

Minutes from  
THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
and  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
of  
The European Colloid and Interface Society  
Friday, September 4, 1987 at Villa Olmo, Como, Italy

The chairman of the Council of ECIS, Professor Heinz Hoffmann, suggested that the Membership meeting and the meeting of the General Assembly could be combined to a joint meeting. This suggestion was accepted by the national representatives and individual members present.

Participants The Council of ECIS:

Prof. Heinz Hoffmann (chairman)

Prof. Mario Corti

Prof. P. Bothorel

Secretary General:

Dr. Gerd Olofsson

National Representatives:

Prof. Mats Almgren Sweden

Prof. Robert Aveyard United Kingdom

Dr. C. G. de Kruif The Netherlands

Dr. A. Malliaris Greece

Prof. Ezio Pelizzetti Italy

Dr. J. B. Rosenholm Finland

Dr. C. Solans Spain

Dr. Martin Zulauf Switzerland

(Prof. Heinz Hoffmann Fed. Rep. of Germany,  
see above)

Dr. M. Angelova on behalf  
of Prof. I. B. Ivanov Bulgaria

"Spokesmen":

Dr. H. Füredi-Milhofer                      Yugoslavia

Dr. S. Vass                                      Hungary

About 25 individual members of ECIS

Professor Hoffmann opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. He presented the proposed topics for the agenda and they were accepted by the meeting.

Agenda

1. Report on the development of the society (memberships)
2. Financial report
3. Fees and payment
4. Proceedings of the Conference
5. Cooperation between ECIS and IACIS
6. Future conferences and scientific committees
7. The possibility of workshops on specific topics
8. Election for new Council

1. As of September 4, 1987, ECIS has 199 paying members and in addition ~~16~~ members from Eastern European countries who have not had the possibility to pay the membership fee in the required currency.

National representatives have been elected for the following countries: Austria (P. Laggner); Belgium (P. Joos), Bulgaria (I. B. Ivanov), Finland (J. B. Rosenholm), France (R. Zana), Hungary (L. G. Nagy), Italy (E. Pelizzetti), Poland (J. Szymanowski), Spain (C. Solans), Sweden (M. Almgren), Switzerland (M. Zulauf), West Germany (H. Hoffmann). During the meeting A. Malliaris was elected national representative for Greece.

No clear vote had been obtained from the United Kingdom; Professor R. Aveyard acted as representative during the meeting. Dr. H. Füredi-Milhofer promised to arrange for the election of a Yugoslavian representative. Denmark and Norway have not yet elected representatives.

2. Financial report by the General Secretary

ECIS per August 31, 1987

1 DM ~ 3.50 SEK ~ 710 ItL

Income: Membership fees

151 x 140 SEK	SEK 21 140
3 x 40 SEK	120
3 x 1400 SEK	4 200
28 x 105 SEK (approx)	2 940 (approx)
SUMMA	SEK 28 400

Ind. support:

Ciba-Geigy	8 394
Hoffman-LaRoche	8 440

SUMMA	SEK 16 834
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Total Income	SEK 45 234
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Expenses:

Clerical costs	SEK 10 950
Printing	2 087
Travel costs	700
Bank charges	90

SUMMA	SEK 13 737
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Travellers' check DM 8 500  
(DM 8 000 used for support of Como conference)

SEK 30 539

Cash in bank 1987-08-31:

SEK 1 146  
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3. The Meeting decided that the fees for 1988 should be unchanged from 1987.

4. The Chairman, Professor Hoffmann, presented the suggestions of the Council for payment of fees for members from eastern European countries who cannot pay in a western currency. The first alternative and the one preferred by the Council is that a bank account is opened in one eastern European country and fees from all other eastern European countries are collected in that account. The money should be used for financial support of ECIS conferences held in eastern European countries.

If the arrangement with one bank account should be too difficult to arrange, the fees from each country could be collected by one of the members from the country. The money should be used to support participation of ECIS members in ECIS conferences, etc. The administration for collecting the fees and managing the bank account(s) should be the responsibility of the National Representative of each country.

Dr. Anghelova told the meeting that Professor Ivanov was offering to explore the possibilities of collecting the fees in a common bank account in one country (e.g. Bulgaria). The offer was gratefully accepted and the General Assembly will await Professor Ivanov's report before taking any decision.

4. The Meeting accepted the proposal by Steinkopft Verlag to publish

the Proceedings of the ECIS-conference in Como in 1987 and the coming conference in Bordeaux in 1988. It was decided that the chairman of the Local Organizing Committee should also act as the guest editor. The Proceedings will be published as individual volumes in the series Progress in Colloid and Polymer Science.

5. The cooperation between ECIS (European Colloid and Interface Society) and IACIS (International Association of Colloid and Interface Scientists) will take the form of exchange of representatives in the governing bodies of the societies. The representatives will have no voting rights. Professor H. Hoffmann will be the representative of ECIS to IACIS.

6. The 2nd European Colloid and Interface Society Conference will be held at Arca on (close to Bordeaux), France, in September (around 20-25), 1988, with Professor Bothorel as chairman for the Local Organizing Committee.

The Council had received an invitation to organize the 3rd ECIS-conference in 1989 in Switzerland. During the meeting, invitations for the 1989 conference were made by Dr. Malliaris for Athens, Greece, and Dr. Anghelova for Sofia, Bulgaria. It was decided that written proposals for the organization of the 1989 conference should be submitted to the chairman before January 1, 1988. The proposals should be mailed to the national representatives, who will be asked to vote on the location of the 1989 conference before March 1, 1988.

The Chairman told the Meeting there was a possibility of arranging the ECIS conference for 1990 jointly with a meeting of the European Physical Chemistry Societies on Colloids to be held in Bristol, UK and arranged by the Faraday Society.

Further invitations to hold future ECIS conferences are welcome. The decision about the location and time for the 4th ECIS conference in 1990 will be taken by the General Assembly meeting in connection with the 1988 conference. In the future decisions about conferences to be held will be made by the General Assembly two years in advance. This means that proposals for the conference for year 19XX should be made at the latest in the spring of the year (19XX - 2).

7. It was suggested by the chairman that ECIS could arrange specialized workshops lasting for, for instance, only one day and with a limited number of participants. It was suggested that before deciding about workshops, the form and philosophy of the ECIS conferences should be discussed. It appeared to be a quite widespread feeling that the programs of the future conferences should be concentrated on two or three topics for each conference. The topics could then be introduced by a plenary lecture and current scientific progress reported in short oral contributions and poster presentations.

No decision about workshops was taken.

8. It was decided that the Council for 1988 should consist of the same three members as during 1987. Professor Bothorel was elected chairman, Professor Corti vice-chairman, and Professor Hoffmann became past chairman.

Gerd Olofsson  
Secretary General