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## **Annual Meeting of the ECA Council Lexington (KY, USA) July 17 2019, 17.30 (local time) Room 3 Lexington Conference Center**

### **1. Welcome address**

María Jesús Lázaro, chairwoman of the ECA, welcomed the representatives of each European Carbon Group:

Arndt-Peter Schinkel (AKK)  
Bastian Etzold (AKK)  
Bob Bradley (BCG)  
Manuel Fernando R. Pereira (PCG)  
Elzbieta Frackowiak (PCS)  
Francois Begin (PCS)  
Nathalie Job (SFEC)  
Marc Monthioux (SFEC)  
Miguel A. Gilarranz (GEC)

The Ukrainian Carbon Group representative had excused his absence.

### **1. Agenda**

The proposed agenda of the meeting was accepted.

1. Welcome Address
2. Approval of the Minutes of 2018 ECA Council Meeting
3. Carbon Conferences
  - a. UK, London, 2021
  - b. France, 2024
  - c. Portugal, 2027
4. Information of changes in National Members Councils
5. National Group Activities
6. Other items

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2018 ECA Council Meeting at Madrid July 4th 2018**

The Minutes of the 2018 ECA Council Meeting at Madrid were sent to the national representatives by e-mail.





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María Jesús Lázaro commented that after the last the 2018 meeting, José Luis Figueiredo sent an email to all the ECA members, on 18/07/2018, clarifying that: "After conferring with my colleagues of the Carbon Group and the board of SPQ (The Portuguese Chemical Society), and taking into consideration the existing proposal of the Francophone Group to organize Carbon 2024, we decided that we will submit our application to organize the Carbon Congress whenever possible, after the year 2024."

It was agreed to include this information in the final minutes as a note.

The minutes were finally approved by the participants in this meeting.

### 3. Carbon Conferences

Marc Monthieux asked about the procedure and order for the rotation in the organization of ECA Carbons once Portugal joins.

Portugal will intercalate between France and Poland. It was decided to organize Carbon Conference at France in 2024 and at Portugal in 2027 and to continue with the rotating order.

#### a. UK, London, 2021

Lázaro will receive some slides from BCG to present Carbon 2021 at Carbon 2019, as it is the next Carbon Conference organized by ECA. Information was received from BCG indicating that they are working in the organization and venues have been booked for congress and banquet (Imperial College and Natural History Museum). Some concerns were expressed because no representatives or organizers attended Carbon 2019. Lázaro will contact them to collect additional information.

#### b. France, 2024

Job updated about changes in the board of SFEC. Carbon 2024 will be organized by end of June 2024. A "thinking" group including people with experience in the organization of big conferences has been nominated. The city selected should be attractive, accessible, with facilities in the center, reasonable costs, motivating for the organizers and with some local groups involved. After some screening the shortlist is Saint-Malo, La Rochelle and Montpellier. These places will be visited and event organizers will be contacted next fall. Announcement could be done in London 2024.

#### c. Portugal, 2027

The PCG group is part of the Portuguese Chemical Society, which would support. Potential places are Lisbon or Porto, but also some place at South of Portugal. There are active groups working on carbon and with experience organizing large conferences. Prices are increasing but they are reasonable compared to other countries.





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## 4. Information of changes in National Members Councils

All the groups will send by e-mail with the updates on the composition of the national boards.

### Board of the German Carbon Group (AKK)

- President: Dr. Arndt-Peter Schinkel, Orion Engineered Carbons GmbH
- Vize-President: Prof. Bastian JM Etzold, TU Darmstadt
- Dr. Marcus Franz, SGL CARBON SE
- Dr. Joachim Metz, University of Applied Science Mittelhessen
- Dr. Günter Rinn, Schunk-Group

## 5. National Group Activities

All the groups will send by e-mail with the updates on the national groups activities.

### The German Carbon Group (AKK) - events organized /planned, 2019

On March 29th we had the national carbon group meeting with the topic “Surface Modified Carbon”. The meeting took place at the University of Applied Sciences in Friedberg. AKK recognizes that recent promotional activities are successful and that new interested representatives from industry and university joined the meeting.

The autumn meeting of the AKK will be held in September together with the 7<sup>th</sup> German-Japanese Symposium on Carbon. The symposium is organized by Prof. Anke Krüger and will take place in Würzburg.

AKK will organize the European Course on Carbon Material at 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at the Technical University Darmstadt. The established bi-annual course is specialized on industrial attendees and provides insights into the carbon industry and technically applied carbon.

### The Spanish Carbon Group (GEC) - events organized /planned, 2019

CESEP’19, the eighth international conference on Carbon for Energy Storage and Environment Protection will be organized by the Spanish Group of Carbon (GEC) and will be held in Alicante, Spain, in October 20-24th, 2019.

Frackowiak proposed to circulate information about the conferences of the national groups. National language can be a problem, but presentation in English could be possible.

## 6. Other Items





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Béguin proposed to organize next CESEP at Germany or Portugal. AKK will discuss it in the next national meeting.

Monthieux asked about the rotation cycle. Béguin answered that it was not written and up to now few countries have participated. SFEC will discuss internally the position for organizing CESEP in the future.

Lázaro asked how Carbocat is organized and indicated that national groups are not responsible for Carbocat. Pereira said that the decision is taken by the Scientific Committee involved in the congress.

Lázaro indicated that Kristina Laszlo has asked for information about how to get involved in ECA activities. Monthieux said that individuals can join other national groups, but only groups can be accepted. An option could be to cluster groups of different countries to achieve a critical mass and then join ECA.

Pereira said that MDPI approached him offering an affiliation with ECA including promotion of issues in their “carbon” journal.

Job asked if there is information about meetings between the American, Asian and European carbon associations. Lazaro said that she has no news, and last meeting was in Penn State 2016. Monthieux said that the meetings have been discontinued and some should take the lead to meet at least once a year.

There were no more topics to deal with. The session closed at 19:00.

