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Annual Meeting of the ECA Council Dresden, Carbon 12-17 July, 2015

The meeting was held on July 14th, 2015, in Dresden, Germany

1. Welcome address

Elzbieta Frackowiak (EF), chairman of the ECA, welcomed the representatives of each European Carbon Group present during Carbon 2015:

- Malcolm Heggie, Gareth Neighbour (United Kingdom)
- Dolores Lozano Castello (Spain)
- Wilhelm Frohs, Wolfgang Klose (Germany)
- Marc Monthieux (France)
- Elzbieta Frackowiak, Stanislaw Blazewicz (Poland)

The Ukrainian Carbon Group representatives were absent from the meeting. EF informed that Mykola Kartel was explaining by e-mail his absence due to present political situation in his country.

The agenda of the meeting was accepted by the participants. Afterwards, the representatives of each Carbon Group made a short description of the Executive Board composition in each country.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2014 ECA Council Meeting in Jeju, Island, Korea on 1st July, 2014

The Minutes of the 2014 ECA Council Meeting in Jeju were sent to the national representatives by e-mail and approved by participants of Council Meeting in Dresden, Germany. Some modifications of German Carbon Group activities were introduced.

3. Carbon conferences

ECA representatives discussed the present Carbon conference in Dresden, which had been well organized by the German Carbon Group. Dr Frohs (Chairman) reported the number of participants as around 500. Some of the committee expressed reservations concerning the lack of keynote lectures, the moderate number of conference participants, and the replacement of scientific sessions with the Scientific Day on the last day. It was concluded that a high price of registration fee discouraged participants from Spain, France *etc.*





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Although the committee discussed a possible minimum specification for the conference, which might for example include keynote lectures, it was decided that each Carbon conference is individual to the organizing country and such a specification was not needed.

In 2016, the American Carbon Society will organize the World Carbon conference in Penn State (10-15 July, 2016). It is planned to organize Round Table "The Future of Carbon Materials" with attendance of Nobel Laureates and American Carbon Medalists.

The next World Carbon conference to take place in Europe (2018) will be organized in Spain (Madrid). General information was given by Spanish representative.

On behalf of the British Carbon Group, Malcolm Heggie proposed organization of Carbon 2021 in London. More information will be given at Penn State.

4. ECA website: The participants discussed issue of the ECA website which should be regularly updated. Some photos have been included in photo-gallery. The participants agreed that websites of Carbon national groups need to be still developed and available in English. Ukrainian website seems to be not updated at all. Polish group will take care about ECA website.
5. ECA Award: Participants discussed the issues concerning rules of ECA Award. It was felt that the rather unusual and specific criteria for this award should be uppermost in the minds of the selection panel. Prof. Maurizio Prato was a recipient of ECA Award, which was made during Welcome Party (12th July 2015).
6. Information on the ECA activity: Participants agreed that the most convenient way to sum up the activity is to send a summary of each group activity to ECA Chair.

According to the ECA rules, the President of German Carbon Group as an organizer of the World Carbon conference in Europe will become ECA Chair from 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2018.

7. The World Carbon Council (WCC). Regrettably no meeting of WCC was organized by Rodney Taylor, the current Chair of ACS, who was supposed to take care of those aspects. It is reminded that the WCC was created in 2011 (Shanghai) aiming at strengthening contacts between the three continental carbon groups, discussing transcontinental topics, and working at joining the various carbon communities (nano,





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non-nano...) together. Whether the WCC should be maintained as such (i.e., only made with the three continental group chairs) or adopt another format (e.g., including industry representatives?) could be discussed within ECA and with the other continental groups. Meanwhile, MM suggests that ECA should take the lead and organize the forthcoming WCC meeting at Penn State.

