



Minutes of the CEGSS Steering Committee Meeting which took place on September 25, 2023, during the 27th International Symposium on Separation Sciences (27-ISSS-2023) held on September 24–27, 2023) in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

The meeting of the CEGSS Steering Committee was held on Monday, September 25, 2023, between 4.35 p.m. and 5.30 p.m., in the Uranus Room, Univers T Hotel, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

CEGSS Steering Committee formed by the national representatives of the following societies:

Present National Representatives:

1. Bogusław BUSZEWSKI, president,
Polish Chemical Society, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń, Poland.
2. Virginia COMAN, general secretary,
Romanian Chemical Society, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
3. Irena VOVK, chairwoman of 26-ISSS 2022
Slovenian Chemical Society, National Institute of Chemistry, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
4. Danilo CORRADINI,
Italian Chemical Society, Italian National Research Council, Rome, Italy.
5. Krisztián HORVÁTH,
Hungarian Society for Separation Sciences, Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary.
6. Erwin ROSENBERG,
Austrian Society of Analytical Chemistry, Vienna University of Technology, Vienna, Austria.
7. Modest GERTSIUK,
Ukrainian Chromatographic Society, Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine.
8. Petr ČESLA,
Czech Chemical Society, University of Pardubice, Pardubice, Czechia.
9. Róbert GÓRA,
Slovak Chemical Society, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia.
10. Živoslav TESIĆ,
Serbian Chemical Society, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia.

Absent National Representative

1. Tomislav BOLANČA,
Croatian Society of Chemical Engineers, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia.

Invited present persons:

1. Václav KAŠIČKA,
Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague; EuSSS secretary.
2. Imre KLEBOVICH,
Hungarian Society for Separation Sciences, Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary.

PROPOSED AGENDA for the meeting of the CEGSS Steering Committee in the occasion of the 27th ISSS-2023 Symposium

1. Welcome the meeting participants (B. Buszewski)
2. Acceptance of the meeting agenda (Steering Committee)
3. General information on CEEGSS activity (B. Buszewski)
 - Homepage of CEGSS
 - Information about the termination of EuSSS activities
 - Tswett-Nernst Prize – nomination
 - Established on March 23, together with ACS and Chrom Soc., **International Chromatography Day**
4. The case of special edition of Separations, current status and problems (B. Buszewski, E. Rosenberg)

5. ISSS-2023 current situation, support, preparations (V. Coman)
6. ISSS-2024, Italy, short information (D. Corradini)
7. The next CEGSS symposia (V. Coman, B. Buszewski)
 - ISSS-2025 ???
8. Free applications
9. The end of the meeting (B. Buszewski)

1. Welcoming to meeting participants

CEGSS meeting was opened by the president of CEGSS Steering Committee, Bogusław Buszewski, who welcomed the Steering Committee members and invited persons. All participants expressed their joy to be together at this edition of ISSS symposium (27-ISSS-2023).

2. Acceptance of the meeting agenda

Bogusław 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. Discussions on CEGSS activity can be summarized as follows:

- Homepage update and its improving.
- Information about the official termination of EuSSS activities by: (i) solving all the financial and legal issues and (ii) the last awarding of the Tswett-Nernst Prize by CEGSS together with EuSSS, awarding which took place at the Opening Ceremony of the 27th edition of ISSS to Irena Vovk and Peter Schoenmakers.
- **Tswett-Nernst Prize** – new regulation – CEGSS is responsible for nominating and awarding the European Tswett-Nernst Prize in the form of a statuette and a diploma presented during one of the European conferences devoted to separation sciences techniques. The costs of the winner's participation are covered by the organizer. The winner must deliver a laureate plenary lecture. The Tswett-Nernst Prize Committee awards a maximum of two winners in a given year, one from Western Europe and one from Central, Eastern and Northern Europe countries. This prize can only be received once per person.
- **International Chromatography Day** was established on March 23, together with the American Chemical Society (ACS) and The Chromatographic Society (ChromSoc).

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

Bogusław Buszewski mentioned the persons which sent the asked materials and thanks them. Erwin Rosenberg still waits for the missing reports for the Open Access journal "Separations" of the Publisher MDPI (<https://www.mdpi.com/journal/separations>) for a more intensive collaboration with the CEGSS.

The "Editorial Central European Group for Separation Sciences (CEGSS)—Brief History and Memoirs on the Creation and Activity" performed by B. Buszewski, D. Berek, and V. Coman will be finalized and sent for publication until the end of the year in order to be published in *Separations* MDPI at the beginning of 2024. <https://doi.org/10.3390/separations11010021>

Discussions about publications in *Chromatographia* Journal.

5. Report on the current situation of the 27th ISSS-2023

Virginia Coman, symposium chairwoman, presented a brief report of the ongoing 27th International Symposium on Separation Sciences (ISSS-2023) concerning participants, countries, exhibiting companies (12 sponsors and donors; 5 media partners).

ISSS-2023 was organized by: Babeş-Bolyai University (UBB), Romanian Chemical Society (SChR) - Separation Science Section, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitisation (MCID), Central European Group for Separation Sciences (CEGSS) and European Society for Separation Science (EuSSS) for the last time.

A moment of reflection took place and a short paper was introduced in the Book of Abstracts in Memoriam to Professor Emerita Teresa KOWALSKA (1946–2023), full professor at the Institute of Chemistry at the University of Silesia, Katowice, Poland.

