

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the
DIVISION of NUCLEAR and RADIOCHEMISTRY**
held during the Radchem 2022 conference in King Edward's Library, Nové Lázně,
Mariánské Lázně, Czech Republic, on Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 12:15

Those present:

Physically: Jon Petter Omtvedt (Chair, Norway), Jan John (Secretary and Treasurer, Czech Republic), Antonia Denkova (The Netherlands), Nick Evans (UK), Xiaolin Hou (Denmark), Gareth T.W. Law (Finland), Ioannis Paschalidis (Cyprus), Pavol Rajec (Slovakia), Marko Štok (Slovenia). Andreas Türlér (Switzerland), Clemens Walther (Germany).

Through Zoom: Flavia Groppi (Italy), Noémi Nagy (Hungary), Katarzyna Szarlowicz (Poland).

Apologies were received from: Philippe Moisy (France).

Those not present:

Stepan Kalmykov (Russia), Divna Djokić (Serbia), C. Gascó Leonarte (Spain), Rositza Mihailova Kamenova-Totzeva (Bulgaria), Isabel Santos (Portugal), Israel Zilbermann (Israel), Turan Unak (Turkey). Panagiotis Misaelides (Greece), Christian Ekberg (Sweden).

1. Welcome, Approval of agenda

J.P. Omtvedt welcomed the participants.

2. The Annual Meeting agreed to the Agenda as circulated.

3. Society representation – changes and updates

New members introduced:

- Antonia Denkova (replacing Bert Wolterbeek),
- Katarzyna Szarlowicz (replacing Jerzy Narbutt),
- Marko Štok.

Continue attempts to replace the “silent” members (Israel, Portugal, Serbia, Turkey), no success so far.

Continue attempts to recruit representative of Estonia, no success so far.

4. Protocol of last meeting (2019, on-line through Skype)

Minutes of the previous meeting (December 2019, on-line) were distributed soon after the meeting by e-mail. All remaining tasks were included to the agenda of this meeting and are addressed below.

5. News from EuChemS and Financial Statement (J. John).

Short review of events

DNRC has 4.000 EUR on its EuChemS account.

6. Status of the NRC EuroMaster

Actively used by Uni Helsinki and CTU Prague. Call for additional applications launched.

7. Status of DNRC on Social Networks

DNRC is present on Facebook and LinkedIn. However, achieving critical mass is difficult...

Currently, there are about 500 likes to the DNRC Facebook page and 93 members of the associated group. There is 58 members to the LinkedIn group.

Links:

- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/DivNucRadChem>
- Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2250535871897787>
- LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8730198>

Task: Everyone is urged to post any interesting news on courses, conferences, or other relevant materials so as to activate the groups and our Facebook page.

8. Election of new Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

Introduction of prof. Marko Štok (JSI Ljubljana, Slovenia).

Voting: 14 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions

New secretary, treasurer and web editor approved: Antonia Denkova, Jan John, and Jon Petter Omtvedt, respectively

9. Change of the DNRC “Procedures and Practices” (P&P)

The duration of the term of the secretary is left out from the P&P.

Voting: No against, no abstentions. – New wording approved unanimously.

10. Upcoming NRC related conferences and meetings

Everybody is urged to submit information of relevant conferences and meetings in order to keep our web-pages up-to-date and useful.

11. Date and place of the next Annual meeting

For the Annual Meeting in 2023 we will try to locate a conference or event that many of DNRC delegates will attend and arrange the Annual Meeting in connection to this. The place and date will be announced later. For 2024 the Annual Meeting is foreseen do be held during the NRC 10 conference in Brighton, UK, between 25th to 30th of August 2024.

12. Miscellaneous

a. A possibility to include the current European Network on Nuclear and Radiochemistry Education and Training (NRC Network) as a dedicated working group under DNRC.

The objective and functions of the European NRC Network are:

- to cooperate in NRC education and training in Europe
- to promote development of NRC education and training in Europe

- to represent NRC education and training community towards other organizations and society
- to promote and organize student and teacher exchange between partners
- to organize common courses in NRC

Proposal: A Task Force (i.e. working group) made up of NRC Network members will be created to continue the work of the network as part of the DNRC.

Voting: No against, no abstentions. – New wording approved unanimously.

Ulrich W. Scherer has volunteered to head and organize the Task Force. A mandate for this Task Force will be worked out between him and the DNRC head and secretary. Information and material from the old NRC network web-pages will be moved to a suitable new DNRC web-page.

- b. Task Force for “Identifying and proposing DNRC Honorary Membership” established. The Task Force will be headed by Nick Evans who also will invite applicable members.

Voting: No against, no abstentions. – New wording approved unanimously.

- c. NRC EuroMaster Diploma The new Task Force agreed upon under 12.a. should promote it.
- d. Supporting NRC colleagues and students in Ukraine: We follow the EuChemS' policy and recommendations. Anyone beware of students or colleagues that need help should reach out to the community to identify anyone that can help.
- e. Historical Landmarks Award: J. John informed that Jáchymov / St Joachimsthal is considered for this award – for its production of uranium and source of material for radium discovery and for its general importance to the chemical and even the non-chemical community – medieval silver mining and production of St. Joachimsthallers that gave name to the dollars.
- f. The group expresses its thanks to Jon Petter Omtvedt for leading the DNRC through these difficult times. The group and Jon Petter Omtvedt express its sincere thanks to Jan John for his services as secretary since 2007 and general support to the Chair and the community during all these years.

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Attachments:

1. DNRC EuCheMS 2022 Annual Meeting presentation