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M i n u t e s

of the extraordinary G E N E R A L A S S E M B L Y

held in Prague, Czech Republic, on 24 August 2014

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MINUTES

**of the extraordinary General Assembly held in
Prague, Czech Republic, on Sunday, 24 August 2014**

Venue: Clarion Congress Hotel
Freyova 33
190 00 Prague 9 – Vysocany
Czech Republic

Chairman: Professor Rafiqul Gani

Duration: 14:00 –15:30 h

Minutes Secretaries: Professor W. Meier
I. Honndorf

Persons Present: see list of participants

These minutes summarize the major results of the discussions, which were based on detailed working papers. The working papers complement the minutes.

Lyngby, December 2014

Frankfurt am Main, December 2014

(Prof. R. Gani)

(Prof. W. Meier)

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(Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 3 February 2014)

(Prof. Gani)

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(to be proposed to the Frankfurt Secretariat at least 7 days before the Assembly)

List of participants:

Representatives of the Member Societies:

Austria:

Dr. E. LEITNER - Gesellschaft Österreichischer Chemiker

Czech Republic:

Prof. J. DRAHOS - Czech Society of Chemical Engineering

Denmark:

Prof. R. GANI - Ingeniørforeningen i Danmark - IDA, Kemiingeniørgruppen

France:

Mr. J.-P. DAL PONT - Société Française de Génie des Procédés - SFGP

Germany:

Prof. W. MEIER - DECHEMA e.V.

Prof. H. SCHUBERT - GVC-VDI Gesellschaft Verfahrenstechnik und Chemieingenieurwesen

Greece:

Mr. K. KREMALIS - Hellenic Association of Chemical Engineers

Hungary:

Prof. P. MIZSEY - Hungarian Chemical Society

Italy:

Ass. Prof. F. MANENTI - Associazione Italiana di Ingegneria Chimica - AIDIC

The Netherlands:

Dr.ir. B. SCHUUR - Koninklijke Nederlandse Chemische Vereniging - KNCV

Dr. W. BAKKER - Koninklijk Instituut van Ingenieurs - Kivi-NIRIA

incl. Nederlandse Process Technologen - NPT

Poland:

Prof. B. KAWALEC-PIETRENKO - Polish Association of Chemical Engineers

Romania:

Prof. V. PLESU - Romanian Society for Chemical Engineering

Slovenia:

Prof. Z. KRAVANJA - Slovenian Chemical Society

Spain:

Mr. J.J. RODRIGUEZ - Asociacion Nacional de Quimicos de Espana - ANQUE

Prof. A. IRABIEN - Sociedad Espanola de Quimica Industrial e Ingegneria Quimica - SEQUI

United Kingdom:

Dr. D. BROWN - The Institution of Chemical Engineers - IChemE

Representatives of Corresponding Societies:

Ms. D. SCHUSTER - American Institute of Chemical Engineers – AIChE

Ms. J.C. WISPELWEY - American Institute of Chemical Engineers – AIChE

Executive Board members:

Dr. W. BAKKER, Amersfoort/NL

Dr. D. BROWN, Rugby/UK (*General Secretary*)

Prof. M. CONSIDINE, West Byfleet/UK (*Executive Vice-President*)

Mr. J.-P. DAL PONT, Paris/FR (*General Secretary*)

Prof. R. DARTON, Oxford/UK (*Past President*)

Prof. J. DRAHOS, Praha/CZ

Dr. H.J. FEISE, Ludwigshafen/DE

Prof. R. GANI, Lyngby/DK (*President*)

Prof. A. IRABIEN, Santander/ES

Prof. B. KAWALEC-PIETRENKO, Gdansk/PL

Mr. K. KREMALIS, Athens/GR

Prof. J.-M. LE LANN, Toulouse/FR (*Scientific Vice-President*)

Prof. Dr. W. MEIER, Frankfurt am Main/DE (*General Secretary*)

Mr. F. NICOL, Limay/FR

Dr. E. SORENSEN, London/UK

Prof. G. WILD, Nancy/FR

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Prof. J. BALDYGA, Warszawa/PL - Working Party on Mixing

Dr. B. BISCANS, Toulouse/FR - Working Party on Crystallization

Prof. T. VAN GERVEN, Leuven/BE - Working Party on Process Intensification

Prof. P. IZAK, Prague/CZ - Section on Membrane Engineering

Prof. J. KLEMES, Veszprem/HU - Working Party on Computer Aided Process Engineering

Prof. G. KONTOGEORGIS, Lyngby/DK - Working Party on Thermodynamics and Transport Properties

