

MINUTES OF THE FIRST BOARD MEETING OF MEGREC
Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy, University of Beograd
Beograd, December 9th, 2005.

The first official meeting of the Mediterranean Countries Green Chemistry Network (MEGREC) was held in Beograd (Serbia and Montenegro) on Friday December 9th, 2005, from 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Besides some deans and professors of the Beograd University, the Serbian assistant-Minister for Sciences, Prof. Aleksandar Sedmak, attended the meeting as an external observer.

The following MEGREC Board members were present:

- Professor Teodor AST; University of Belgrade, Serbia.
- Professor Carles ESTÉVEZ, Institut Univ Ciencia i Tecnologia, IUCT, Barcelona, Spain.
- Professor Abdelhak KHERBECHE; University of Fez, Morocco.
- Professor Panayotis SISKOS; University of Athens, Greece.
- Professor Pietro TUNDO, Chairman; Italian Interuniversity Consortium, Chemistry for the Environment, INCA, Italy.

Since the submitted proposal was recently approved, MEGREC will act under the auspices of UNESCO, UNITWIN program (scientific networks of excellence).

The gathered Board members agreed on:

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- Signing the endorsement letter for UNITWIN.
- Considering Prof. Mohamed Tawfic Ahmed, Suez Canal University (Ismailia; Egypt), among the founders of the Network. To this end, all necessary official documents will be prepared during the next Board meeting.
- Creating the secretariat of the Network – the person in charge will be regularly changed during the Board meetings. Following his kind availability, Dr. Fulvio ZECCHINI (INCA; Italy) was selected for the first shift of the Network's secretariat.
- Registering the MEGREC charter by an Italian notary.
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- Adopting as MEGREC logo a drawing of the Mediterranean Sea surrounded by a green area with some sunflowers, indicating the number of the member countries.
- Preparing the headed paper of MEGREC reporting the above mentioned logo.
- Realizing a web-page for MEGREC initially hosted in the website of the Tempus project JEP-30031-2002 (www.tempus-sedc.org), in which three of the Network partners are already involved (Egypt, Spain and Italy).
- Starting a process for the creation of a common university Master Course (2nd level) on Green Chemistry according to the Bologna principles with the coordination of Prof. Santiago LOUIS (IUCT; Spain).
- Recruiting young researchers to write proposals in order to apply to educational and research financing programs by the main international sponsoring

organizations (EU, UN, etc.). To this end submission of projects and curricula by young researchers is strongly encouraged. A definitive decision about the recruiting strategy will be taken in the next Board meeting.

- Holding the next board meeting in Fez (Morocco) on April 24th-26th, 2006.

Reported communications:

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- The 9th edition of the Summer School on Green Chemistry (2006) organized by INCA, that in 2006 will be sponsored by NATO. Attendees and lecturers from MEGREC partner countries will be welcomed.
- The Catania process. A meeting will be held in Catania (Italy) at the end of January 2006, headed by the Italian ministry of Education, University and Research. The conference will be aimed at strengthening the collaboration among the Mediterranean countries in the field of scientific research. MEGREC will apply to attend the meeting.
- INCA will participate to the European science forum (ESOF 2006) which will take place on July 15th-19th, 2006. INCA will chair a 3-hour seminar on Green Chemistry where MEGREC partners are invited to participate as speakers and attendees.