## Minutes from Meeting of Steering Committee of Central European Group of Separation Science, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 in Ljubljana, Slovenia

Steering Committee of CEGSS (StCom) met July 2<sup>nd</sup>, during 21<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Separation Sciences held in Ljubljana on June 30 – July 3, 2015.

Participants: Members of the Steering Committee (StCom) B. Buszewski, V. Coman, D. Corradini, P. Jandera, M. Gertsiuk, I. Klebovich, I. Vovk. T. Bolanča, and D. Berek. Guests, M. Hutta and E.E. Rosenberg.



- 1. The meeting was chaired by B. Buszewski, President of CEGSS, who also has opened the meeting and expressed gratitude to the organizers of 21<sup>st</sup> ISSS Symposium, Irena Vovk. Several members of Steering Committee praised the smooth organization of ISSS and its high scientific and sociatal level.
- 2. Irena Vovk informed the Steering Committee about 270 registered participants, coming from 38 countries from Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and the Americas. Further information about the 21<sup>st</sup> ISSS included the

details on the scientific program with 4 plenary lectures, 46 conference lectures by leading specialists in the field, 8 oral presentations by young scientists, 170 poster presentations and 3 workshops.

- 3. P. Jandera was awarded by the CEGSS medal in recognition of his contribution to develoment of chromatograaphy and for excellent organization of 20<sup>th</sup> ISSS in Prague.
- 4. Discussion about the next CEGSS symposia:

Boguslaw Buszewski presented basic information on the 22<sup>nd</sup> ISSS he and his coworkers organize in Torun, July 2016. The StCom agreed with the format of ISSS in Torun, especially concerning its combination with the 18<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Advances in Extraction Technologies, ExTech 2016. So far, the organization works run smoothly.

On the other hand, the political situation puts a question mark on the site of  $23^{rd}$  ISSS originally planned in 2017 in Ukraine. The Steerring Committee asked Modest Gertsiuk, who would organize  $23^{rd}$  ISSS, to continuously inform B. Buszewski about the development of situation. If neither the full  $23^{rd}$  ISSS nor a sort of substitute, the local ISSS Conference cannot be held in Ukraine, the President will discusss with our Austrian colleagues the possibility to organize ISSS 2017 in Austria. Danilo Corradini informed StCom about possibility to hold  $23^{rd}$  in Italy.

Dušan Berek informed about readiness of Comenius University in Bratislava to organize 23<sup>rd</sup> ISSS in Slovakia, most probably in Bratislava. Milan Hutta and Róbert Góra may be the organizers. M. Hutta confirmed the willngness to organize 23<sup>rd</sup> ISSS in Bratislava. Steering Committee agreed with this plan.

5. Discussion about representant of Austria in the StCom of CEGSS. StCom arrived at conclusion that it is neccessary to revive activities of CEGSS in Austria. B. Buszewski will discuss with the Austrian colleagues the possible

substitution of present StCom representative so that the new representative would be Erwin Egon Rosenberg of Technical University of Vienna.

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Dušan Berek