25,00	
09.06.2016 ECIS 2017 loan		6000,00
16.06.2016 ECIS membership fee, Jitka Cejkova	25,00	
06.07.2016 ECIS Enzo Ferroni Award 2015	500,00	
27.07.2016 ECIS Bordeaux 2015		290,00
04.08.2016 Elsevier	3000,00	
<b>23.08.2016 Saldo</b>	<b>8.435,34</b>	

Funds on the savings account increased to 40.251 € due to interest.

The budget has been checked by Prof. Erin Koos, Karlsruhe, Germany, who confirms that the finances are correct.

Thomas Zemb asks whether the conference organizers have been supported from the ECIS budget. H-JB answers that the organizers of the ECIS conference in Bordeaux were supported by 290 EUR. This sum is the results travel expenses for Overbeek and Solvay prize winners (5000 Euro), support for the training course (4000 Euro), membership and conference fees for

members and participants was 8710 Euro. The difference, 290 Euro, was transferred to the organizer in Bordeaux.

Enrique Lopez Cabarcos asks how much is the support for the Langmuir awards. H-JB answers that the Langmuir's support is 804 EUR. ECIS donates 300 Euro to every prize winner.

Luciano Galantini notes that the large support from Elsevier, 3000 EUR, is result of a long standing cooperation with ECIS.

The Financial Report is accepted by the GA unanimously by an open vote.

Thomas Zemb proposes the participation fees of the former ECIS presidents who have retired to be covered.

By an open vote, the GA decides the participation fees of the former ECIS presidents, who have been retired, to be covered starting with ECIS 2018 in Ljubljana.

Debora Berti (DB) reminds that ECIS has an exchange agreement with ACIS (Australasian Colloid and Interface Society). In particular, ACIS will waive the registration fee at its biannual conferences to the student who had won the prize the best presentation at the previous ESC and *vice versa*. This agreement should be made clear to the conference organizers, so that they to be prepared to welcome this student (waiver of registration fee and time slot for oral presentation). DB asks about the results of the submission of the proposal for new COST action since the conference in Rome has been the first one since 9 years without participation of COST action.

Thomas Zemb answers that the proposal for new COST Action had been submitted by Epameinondas Leontidis from Nicosia, Cyprus (not present at the meeting) and the results would be known by the end of the next month.

#### **7. Overbeek Foundation**

The representative of the Overbeek Foundation, Prof. Albert P. Philipse (Debye Institute, Utrecht, NL) presents current information concerning the Overbeek gold medal.

**8. AOB** – Mieke Kleijn (IACIS Conference Co-Chair; Univ. Wageningen, NL) presents information about the 16<sup>th</sup> IACIS Conference in Rotterdam, 21–25 May 2018. The conference website is already active: <http://www.iacis2018.org/>

#### **9. Closing:**

PW thanks again the Local Organizers and closes the meeting at 19:23.

Peter Kralchevsky  
ECIS Secretary

Piotr Warszynski  
Chair of the ECIS General Assembly

Rome, 6 September 2016