The French Carbon Group (GFEC) – event activity (2014-2015):

Organised/Co-organised:

- Colloque Francophone du Carbone **GFEC-2015** (May 18-21, 2015), Les Karellis - Montricher-Albanne (France).
- International workshop *Multi-Scale Structure and Properties of Bulk Carbon Materials: structure determination, physical/chemical property characterization, modeling, from nm to m*, a Satellite workshop of the CARBON-2015 conference, (July 10-11, 2015), Dresden (Germany). Co-organised by ANR consortium PyroMaN, GFEC, TU Dresden, and SGL-Carbon.
- Colloque Français du Carbone **GFEC-2014** (May 12-15, 2014), Nouan-Le-Fuzelier (France).
- Topical Symposium n°2 '*Matériaux pour le stockage et la conversion d'énergie*', national congress **Matériaux-2014** (November 24-28, 2014), Montpellier (France). Co-organised by GFEC.
- Topical Symposium n°5 '*Interfaces et revêtements*', national congress **Matériaux-2014** (November 24-28, 2014), Montpellier (France). Co-organised by GFEC.
- Topical Symposium n°11 '*Matériaux poreux, granulaires, et à grande aire spécifique*', national congress **Matériaux-2014** (November 24-28, 2014), Montpellier (France). Co-organised by GFEC.
- Topical Symposium n°14 '*Matériaux Carbonés : synthèse, propriétés, applications*', national congress **Matériaux-2014** (November 24-28, 2014), Montpellier (France). Co-organised by GFEC.
- Topical Symposium n°16 '*Matériaux en conditions extrêmes*', national congress **Matériaux-2014** (November 24-28, 2014), Montpellier (France). Co-organised by GFEC.

Sponsored:

- **2nd Summer School** '*Spectroscopie Raman des nanostructures carbonées*' (July 7-10, 2015), Montpellier (France).





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- 2nd International Colloquium '*Advances and Applications in Carbon Related Nanomaterials: From pure to doped structures including heteroatom layers*' **HeteroNanoCarb / HNC-2015** (December 7-11, 2015), Benasque (Spain).
- 4th international colloquium '*Chemistry of Graphene and Nanotubes*' **ChemOnTubes-2014** (March 30-April 3, 2014), Riva del Garda (Italy).
- 4th international conference on graphene **Graphene 2014** (May 6-9, 2014), Toulouse (France)

The German Carbon Group (AKK) - events organized: 2014 – 2015

- Spring Meeting, 4th German-Japanese Symposium on Carbon Materials (7-8 July 2014) Conference Hall Hokkaido University, Japan
- Fall Meeting (7 November 2014) Netzsch Gerätebau GmbH, Selb, Germany
- Carbon 2015 (12-16 July 2015) Dresden, Germany

The British Carbon Group (BCG) - events organized/planned: 2014 - 2015

- The BCG May Day Graphene and AGM (1 May 2014) RSC Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, UK
- 4th EdF Energy Generation Ltd Nuclear Graphite Conference (6-9 May 2014) The National College, Nottingham, UK
- Carbon in Electrochemistry (28-30 July 2014) Sheffield, UK
- NanoteC14 (20-23 August 2014) Hotel Le Plaza, Brussels, Belgium
- New Advances in Carbon Nanomaterials (1 – 3 September 2014) London, UK
- BCG/RSC Nanostructures Awards Meeting (31 October 2014) RSC Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, UK
- The BCG 2015 Spring Meeting and AGM (16 April 2015) BAT Group Research & Development, Southampton, UK
- NanoteC15 - Nanotechnology in Carbon and Related Materials (14-17 September 2015) Corpus Christi College, Oxford, UK (to be held)





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- International Nuclear Graphite Specialists Meeting (13 - 16 September 2015) The National College, Nottingham UK (to be held)
- The BCG Carbon at Christmas Event (17 December 2015) Society of Chemical Industry, London, UK (to be held)

The Spanish Carbon Group (GEC) – events organized: 2014 - 2015

- 10th International Symposium on the Characterization of Porous Solids (11-14 May 2014) Granada, Spain
- Nanostructure Materials for Conversion and Storage of Energy - Course (17-19 June 2015) Zaragoza, Spain
- XIII Meeting of the Spanish Carbon Group (22-24 October 2015) Alicante, Spain (to be held)

The Polish Carbon Group (PCS) - events organized/planned: 2014 - 2015

- IX Torun Carbon Symposium (14-18 September 2014) Torun, Poland,
- CESEP - 6th International Conference on Carbon for Energy Storage/Conversion and Environment Protection (18 – 22 October 2015) Poznan, Poland (to be held)

