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Annual Meeting of the ECA Council

5th July 2022 at 17:30-18:30 CET

Welcome Address

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

Isabel Suelves Laiglesia (GEC)
Laurent Duclaux (SFEC)
Nathalie Job (SFEC)
Elzbieta Frackowiak (PCS)
Aneta Fraczek-Szczypta (PCS)
Geoff Fowler (BCG)
Samantha Wilkinson (BCG)
Arndt-Peter Schinkel (AKK)
Bastian Etzold (AKK)
Manuel Fernando R. Pereira (PCG)
Ana Paula Baptista de Carvalho

1. Agenda

The proposed agenda of the meeting was accepted.

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1. Welcome Address
2. Approval of the Minutes,
3. ECA Award 2022
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

The Minutes of the 2021 ECA Council Meeting were approved.



3. ECA Award 2022

ECA Award 2022 is given to Prof Marc Monthieux.

Four nominations were received for this year award. Regarding next ECA award, Prof Job proposes that the eligibility of the candidates should be considered before voting. Indeed, some candidatures received this year did not fulfil the criteria of the Award. Additionally, it is proposed that the voters should then rank each of the eligible candidates. This is agreed by the ECA members.

4. Carbon Conferences

a. UK, London, 2022

Geoff Fowler informed about some details of the ongoing conference. The number of attendees is around 300. Despite COVID issues and the difficulties of some participants in obtaining visas that had limited the number of participants, especially those coming from Asia, the meeting should break even. ECA members thanked the British Group for their commitment to organize the event in such difficult circumstances.

b. France, 2025

France, 2025. SFEC has continued the preparation of the conference, which will be held from June 29th to July 4th. The location of this meeting will be St Malo, Brittany. Details of the event are presented.

c. Portugal, 2028

Portugal, 2028. PCG activities will be presented in the next ECA meeting.

5. Information of changes in National Members Councils

The Polish Carbon Group (PCS)

Since the end of November 2021, a new board of the Polish Carbon Society has been elected. The new board members are as vice-chairs: Prof. Mirosława Pawlyta, Prof. Paweł Szroeder, MsC Jacek Ogorek, secretary: prof. Mateusz Kempinski, treasurer: MsC Beata Plewa and Prof. Aneta Fraczek-Szczypta as a chair.

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



6. National Group Activities

The Polish Carbon Group (PCS)

- XIII Scientific-Technical Conference of the Polish Carbon Society “Carbon Materials and Polymer Composites” Science-Industry’2021 – Ustron-Jaszowiec, 23-26 November, 2021.
- 3rd Scientific Workshop of the Polish Carbon Society, “New trends in the science of carbon” Krakow, 24 June 2022. The workshops are dedicated to young people (PhD students or graduate students) who carry out their research on carbon. The total number of participants was 40, including 16 speakers from various universities in Poland, such as Wroclaw University of Science and Technology, Poznan University of Technology, Warsaw University of Technology, West Pomeranian University in Szczecin, University of Silesia in Katowice, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun, Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz and AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow.
- Award of Polish Carbon Society for young scientists: For three years, the Polish Carbon Society has been awarding prizes to young scientists in the form of financing a conference fee for participation in the International Carbon Conference. This year the award was given to Karolina Kordek-Khalil from the Wroclaw University of Science and Technology.

The Spanish Carbon Group

- XIV Meeting of the Spanish Carbon Group, Granada 24-27 April 2022. In the conference 169 communications from 26 research centers were presented with more than 160 participants.
- Awards “Best Doctoral Thesis of the Spanish Carbon Group” The award was given to from Dr. Javier Quilez from Alicante University. Also two accesits were given to Dra. Nausika Querejeta from INCAR-CSIC and to Dra. M^a José Mostazo from Alicante University.
- Award of the Spanish Carbon Group to the best Poster presentations from young scientists in the Carbocat Conference 2022.

The Portuguese Carbon Group

- The II Meeting of the Portuguese Carbon Group (II RGC) in association with the XI National Meeting on Catalysis and Porous Materials (XI ENCMP), jointly organized by the University of Aveiro, the Division of Catalysis and Porous Materials (DCMP), the Carbon Group (GC) and the Aveiro Delegation of the Portuguese Chemical Society (SPQ), took place from 9-10 December 2021 (webpage: <https://xiencmp-iirgc.events.chemistry.pt/>). The chair of the II RGC was



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Anabela A. Valente from the University of Aveiro. Due to COVID restrictions, the event was online. Only considering the II RGC, we had 42 presentations from 14 different institutions. During the II RGC, the new board of the Portuguese Carbon Group was elected: M. Fernando Pereira (actual President), Ana Valente (previous President) and Ana Paula Carvalho (future President)

The Francophone Carbon Group

Annual Francophone Carbon Conference, Murol, September 2021, organized by Université de Clermont Auvergne. 88 participants from 5 different countries were present.

Annual Francophone Carbon Conference, Nouan-Le-Fuzelier, April 4-7, 2022, organized by ICMN and CEMHTI Orléans. 86 participants from 5 countries were present.

Participation to the joint organization of the international “Matériaux” congress, Lille, 24-28 October 2022. Co-organization of 5 sub-colloquia: “Matériaux et Energies”, “Matériaux et environnement, les défis pour les transitions », « Nanomatériaux », « Matériaux poreux, granulaires et à grande aire spécifique » and « Comportement corrosion, conditions extrêmes, durabilité ». The congress gathered ~1200 participants.

Financial support to the « Summer school on low dimensional systems”, July 4-8 2022, Montpellier.

Financial support to the workshop “Modelling adsorption in microporous carbons: bridging methods and crossing boundaries between applications”, June 14-17, 2022, Bordeaux.

Financial support to the conference HeteroNanoCarb 2023, January 9-13, 2023, Benasque, Spain.

Young researcher award: due to COVID and conference cancellation, the last three Awards were presented at the CARBON2022 Carbon Conference (July 2022, London). The awardees are Emmanuel Pichaut (2020), Vladimir Pimonov (2021) and Jimena Castro-Gutierrez (2022). The three awardees could present their work during a special session of the conference. We thank the organizers for this, and even more specially for allowing V. Pimonov to present his work by videoconference since he could not come to London (visa issue).

British Carbon Group

Our main activity this year has been organising Carbon 2022.



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Arbeitskreis Kohlenstoff (AKK)

We held two meetings: one online, one at the University of Darmstadt focusing on Round Robin tests for Böhm titration, XRD, and magnetic particles. In addition we organized the European Course on Carbon Materials. The goal of this course is to give people an overview about feedstocks, basic reactions, electrical chemistry and all flours of technical carbons.

7. Other items

The ECA website has been changed and updated. Please send all remarks, comments and materials to be published on the ECA website through the website <http://europeancarbon.eu/index.php/contact-us/> or directly afraczek@agh.edu.pl

The Ukrainian Carbon Group will be contacted again.

There were no more topics to deal with. The session closed at 18:30.