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Annual Meeting of the ECA Council Madrid July 4 2018, 17.30 CEST Bonn Room Marriot Hotel

1. Welcome address

María Jesús Lázaro, chairwoman of the ECA, welcomed the representatives of each European Carbon Group:

Guenter Rinn (AKK)
Bastian Etzold (AKK)
José Luís Figueiredo (PCG)
Elzbieta Frackowiak (PCS)
Grazyna Gryglewicz (PCS)
Gareth Neighbour (BCG)
Malcom Heggie (BCG)
Gerard L. Vignoles (SFEC)
Alain Penicaud (SFEC)
Fabian Suarez (GEC)

The Ukrainian Carbon Group representative had excused his absence.

1. Agenda

The proposed agenda of the meeting was accepted.

1. Welcome Address
2. Approval of the Minutes, September 19 2017
3. Carbon Conferences
 - a. Spain, Madrid, 2018
 - b. UK, London, 2021
 - c. Thinking in place for Next Conference
4. ECA Award 2018
5. Kroto Medal & Fund
6. National Group Activities
7. Other items

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2017 ECA Council Meeting in Telcon September 19, 2017

The Minutes of the 2017 ECA Council Meeting in Telcon were sent to the national representatives by e-mail and finally approved by the participants of this meeting.





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3. Carbon Conferences

a. Madrid; Spain 2018

The conference received 706 participants from 55 different countries of all continents, more than 200 being students. We had 16 sponsors. Most of the participants had been from Europe, followed by participants from Asia.

The final number of accepted presentations was 797, being 377 oral presentations (49 of them as Keynote) and 420 posters.

María Jesús Lazaro reports that we had many abstracts that were finally cancelled at the last moment and we had to cover the final program with those already confirmed. In general, there was an important number of works that were not confirmed until the last dates.

Elzbieta Frackowiak indicates that also in Australia they had many cancellations, about 200.

Gerard L. Vignoles asks about the distribution by countries and María Jesús Lazaro says that information will be given at the closing ceremony on Friday. The largest part of people was coming from Europe.

b. Carbon Conference 2021 (London)

Mr. Gareth Neighbour informs that the conference will be taking place in London. The place of the conference is already reserved, but they don't have much more information at this time. They will keep the ECA informed of the news they will have.

c. Thinking in place for Next Conference

According to the ECA agreement, it is the turn now of the SFEC group to organize the Carbon Conference in 2024. They have not yet decided whether the conference venue will be in France or Belgium. Mrs. Elzbieta Frackowiak asks if there are groups in Belgium to organize the Carbon Conference. Mr. Alain Penicaud says that there are several small groups and that they participate in the SFEC meetings. The next president of the SFEC will be from Belgium. The ECA council gives the approval to the SFEC to organize the Carbon Conference 2024.

María Jesús Lazaro asks when Portugal can enter in the cycle to organize the Carbon Conferences. Mr. José Luis Figueiredo says that it is too soon for them to decide, that they will discuss it, but that they will not interfere with the SFEC group for the organization of the Carbon Conference 2024. In these moments, they are





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trying to increase the size of the Portuguese Carbon Group including physicists and groups that work on graphene. For them, it could be to enter later in the order after the Carbon Conference 2024 organized by SFEC. The Portuguese Carbon Group has already organized some big congresses and therefore would be prepared to organize the Carbon Conferences.

Gerard L. Vignoles asks whether it is finally decided which group will be the organizer of Carbon 2024.

Gareth Neighbour asks if the method for the selection of the organizer group will continue to be cyclical or if it will be changed to another method. Gareth Neighbour says that it is going to be many years now before organizing a conference again.

All discuss the issue of the position in which new members will enter, without reaching a decision.

Figueiredo says that we would like to check this with the Portuguese Group, but that he thinks it is too soon for them and that he will give an answer by e-mail.

4. ECA Award 2018

Mrs. María Jesús Lazaro informs that 6 awardees were received.

Dr. Marc Monthieux
Dr. Jean-Christophe Charlier
Dr. Andrea Ferrari
Dr. Malcolm Heggie
Dr. François Béguin
Dr. Morinobu Endo

She also indicated that ECA rules must be defined with more precision, especially rules on the presentation of nominees. Nominations are made by associations or researchers that can individually nominate to more than one candidate. These rules should be better defined.

María Jesús Lazaro informs that this time François Béguin was awarded the ECA prize.

5. Kroto Medal & Fund

Malcolm Heggie explained that his intention was that the Royal Academy in London would be the depository of the prize, but after getting sick, he passed the whole issue to Mauricio Terrones and he did not receive information from Mauricio Terrones since then.

María Jesús Lázaro explained that she has talked to Ljubisa Radovic and Mauricio Terrones. They want Kroto Medal & Fund to be paid with the registrations to the Carbon Conferences. They are going to include 10 or 20\$ in the registration of each





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participant to the Carbon Conference in Kentucky. She told them we were going to discuss it at the ECA's annual meeting.

