

Minutes of the CEGSS Steering Committee Meeting which took place ONLINE on Thursday, February 10th, 2022, 13.00 CET via ZOOM.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

CEGSS Steering Committee made up of the national representatives of the following societies:

- 1. Dušan BEREK, honorary president,
 - Slovak Chemical Society, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia.
- 2. Bogusław BUSZEWSKI, president,
 - Polish Chemical Society, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń, Poland.
- 3. Virginia COMAN, general secretary,
 - Romanian Chemical Society, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
- 4. Irena VOVK, chairwoman for 26-ISSS 2022
 - Slovenian Chemical Society, National Institute of Chemistry, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 5. Danilo CORRADINI,
 - Italian Chemical Society, Italian National Research Council, Rome, Italy.
- 6. Imre KLEBOVICH,
 - Hungarian Society for Separation Sciences, Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary.
- 7. Erwin ROSENBERG,
 - Austrian Society of Analytical Chemistry, Vienna University of Technology, Vienna, Austria.
- 8. Tomislav BOLANČA.
 - Croatian Society of Chemical Engineers, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia.
- 9. Michal HOLČAPEK,
 - Czech Chemical Society, University of Pardubice, Pardubice, Czechia.
- 10. Róbert GÓRA,
 - Slovak Chemical Society, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia.
- 11. Živoslav TESIČ,
 - Serbian Chemical Society, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia.
- 12. Modest GERTSIUK,
 - Ukrainian Chromatographic Society, Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine.

PROPOSED AGENDA for the online meeting of the CEGSS Steering Committee, planned on the 10th of February at 1pm (Warsaw Time), previously sent by e-mail (February 8th, 2022) by Joanna Wójcik.

- 1. Welcoming the meeting participants (B. Buszewski)
- 2. Acceptance of the meeting agenda
- 3. In memory of Milan Hutta and Pavel Jandera, a moment of reflection
- 4. General information on CEGSS activity (B. Buszewski)
 - proposed changes to the statute (mission and rules) (D. Berek)
 - homepage (B. Buszewski)
 - responsibility and reliability (B. Buszewski)
 - information about EuSSS and its activities (B. Buszewski)
 - Tswett & Nernst Award (B. Buszewski)
- 5. The case of the special edition of Separations, current status and problems (B. Buszewski, E. Rosenberg)
- 6. ISSS'2022 current situation, support, preparations (Irena Vovk)

1. Welcoming the meeting participants

CEGSS meeting was opened by the president of CEGSS Steering Committee, Bogusłav Buszewski, who welcomed the Steering Committee members. All participants expressed their joy to see each other again, even virtually, in these pandemic conditions.

2. Acceptance of the meeting agenda

Bogusłav Buszewski presented the agenda of the CEGSS meeting which was unanimously accepted and further he chaired the meeting. The discussions and the decisions taken during this meeting are summarized below.

3. In memory of Milan Hutta and Pavel Jandera, a moment of reflection

Professor Milan Hutta († February 20th, 2021), representative of the Slovak Chemical Society (Chairman of the 24th ISSS, Jasná 2018), and Professor Pavel Jandera († August 5th, 2021), the former representative of Czech Chemical Society (Co-chairman of the 20th ISSS, Prague 2014), left us forever. For our colleagues and friends, a moment of reflection and peace was kept In Their Memory.

4. General information on CEGSS activity

- D. Berek proposed changes to the statute concerning mission and rules of CEGSS.
- B. Buszewski presented the CEGSS homepage and requested comments/ proposals to improve it.
- B. Buszewski asked responsibility and reliability in carrying out the activities of CEGSS.
- B. Buszewski informed about the European Society of Separation Science (EuSSS) and its activities which should be more visible. The International Symposium in Chromatography (33-ISC 2022) will take place in 18–22 September 2022, in Budapest, Hungary. Related to 33-ISC 2022, B. Buszewski discussed on the Tswett-Nernst Award founded by EuSSS in 2010 and granted to: Professors Vadim Davankov (Mosvow, Russia) and Günther Bonn (Innsbruck, Austria) at 28-ISC 2010 Valencia; Professor Pat Sandra (Ghent, Belgium) at 29-ISC 2012 Toruń; Professors Wolfgang Lindner (Vienna, Austria) and Frantisek Svec (Berkley, USA) at 30-ISC 2014 Salzburg; **Professor Pavel Jandera** (Pardubice, Czechia) at 31-ISC 2016 Mainz; Professor Roman Kaliszan (Gdańsk, Poland) and Dr. Michel Martin (Paris, France) at 32-ISC 2018 Cannes-Mandelieu.

5. The case of the special edition of Separations, current status and problems

Discussions took place on the contributions of CEGSS representatives to "Separations", the MDPI journal.

6. ISSS'2022 current situation, support, preparations

Discussions took place related to the 26-ISSS 2022 symposium organized by Irena Vovk, in Ljubljana, Slovenia, between June 28th and July 1st, 2022. This symposium was postponed twice due to the pandemic. All participants promised to support Irena in promoting and organizing it. Tomislav Bolanča proposed Professor Danijela Asperger to come at 26-ISSS in Ljubljana instead of him due to his obligations in the financial board management of the university (8.500 employees, 70.000 students). She is the president of the Chromatography section of the Croatian Society of Chemical Engineers, of which he is president.

Irena Vovk thanked the participants for their help and informed them about the progress in organizing the symposium and the problems caused by the pandemic (sponsors, the continuous increase in hotel prices, the low number of people registered, etc.). She wants to keep registration fees affordable.

The final poster for advertising the ISSS 2022 within the networks, institutions and the chemical societies will be sent during the current day.

She also announced the special contributions for the Book of Abstracts dedicated In Memoriam to professor dr. Pavel Jandera (author: Michal Holčapek?) and to professor dr. Milan Hutta (authors: Dušan Berek, Róbert Góra?).

7. Free applications

Tomislav Bolanča proposed an online CEGSS meeting, before or after 26-ISSS symposium, on the CEGSS role in innovations, technology transfer and commercialization since many of founding calls requires those activities.

8. The end of the meeting

All members of the CEGSS Steering Committee agree with these proposals.

B. Buszewski thanked the participants for attending the meeting.

Cluj-Napoca, June 23, 2022

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