

EuCheMS DCE**The European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences (EuCheMS)
Division of Chemistry and the Environment (DCE)****Divisional Committee Meeting in Veszprém, Hungary, 26 August 2006**DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1065/espr2006.10.349>**John Holder reports on the current activities of the EuCheMS Division of which he is Secretary**

The Committee of the Division met in Veszprém on Saturday 26th August 2006 as guests of the Department of Environmental Engineering, University of Veszprém and the Hungarian Chemical Society. The meeting preceded the 1st EuCheMS Congress held in Budapest 27th–31st August at which the Division organised both the formal Environmental Chemistry Session and a Satellite Symposium. Fourteen members were present at the meeting.

**1st EuCheMS European Chemistry Congress, Budapest,
27th to 31st August 2006**

The Divisional Chairman, Philippe Garrigues reported that some 140 papers had been received on Environmental Chemistry by the Congress and Symposium combined reflecting the strength of the Division's activities. Arrangements for the management of sessions were reviewed and Chairs appointed.

**11th FECS International Conference on Chemistry and the
Environment, Torun, Nicolaus Copernicus University,
9th to 12th September 2007: Chemistry, Environment
and Human Activity in Civilization Development**

Boguslaw Buszewski, the organiser of the Torun Conference, had been unable to attend the meeting but had sent copies of the First Announcement for distribution at the Congress. Arrangements were reviewed and the proposed scientific content of the programme commented upon. The event, which will be in English, will be held in conjunction with a special conference to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Polish Chemical Society. Anyone wishing a copy of the Announcement should email analitik@chem.uni.torun.pl or fax +48 56 6114837.

**2nd EuCheMS European Chemistry Congress,
Turin 16th to 20th September 2008**

In view of the success of the Satellite Symposium in Budapest, it was agreed, subject to EuCheMS approval, to organise a similar event in Turin at the 2nd Congress. The local organisers would be the Division's Italian representatives Sergio Facchetti and Luciano Morselli.

**12th FECS International Conference on Chemistry and the
Environment, Stockholm 14th to 17th June 2009**

Åke Bergman reported progress on the organisation of the 12th Conference and distributed a draft programme and timetable. The theme of the conference will be emerging issues on chemicals and the environment in each of the environmental compartments and each branch of chemistry. There will also be sessions on green chemistry, environmental chemistry education and quantitative structure-activity relationships (QSAR) in risk assessment. A logo and shorthand title (ICCE 2009 STOCKHOLM) was agreed.

**Collaboration with 'Environmental Science and Pollution
Research'**

Almut B. Heinrich had been unable to attend the meeting but sent a report highlighting nice rises in the journal's Impact Factor to over 1.5, in subscriptions worldwide and in the number of issues from 6 to 7 annually. Members noted that papers from the 10th Conference in Rimini were appearing in the journal and that the EuCheMS Ethical Guidelines for Publication in Journals and Reviews had been published in the July issue in line with policy on dissemination: the first such publication. There was discussion of the journal's editorial process and its effectiveness. These comments will be fed back to the Editor-in-Chief and Publisher Editor.

The journal supports the Division's website at <http://www.scientificjournals.com/sj/espr/EuCheMS>.

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EuCheMS, Brussels News Update, September 2006: ERC Secretary General Announced (ERC: http://erc.europa.eu/index_en.cfm)

The European Research Council (ERC) has announced the appointment of its first two Secretaries-General. Professor Ernst-Ludwig Winnacker will hold the position from January 2007, and Professor Andreu Mas-Colell will take over in July 2009, remaining in the post until December 2011. Both have extensive experience of running leading research funding agencies covering a range of scientific disciplines.

Professor Winnacker is currently President of the German Research Foundation (DFG), the largest research funding agency

in Europe, and Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Munich.

Professor Mas-Colell is President of the European Economic Association and Professor of Economics at the University of Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona.

The Secretary General will work together with the heads of the Scientific Council and the Director of the ERC's implementation structure to oversee the implementation of the ERC strategy and work programme, as prepared by the Scientific Council.