Elzbieta Frackowiak asks who is going to be rewarded. María Jesús Lázaro says that the Kroto award would be for young researchers. Elzbieta Frackowiak wondered why a prize in money. She and José Luis Figueiredo suggested that it would be better to have a medal and / or diploma and a registration fee waiver to the Carbon Conference instead of money. Guenter Rinn also thinks it is a good idea to keep the award for young researchers.

María Jesús Lázaro says that she has already asked them about the rules of the Kroto Medal & Fund, but that they told her that they want to have first some funds and then they would think about the rules of the award.

After a discussion between the different groups of the ECA council, it is decided that the ECA members want to know first what rules the Kroto Award will have, before continuing with the topic of its funding. To gain more clarity we will ask to Mauricio Terrones and to Mr. Ljubisa Radovic what the Kroto Medal rules are. Subsequently the ECA will decide about further actions.

6. National Group Activities 2018

The Francophone Carbon Society (SFEC) events organized in 2018

- Annual symposium of the SFEC, Obernai (France), May 15-18, 2018. About 80 attendees from (mainly) Francophone laboratories, including = 50% PhD students.
- “PyroMaN III” workshop on “Bulk Carbon Materials (composites, fibers, films, foams, porous carbons, etc.): Relationships between processing conditions and the resulting structure, texture, and properties”, as a spinoff of the Carbon Congress, in Madrid, June 28-29, 2018. See <http://www.pyroman.cnrs.fr/pyroman/workshop-2018>
- Support to ChemOnTubes 2018, Biarritz (France), April 22-26, 2018. About 120 attendees from all over the world discussed chemistry on graphene and carbon nanotubes. Over half of them were students or post-docs.

The German Carbon Group (AKK) - events organized /planned, 2018

Since beginning of January 2018, we have a new elected board of the German Carbon Group. The new board members are Prof. B. Etzold, Dr. G. Rinn, Prof. J. Metz, Dr. M. Franz, Priv.-Doz. A. Schinkel (chairman).

In 2018 we had the European Course on Carbon Materials 2018 (ECCM2018) from March 22nd – 23rd, 2018, in Dresden on June 8th we had the national carbon group meeting with the topic “Synthetic Carbon”.





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The meeting took place on invitation of the Schunk Kohlenstofftechnik in Gießen. The autumn meeting of the German Carbon Group was held in Shenzhen. It was organized as German- Chinese Symposium. The topic was “Development and Technology of Carbon Materials.”

The British Carbon Group (BCG) - events organized, planned, 2018

- The Group organised the 6th EDF-Energy Nuclear Graphite Conference 2018, which was held at the Castle Green Hotel in Kendal from the 13th to 18th October 2018.
- The NanoteC18 meeting was run at the University of Sussex from 29th August-1st September 2018

The Spanish Carbon Group (GEC) – events organized, planned 2018

- Carbon 2018 “Bounded by Carbon”. 1st -6th July 2018, Madrid, Spain.
- Carbon Nano-Materials and Nano-Composites (Carbon 2018 - Satellite Workshop) Palacio de Jabalquinto - Sede Antonio Machado - UNIA BAEZA, Jaén, Spain, 7-10 July, 2018
- First International Workshop on Multi-functional Nanocarbon Fibres (Carbon 2018 - Satellite Workshop) Madrid, Spain 27-29 June, 2018

The Polish Carbon Group (PCS) - events organized, planned 2018

XI Scientific-Technical Conference of the Polish Carbon Society “Carbon Materials and Polymer Composites” Science-Industry’2018 – Ustron-Jaszowiec, 17-20 April, 2018.

1st Scientific Workshop of the Polish Carbon Society, Wroclaw, 21 September 2018.

The Portuguese Carbon Group events organized, planned 2018

- The 8th International Symposium on Carbon for Catalysis, CarboCat – VIII, took place in Porto from June 26 to 29, 2018. The event was organized by the LCM team (Group 4 of the Associate Laboratory LSRE-LCM), under the auspices of the Carbon Group of the Portuguese Chemical Society..

The Ukraine Carbon Group events organized, planned 2018





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- All-Ukrainian Conference with International Participation “*Chemistry, Physics and Technology of Surface*”. 23-24 May 2018, Kyiv, Ukraine. X International Conference “*Topical Problems of Semiconductor Physics*”. 26-29 June 2018, Truskavets, Ukraine.
- NANO-2018. International Research and Practice Conference: Nanotechnology and Nanomaterials. 27-30 August 2018, Kyiv, Ukraine.
- XVI Polish-Ukrainian Symposium “*Theoretical and Experimental Studies of Interfacial Phenomena and Their Technological Application*”. August 28-31, 2018. Lublin, Poland.

7. Other Items

There were no more topics to deal with. The session closed at 19:15.

