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Annual Meeting of the ECA Council Friday 18th December 2020 at 12:00-14:00 CET on-line meeting

1. Welcome address

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

Alain Penicaud (SFEC)
Arndt-Peter Schinkel (AKK)
Elzbieta Frackowiak (PCS)
Geoff Fowler (BCG)
Manuel Fernando R. Pereira (PCG)
Miguel A. Gilarranz (GEC)
Nathalie Job (SFEC)

1. Agenda

The proposed agenda of the meeting was accepted.

1. Welcome Address
2. Approval of the Minutes of ECA Council Meeting at Carbon 2019
3. COVID19 Influence on Carbon Conferences, ECA Award and ECA representative.
4. Carbon Conferences
 - a. UK, London, 2022
 - b. France, 2025
 - c. Portugal, 2028
5. Information of changes in National Members Councils
6. National Group Activities
7. Other items

2. Approval of the Minutes of ECA Council Meeting at Carbon2019

The Minutes of the 2019 ECA Council Meeting at Carbon2019 were sent to the national representatives by e-mail. Following the comments by Nathalie Job additional comments were added in the “Other items” section to indicate that in the meeting other ECA members were suggested to make proposals on the organization of CESEP, and that both CESEP and Carbocat are not under the umbrella of ECA, but discussion on them was carried out for better coordination.

The amended minutes were approved by the participants in this meeting and will be circulated to the members of the groups.





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3. COVID19 Influence on Carbon Conferences, ECA Award and ECA representative.

María Jesús Lázaro informed that Carbon 2020 was cancelled and Carbon 2021 was postponed to 2022. Therefore, the celebration of the rest of upcoming Carbons has been moved one year. Japan is not expected to organize the next Carbon in Asia due to the economic impact of the cancelation of Carbon 2020.

The ECA Award should be postpone to 2022 during the Carbon Conference.

The members attending the meeting agreed that María Jesús Lázaro should continue as Chair until Carbon 2022.

4. Carbon Conferences

- a) UK, London, 2022. Geoff Fowler informed that the conference will be held from July 3rd to 11th. The venue is still the Imperial College. The organizers are concerned about the attendance and budget. A draft document on the organization of the conference will be circulated by BCG in January. The organization of an event in Carbon 2022 to honor Francisco Rodríguez Reinoso will be considered. In parallel the GEC and Carbon journal are expected to publish a tribute.
- b) France, 2025. SFEC has continued the preparation of the conference, which will be held from June 29th to July 4th. The location is being discussed internally.
- c) Portugal, 2028. PCG confirms the commitment, but activities have not started yet as the event is still far ahead.

5. Information of changes in National Members Councils

All the groups will send by e-mail with the updates on the National Member Councils.

6. National Group Activities

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7. Other Items

María Jesús Lázaro proposed to organize an on-line event in 2021 to maintain the





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tradition of yearly Carbon Conferences. There was general agreement on the value to such event. The pros and cons of different formats for the event were discussed in detail in the view of the National Groups with similar events. An on-line conference including a submission and selection system would be too demanding. A webinar, maybe with selected conferences delivered once per week can be a good option. Representatives from each National Groups can participate by selecting and arranging groups of talks. Speakers from non-European countries should be included in order to have an event with more international profile. One of the aspects to discuss is whether the speakers are mostly young researchers or more established ones, the first are more prone to on-line events and there is concern about the proliferation of on-line activities.

Geoff Fowler indicated that he will translate these ideas to the BCG to discuss internally in January the possibility of organizing this event.

The Ukrainian Carbon Group will be contacted as they do not reply to the call to ECA's meeting.

There were no more topics to deal with. The session closed at 13:20.

