

**Protocol of the General Assembly
of the European Colloid and Interface Society (ECIS)
held at the 32nd ECIS Conference
Grand Hotel Union's Conference Center
Ljubljana, Slovenia
18:30, Thursday, 6 September 2018**

Presiding: Elena Mileva

Protocol: Peter Kralchevsky

100 ECIS Members from 28 countries are present, as certified by the Attendance List

AGENDA

1. **Opening**
2. **Minutes of 31th ECIS Conference:** <http://www.ecis-web.eu/ECIS17-Minutes.pdf>
3. **ECIS Conferences** (presentations limited to maximum 5 min each):
 - a. ECIS 2018 (2–7 September) Ljubljana, SI: Account of the organization.
 - b. ECIS 2019 (8–13 September) Leuven, BE: Short description by a representative of the Organizing Committee.
 - c. European Student Colloid Conference (Varna, BG, 18–22 June 2019): Short description by a representative of the Organizing Committee.
 - d. Future ECIS Conferences: Proposals and decision on ECIS 2020.
 - e. Proposals for the ECIS conference in 2021 and the next ECIS conferences.
4. **Awards**
5. **Financial Report**
6. **Overbeek Foundation**
7. **AOB**
8. **Close**

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MINUTES

1. **Opening:** Elena Mileva (EM), the President of ECIS, acts as the chairman and opens the meeting. She thanks the Organizing Committee for the excellent organization and the very successful conference. 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 Madrid, Spain, 2017.
3. **ECIS Annual Conferences:**
 - a. **32st ECIS, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 2–7 September 2018:** The Conference Chair, Prof. Marija Bešter Rogač, University of Ljubljana (UL), Slovenia, describes a detailed account of the organization. A total number of 629 persons from 47 countries attended the conference: 87 from Germany, 53 from Slovenia, 42 from Japan; 41 from France, 39 from the UK, 37 from Poland; 33 from Sweden; 25 from Italy, etc., including 218 students. The total incomes from the participation fees plus additional incomes from supports delivered by sponsors have been sufficient to cover all conference expenses. The pre-conference training course “Using thermodynamics in characterization: From colloids and self-assembled systems to biological macromolecules” took place in the Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology, UL, on the 31st August and 1st September 2018, with the participation of 15 students. The 32nd ECIS conference included 6 plenary lectures; 34 keynote lectures (13 invited and 21 selected by the ISC); 13 lectures at the satellite session; 177 oral presentations and 376 posters. Conference participants are invited to submit their ECIS contributions to the special issues of *Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochemical and Engineering Aspects* (Impact Factor 2.829) and *Polymers* (Impact Factor 2.935).
 - b. **33rd ECIS, Leuven, Belgium, 8–13 September 2019:** Erin Koos (Department of Chemical Engineering, KU Leuven), Co-chair, presents details on the organization. The conference will be held at the campus of KU Leuven in Belgium. It is located in the center of town, within easy walking distance to many hotels and restaurants. The plenary lectures will be in Aula Pieter De Somer lecture hall with 814 seats plus 4 smaller halls for the parallel sessions with 434–244 seats each. The hotel prices will be in the range 50–200 €/night; hostels of price 25–45 €/night will be also available. The “early bird” conference fee will be 560 € for ECIS members and 335 € for students. Details can be found at the website, <https://kuleuvencongres.be/ecis2019>. The ECIS Training Course “Microfluidics and Surface Rheology”, led by Benoit Scheid and featuring lectures from experts in multiphase microfluidics will be on September 6th and 7th. In addition, the European School on Rheology will take place from September 2nd – 6th. Both courses will be held on the Arenberg Campus of KU Leuven. Erin Koos answered several questions from the auditory. In particular, the plenary hall and the session halls will be at a walking distance, 5 min, she said.
 - c. **17th European Student Colloid Conference, Varna, Bulgaria, 18–22 June 2019:** Peter Kralchevsky (Faculty of Chemistry & Pharmacy, Sofia University, BG), Senior