Prof. Dr. M. PITT, Sheffield/UK - Working Party on Education

Ir. E. de RADEMAEKER, Schilde/BE - Working Party on Loss Prevention and Safety
Promotion

Prof. A. RAMIREZ GOMEZ, Madrid/ES - Working Party on Mechanics of Particulate Solids

Prof. H. SCHUBERT, Karlsruhe/DE - Section on Food

Dr. E. SORENSEN, London/UK - Working Party on Fluid Separations

Prof. A. WALLEK, Graz/AT - Working Party on Thermodynamics and Transport Properties

Guests:

Prof. L. KIWI-MINSKER, Lausanne/CH - Working Party on Thermodynamics and Transport
Properties

Representatives of the offices of the General Secretariat:

Ms. C. FLAVELL-WHILE, Rugby/UK

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Ms. P. REGIS, Rugby/UK

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Mr. B. ATAMER, A.Ovecler /TR - Turkish Chamber of Chemical Engineers

Prof. V. BALES, Bratislava/SK - Slovak Society of Chemical Engineers

Prof. U. BRÖCKEL, Birkenfeld/DE - Section on Product Design and Engineering

Prof. E. BRUNAZZI, Pisa/IT - Working Party on Fluid Separations

Prof. M. BUSCH, Darmstadt/DE - Working Party on Polymer Reaction Engineering

Ms. T. DUDUKOVIC, Beograd/RS - Association of Chemical Engineers

Prof. I. FARKAS, Gödöllő/HU - Working Party on Drying

Prof. K. GERNAEY, Lyngby/DK - Working Party on Quality by Design

Prof. J.-C. DE HEMPTINNE, Rueil Malmaison/FR - Working Party on Thermodynamics and
Transport Properties

Prof. D. KNORR, Berlin/DE - Section on Food

Dr. R.E. LOW, Runcorn, Cheshire/UK - Executive Board member

Prof. G. MARIN, Gent/BE - Working Party on Chemical Reaction Engineering

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Prof. M. A. RODRIGO RODRIGO, Ciudad Real/ES - Working Party on Electrochemical
Engineering

Prof. E. SCHLÜCKER, Erlangen/DE - Working Party on High Pressure Technology

Dr. A. SCHREINER, Basel/CH - Executive Board member

Prof. V. TOMASIC, Zagreb/HR - Croatian Society of Chemical Engineers

Prof. P. TANGUY, Berlin/DE - Executive Board member

The President of the Federation, Prof. Gani, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

No requests for amendments being tabled, the minutes of the extraordinary General Assembly, held in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, on 3 February 2014, were approved and adopted as a correct record of proceedings.

A INTRODUCTION

1 President's report

Prof. Gani presented the progress of EFCE's scientific and organisational activities since the last extraordinary General Assembly in February 2014.

His presentation slides are given in Appendix 1.

He emphasized the point that one of his aims was to enhance the work of the Working Parties and Sections. This included the process of involving them as far as possible in the scientific programme of the ECCE. The process had started by inviting them to propose topics for ECCE10 in Nice (see also item 4).

B ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2 New EFCE Constitution & next steps – discussion and vote

Prof. Gani summarised the steps that had been taken since the last General Assembly to allow EFCE to be registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) of EFCE – a necessary move in order for EFCE to maintain its banking facilities and to ensure the Officers and Executive Board members were not personally liable for the Federation:

- Shortly after the extraordinary General Assembly in Frankfurt on 3 February 2014, the proposed new Constitution had been circulated by e-mail. The General Assembly had been asked to send questions and comments to Prof. Gani by 7 March 2014.
- The comments received had been discussed by the Management Committee and an updated version of the Constitution had been discussed and approved by the Executive Board.
- The final version of the Constitution had been circulated to the General Assembly on 5 August 2014. No comments had been received on the final version of the Constitution.
- In parallel, based on the current EFCE Statutes, a set of Rules had been drafted to supplement the Constitution. The Rules, which set out in detail how EFCE will run, had been discussed by the Management Committee and the Executive Board.
- The draft Rules had been circulated to the General Assembly on 5 August 2014. The General Assembly had been asked to send comments and feedback to the Rugby office. No comments had been received on the draft version of the EFCE Rules.

The representatives of the Member Societies present and voting unanimously approved the EFCE Constitution and the Rules as circulated on 5 August 2014.

Prof. Gani announced and welcomed the decision.