The ISSS-2023 has been attended as follows:

- **150 registered participants**, 69 from Romania and 81 from 20 countries: Austria (4), China (1), Croatia (3), Czech Republic (9), France (3), Germany (9), Great Britain (2), Hungary (3), Italy (6), Japan (1), Norway (2), Poland (11), Republic of Moldova (1), Serbia (3), Slovakia (3), Slovenia (3), Netherlands (1), Turkey (4), Ukraine (4), USA (1).
- **from different institutions:**
 - universities – 6 Romania, 27 abroad;
 - institutes of academia – 3 abroad;
 - research institutes and research centres: 5 Romania, 25 abroad;
 - non-governmental organization – 1 Romania, 2 abroad;
 - companies by representants: 13 Romania, 7 abroad;
 - authority representants: 5 Romania, 12 abroad;
 - high school: 4 Romania.

Scientific activity:

The scientific program included: 2 Laureate plenary lectures, 4 Plenary lectures, 25 Keynote lectures, given by leading specialists in the field, 26 oral presentations of certified scientists, 8 oral presentations of young researchers, and 47 poster presentations, 3 lectures by manufacturers and 2 workshops.

The abstracts were published in the *Book of Abstracts* of 27-ISSS Symposium (229 pages, ISBN 978-906-17-2211-2), edited by Virginia Coman (Raluca Ripan Institute for Research in Chemistry), Dan Constantin Niță (STAR Institute) and Simion Beldean-Galea (Faculty of Environmental and Engineering) from the Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

Papers communicated can be submitted for journals with index Clarivate/ Scopus proceedings:

- Studia Universitas Babeș-Bolyai, Seria Chemia <http://chem.ubbcluj.ro/~studiachemia/>
- Toxicological and Environmental Chemistry www.tandfonline.com/journals/gtec20
- Chemosensors MDPI (50% discount) <http://www.mdpi.com/journal/chemosensors>

Awards given at the 27th ISSS-2023 OPENING CEREMONY

Cluj-Napoca, Romania, September 24, 2023



Two Tswett-Nernst Prizes offered by CEGSS and EuSSS to Irena Vovk and Peter Schoenmakers. From left to right: Bogusław Buszewski, Irena Vovk, Peter Schoenmakers, Didier Thiébaud, Václav Kašička. Laudations were given by Václav Kašička. Awarding was followed by the Plenary Lectures of Laureates.

Awards given at the ISSS-2023 CLOSING CEREMONY

EVALUATION CRITERIA: Scientific value, Conception, Presentation/Aesthetics

Awards for Oral Presentations by Young Researches

Committee: Vaclav KASIČKA, Danilo CORRADINI, Živoslav TESIČ, Krisztián HORVÁTH.

First AWARD Flash-OP-02, Ecesu SEZEN, Türkiye: Free registration for 28th ISSS-2024 offered by Organisers;

Second AWARD Flash-OP-08, Ewelina MÁSLAK, Poland: Free registration for 28th ISSS-2024 offered by Organisers;

Special AWARD Flash-OP-01, Ana-Eliza POJUM & Amelia Carmen POP, Romania

Best Poster Awards

Youth Committee: Maja BENSA, Valentin SCHIERER, Róbert GÓRA, Luca RIVOIRA, Dominika BŁOŃSKA, Valentyna LEVCHYK, Nisa Beril SEN, Ede BODOKI.

First AWARD P-29 – Elif Begüm YILDIRIM, Türkiye:

Second AWARD P-23 – Kristian SERAFIMOV, Germany

Third AWARD P-09 – Anastasiia MOSENDZ, Ukraine

First Special Mention P-33 – Petr TŮMA, Czech Republic

Second Special Mention P-43 – Teodora-Maria MATHIU, Romania

Senior Committee: Petr ČESLA, Modest GERTSIUK, Irena CHOMA, Victor BOCOȘ-BINȚINȚAN, Bernhard KLAMPFL.

First AWARD P-23 – Kristian SERAFIMOV, Germany

Second AWARD P-09 – Anastasiia MOSENDZ, Ukraine

Third AWARD P-44 – Tomas ROZSYPAL, Czech Republic

First Special Mention P-24 – Tadeusz H. DZIDO, Poland

Second Special Mention P-26 – Vesna GLAVNIK, Slovenia

Third Special Mention P-22 – Justyna PIECHOCKA, Poland

Third Special Mention P-41 – MARIA BUTNARIU, Czech Republic

Two Taylor & Francis Online Subscription Awards consisting of online access for one year to the journal “**Toxicological and Environmental Chemistry**”, Editor-in-Chief Professor Emeritus Hartmut FRANK:

P-09 – Anastasiia MOSENDZ, Ukraine, and **P-15** – Mihaela HERGHELEGIU, Romania.

6–8. The schedule of ISSS symposia according to the Minutes of the 25-ISSS from Łódź and the 26-ISSS from Ljubljana is confirmed by the organizers and presented below:

2023: 27-ISSS – organized by Virginia Coman (September) from Cluj-Napoca, Romania;

2024: 28-ISSS – organized by Danilo Corradini from Rome, Italy;

2025: 29-ISSS – organized by Živoslav Tesič, from Belgrade, Serbia.

Danilo Corradini informed the Steering Committee that due to the high prices in Rome and to have affordable registration fees, the 28th ISSS will be organized together with Professor Luigi Mondello at the University of Messina, Sicily, from September 22–25, 2024.

At the end of the Closing Ceremony (September 27, 2024), Danilo Corradini will present in ppt the first announcement of the 28th ISSS-2024, as well as the city of Messina, the Conference Venue (University of Messina), highlighting the current situation of the symposium preparation, the possibilities of travel (plane, train, shuttle, taxi, etc.) and accommodation (hotels, etc.).

9. The end of the meeting

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

Bogusław Buszewski thanked the participants for attending the meeting.



Virginia Coman

Cluj-Napoca, August 18, 2024