Academic Host, presents details on the organization. The conference venue will be the “Cherno More” Hotel in Varna, near the Black Sea coast, with a hall for 230 people and other halls for posters and receptions. The conference venue offers reduction in the hotel prices for the participants. Student organizing committee is acting with Chair Mihail Georgiev and Secretary Veronika Ivanova. The estimated “early bird” conference fee will be 220 €. Travel bursaries up to 250 € will be available. Details can be found at the conference website: <https://www.esc2019.org/>. The 17th ESC in Varna will be followed by the 8th Bubbles & Drops Conference in Sofia, 24–28 June 2019 – details can be found at the conference website: <https://bd2019.eu/>.

- d. **Future ECIS Conferences: The 34th ECIS Conference in 2020:** Aristotelis Xenakis, National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, Greece, presents a bid to organize the 34th ECIS conference in Athens, 6–11 September 2020. The conference venue will be Divani Caravel Hotel located in central Athens, close to metro station, ca. 30 km from the Athens International Airport. The main hall can accommodate up to 1000 participants. Appropriate halls are available also for the parallel sessions, lunches and coffee breaks. The early bird registration fees can be estimated to be 520 € for ECIS members and 310 € for students. For accommodation, many hotels are available, from 3* hotels ≈ 90 – 110 €/night to 5* hotels ≈ 200 – 240 €/night; youth hostels will be also available. Pre-event training course “Colloid and Interface Science in Food and Drug Applications” will be organized in Eden Beach Resort, Athenian Riviera. By open vote, 96 – YES; 3 – NO, and 1 – abstention, the GA decides the 34th ECIS Conference to take place in Athens, Greece, 6–11 September 2020.
- e. **The 35th ECIS conference in 2021 and the next ECIS conferences.** George Petekidis, University of Crete, Greece, presents a bid to organize the 35th ECIS conference in Chania, Crete, 5–10 September 2021. The conference venue will be Minoa Palace Hotel near Chania Intl Airport, Crete. The plenary hall can accommodate 800 people. Halls for the parallel sessions, lunches and coffee breaks are also available. Hotels are available at prices 90 – 190 €, as well as three star hotels from 50 € and student dormitories from 37 €. Short course “Advance Characterization and Modelling Techniques for Colloids” (3-4 or 4-5 September) will be organized in FORTH, Heraklion, with lab access. The early bird registration fees can be estimated to be 525 € for ECIS members and 310 € for students. By open vote, 89 – YES; 2 – NO, and 9 – abstention, the GA decides the 35th ECIS Conference to take place in Crete, Greece, 5–10 September 2021.

Ilja Voets and Ger Koper propose 36th ECIS (12-16 Sept 2022) or 37th ECIS (4-8 Sept 2023) to be held in Maastricht, the Netherlands. The conference venue will be the MECC Maastricht conference center, with 50 conference rooms in total varying from 20 to 695 people.

Pierandrea Lo Nostro announces the bid of Naples to organize the 37th ECIS (4-8 Sept 2023).

Decisions on the organization of the 36th (2022) and 37th (2023) ECIS conferences will be taken during the next ECIS General Assemblies.

4. Awards:

Elena Mileva informs about the awards, which will be given at the 32nd ECIS Conference in Ljubljana:

Elsevier sponsors six prizes for the best posters of young researchers and PhD students;

Enzo Ferroni award for a young scientist, who possesses M.Sc degree and is engaged in scientific research for a period of time shorter than the PhD plus 1 year.

ECIS-Substantia award for a young scientist, who possesses M.Sc degree and is engaged in scientific research for a period of time shorter than the PhD plus 1 year.

Langmuir Prize – three prizes for best oral presentations of young scientists. Applicants must possess a PhD with a scientific activity not longer than the PhD plus 7 years.

Exerowa-Platikanov Award for the best oral presentation in the field of surface forces, foams and emulsions; PhD and scientific activity not longer than the PhD plus 7 years.