Prof. Gani re-confirmed the next steps for the implementation of the Constitution:

- Based on the Constitution, the 'New EFCE' would be officially registered in the UK by the Rugby office;
- Following registration, the existing Executive Board and EFCE assets would be transferred to the new EFCE.
- The current Executive Board members (as listed in the final version of the Constitution) would be registered as the first trustees. Their term would end on 31 December 2015. Election of the subsequent charity trustees would take place at the first General Assembly of the CIO in Nice, France, in September 2015 in conjunction with ECCE10/ECAB3. A respective Call for Candidates would be issued in early 2015.

3 EFCE Budget 2015

Mr. Considine presented EFCE's finances and statement of financial activities as of 31 July 2014 (see [Appendix 2](#)). He stated that currently the total annual income was around 30,000 euros, which included the membership fee and event levy. 70% of membership fees due for 2014 had been paid. There were still further outstanding subscriptions from previous years. Part of them had been written off.

He explained that after 2013, a deficit had again been budgeted for 2014 due to additional legal expenses (legal commentary on Constitution), expenses for the Information Officer, and other projects and activities. It should be aimed to maintain EFCE's reserves at around 100,000 euros.

In future, EFCE wished to fulfil its mission and objectives summarised in its mission statement even better and to enhance its activities by

- supporting its Member Societies and developing extra services for them,
- strengthening EFCE's scientific activities including those of the Working Parties and Sections, and by
- increasing its visibility and communication of activities, among other things.

In order to cover the expenses of EFCE's current activities regarding visibility and communication, the support of the scientific Working Party and Section activities and the initiation of new projects, the following had been agreed previously:

- In 2015 the membership fee would increase by 50% to 1,500, 750 and 375 euros, respectively.
- From 2016 onwards, every year the membership fee would increase by 3% to cover the average inflation rate.

Furthermore, Mr. Considine reported that the Executive Board had investigated the option of calculating the EFCE Event license fee on the basis of a percentage of the total registration fees rather than on the number of participants as currently applied. Eventually, this had been found to be a more equitable and comparable approach than the current one.

At its meeting the day before, the Executive Board Members had agreed to propose to the General Assembly to change the calculation of the EFCE Event license fee from 10 euros per full paying participant to 2.5% of the total registration fees.

The representatives of the EFCE Member Societies present and voting unanimously confirmed the increase in membership fee and approved the change in the calculation of the EFCE Event license fee from 10 euros per full paying participant to 2.5% of the total registration fees.

C FUTURE EVENTS

4 ECCE10/ECAB3 incl. EPIC5, Nice, France, 26 September – 1 October 2015

Dr. Poux presented the progress in the organisation of ECCE10/ECAB3/EPIC5. She announced that the Call for Papers was in preparation and would open in September 2014. The closing date was scheduled for February 2015.

It was stressed again that, for the first time, the EFCE Working Parties and Section had been closely involved in the compilation of the list of topics for the Call for Papers. In addition, they had suggested a number of specialised symposia and workshops and had appointed the topic/symposia/workshop leaders and referees. If proved successful, the procedure was intended to be repeated at future ECCEs.

5 10th World Congress of Chemical Engineering (WCCE10) incl. ECCE11, Barcelona, Spain, 1-5 October 2017

Concerning the organisation of WCCE10/ECCE11, Prof. Irabien presented the current state of activities, the actions planned for 2014-2015 and the roadmap and milestones for 2014 and 2015. He stated that

- the promotional material had been improved by including the full titles of ECCE and ECAB and the logos of EFCE and ESBES.
- the starting point for the most important further actions was ECCE10 in Nice next year.
- the current activities focussed on promoting the date and place of the World Congress worldwide, disseminating information at various chemical engineering events in autumn/winter 2014, and on strengthening international collaboration.

His presentation slides are attached as [Appendix 3](#).

6 ECCE12 – schedule

Prof. Gani announced that for ECCE12 in 2019 the Call for Bids was scheduled to be issued next year. In order to meet the expectations of EFCE and the chemical engineering community on the quality of the European Congress of Chemical Engineering (ECCE), and to recognise ECCE as *THE* major chemical engineering event in Europe every odd year, a set of obligations and conditions would be developed for distribution to the Member Societies in advance of the bidding process. This would also include a list of services provided by EFCE and outline options/facilities for a potential organisational partnership among EFCE Member Societies as an alternative to a commercial PCO (Professional Congress Organiser).

D MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

7 Date and place of the next General Assembly

Those present agreed that the next regular General Assembly would be held on the occasion of ECCE10/ECAB3 in Nice, France in September 2015.

The invitation and agenda would be distributed in due time.

8 Any other business

No further points being raised, the President closed the meeting at 15.30 h.