

Minutes of the Meeting
ECA Meeting held during the Carbon Conference 2006
Aberdeen on Wednesday 19th July 2006

Participants

Prof. Dr. W. Klose (Germany, presiding)
Dipl.-Ing. F. Fendt (Germany)
Dr. A. Schinkel (Germany)
Prof. Dr. F. Béguin (France) (from 18.50^h)
Dr. S. Bonnamy (France)
Prof. Dr. M. Heggie (Great Britain)
Dr. A.J. Wickham (Great Britain, part-time)
Dr. R. Menéndez (Spain)
Prof. Dr. Carzorla-Amoros (Spain)
Prof. Dr. J. Mirasol (Spain)
Prof. Dr. S. Blazewicz (Poland)
Prof. Dr. J. Machnikowski (Poland)
Prof. Dr. P. Carrott (Portugal)

Begin: 18.40^h

Item 1:

Welcome address

Given by Prof. Klose.

All representatives of the national carbon groups accepted the agenda.

Item 2

Apologies for Absence

At this time Prof. Béguin was absent.

Item 3:

Confirmation of the minutes of the previous ECA-Meeting

The minutes of the ECA-meeting (held on 4th July 2005 in Gyeongju (South-Korea)) were accepted as true record.

Item 4:

ECA-Representatives into the IUPAC Committee

The names of the delegates to work on the ECA nomenclature group from each member group of ECA have been given to Prof. Bradley as well as in the IUPAC group. The composition of the IUPAC committee has been extended. The members are:

Prof. Edie (USA)
Prof. Kaneko (Japan)
Prof. Rand (Great Britain)
Prof. Delhaes (France)
Prof. Klose (Germany)
Prof. Wienckowski (Poland)
Dr. Pis (Spain)
To be announced. (China)

To be announced (South-Korea)

Item 5:

Presentation of the Portuguese Group (given by Prof. Peter J.M. Carrott)

Prof. Carrott reported about the Portuguese group. About 10 workgroups are dealing with carbon in Portugal. In total about 35 people are working in carbon science - not including PhD students and post docs. The majority of people are organised in the catalysis and porous materials group of the Portuguese Chemical Society. Prof. Carrott suggested this group to be the Portuguese representative in ECA. The group is not in the state to organise an international Carbon Conference due to the small number of members.

Decision of membership

The decision was postponed. The Portuguese should first form an official carbon group, and then that group can become a member of the ECA. Prof. Heggie sounded a note of caution that such a small group could have the same influence in the ECA as the other big national groups in voting matters.

Prof. Carrott will inform the other national carbon groups about the foundation of the Portuguese Carbon Group (PCG). The number of members should not be less than 35 in national carbon groups. The decision of membership will be made by circulating the request after the foundation of the PCG. Any such membership decision should be confirmed at the next ECA meeting.

As a matter for report, the Polish Graphite Group has been renamed as the Polish Carbon Group.

Item 6:

Internal meetings on national ECA groups

Group	Meetings
British Carbon Group	The British Carbon Group organised <i>NanoteC 05</i> at Sussex and the <i>Ageing Management of Graphite Reactor Cores Conference</i> at Cardiff.
Spanish Carbon Group	The last national meeting was held in Jaén with about 200 participants. The next national meeting will be held in 2007 in Zaragoza.
Polish Carbon Group	The last meeting dealt with the organisation of the CESEP II Conference in Cracow 2007
French Carbon Group	France has two national meetings per year.
German Carbon Group	National fall meeting will be held in Meitingen, Oct 12-13, 2006 National spring meeting will be held in the Ceramic Institute in Hermsdorf, April 19-20, 2007 Additionally, the European Carbon Course is held November 20-21, 2006 in Frankfurt am Main

Item 7

Shared meetings of national ECA groups

Additional shared meetings did not take place.

Item 8

Discussion about future Carbon meetings (Europe)

Prof. Béguin suggested that the candidates applying to organise Carbon 2012 and that a discussion should follow. The candidates are Germany, Poland, and Spain.

The German group proposed organising the conference in Dresden, the Spanish group in Málaga, and the Polish group in Cracow.

Prof. Klose gave the presentation about the organisation of the Carbon2012 in Dresden (Germany) including the financial budget, the conference site, and showed a lot of opportunities for social events in historical places.

After this presentation Prof. Blazewicz pointed out that he was not prepared to give a presentation. Therefore, he suggested to postpone the decision to the next ECA meeting. The majority followed this proposal.

Item 9

Presentation of ECA members for candidanship for spokesperson

Dr. Menéndez and Prof. Heggie applied for the candidanship.

Dr. Menéndez pointed out she would strengthen the activities of the European carbon community by more conferences. Additionally, she would like to organise research projects with the national carbon groups of ECA to be funded by the European Community.

Prof. Malcolm Heggie applied with different points for the candidanship. He pointed out the academic role of the ECA, rather than the managerial. Whereas the national groups should help each other in the area of research funding, the aim of the ECA should be to promulgate carbon science. He promised clarity, precision and openness in the conduct of the affairs of the ECA. Additionally, he reminded everyone of the full engagement of the British Carbon Group in ECA affairs, latterly hosting and organising the ECA web page.

Item 10

Election of ECA spokesperson

After a discussion in which the candidates left the room, Dr. Menéndez was elected as the new spokesperson of ECA.

Item 11

Future ECA Meetings

The next ECA meeting will be held during the next Carbon conference in Seattle on Monday, July 16th, 2007.

Item 12

Any other business

Prof. Klose reported about the Turkish Carbon Group. This group (through Prof. Yardim) asked to become a member of ECA. To this end, a representative will present the Turkish Carbon Group at the next ECA meeting in order to apply for ECA membership.

The meeting ended at 19.50 ^h