5. Financial Report. The ECIS Treasurer, Andreas Fery, presents the Financial Report of ECIS:

Budget 7.9.2017 – 7.9.2018

Girokonto (Checking account): started with 8.958,65€ and ends with 26.981,14€

Zuwachssparen (Savings account): started with 40.572,70 € and ends with 41.100,15 €

On the checking account, the following transactions were taken:

Beleg-No.	Datum		In (€)	Out (€)
	07.09.2017	budget	8.958,65 €	
1	08.09.2017	Transfer ECIS Rom 2016	11.840,00 €	
2	22.09.2017	Transfer from Mainz to Dresden account		
3	17.10.2017	ECIS Ljubljana Starting Budget		6.000,00 €
4	17.10.2017	Solvay Prize St. A. Armes		3.000,00 €
5	17.10.2017	Enzo Ferroni Prize V. Vercillo		500,00 €
6	17.10.2017	Elsevier Poster Prize Ch. Hanske		300,00 €
7	17.10.2017	Elsevier Poster Prize L. Fox		300,00 €
8	17.10.2017	Elsevier Poster Prize C. Cavallo		300,00 €

9	20.10.2017	ESC award Anaïs Chalard		750,00 €
10	20.10.2017	Elsevier Poster Prize S. Michel		300,00 €
11	24.10.2017	Elsevier Poster Prize M. Takeshi		314,70 €
12	02.11.2017	ECIS Madrid*	1.410,00 €	
13	03.11.2017	ECIS Madrid (Reimbursement starting budget)	6.000,00 €	
14	13.12.2017	ECIS Membership fee XXXXX	25,00 €	
15	16.01.2018	Fees for updating registration (Oberjustizkasse Hamm)		4,50 €
16	23.02.2018	ECIS Membership fee XXXXX	25,00 €	
17	23.02.2018	ECIS Membership fee XXXXX	25,00 €	
18	05.03.2018	Elsevier Sponsorship	3.000,00 €	
19	16.05.2018	Contribution of University of Florence for SUBSTANTIA Award	500,00 €	
20	31.05.2018	Donation from Enzo Ferroni Foundation for Ferroni Award 2018	500,00 €	
21	06.06.2018	INSTITUT PO FIZIKOHIMIY, Sofia 4X ECIS-Exerowa-Platikanov Award	2.400,00 €	
22	07.06.2018	ECIS Membership fee XXXXX	25,00 €	
23	21.06.2018	ECIS Membership fee XXXXX	5,00 €	
24	29.06.2018	ECIS Membership fee XXXXX	5,00 €	
25	26.07.2018	ACS Sponsorship (Langmuir awards)	1.071,00 €	
26	13.08.2018	ECIS Membership fee XXXXX	25,00 €	
27	24.08.2018	Baudouin Foundation 2018 (Solvay award)	3.000,00 €	
28	08.09.2017 - 31.08.2018	account fees		69,45 €
	31.08.2018	Saldo	26.976,00 €	

* Detailed Information on Transfer from ECIS Madrid:

Participants:

1) registration fee = PhD student + ECIS membership, Invited = N 46 Participants

2) registration fee = regular PhD student, Invited = N 121 Participants

for each of those **167 participants/members, we receive €5, resulting in a total of €835,00**

3) registration fee = ECIS member + ECIS membership, Invited = N 170 Participants

4) registration fee = regular participant, Invited = N 133 Participants

for each of those **303 participants/members we receive €25, resulting in a total of €7.575,00**

In summary:

student fees: + 835,00 €

regular fees: + 7.575,00 €

training course - 4.000,00 €

overbeek / solvay travel supp.: - 3.000,00 €

total: + 1.410,00 €

The budget has been checked by Prof. Regine von Klitzing, Technical University Darmstadt, who confirms that the finances are correct. The Financial Report is accepted by the GA unanimously, by an open vote.

6. Overbeek Foundation

No new information.

7. AOB

No announcements.

8. Closing:

EM thanks again the Local Organizers and closes the meeting at 19:30.

Peter Kralchevsky
ECIS Secretary

Elena Mileva
Chair of the ECIS General Assembly

Ljubljana, 6th September 2018