

EUROPEAN CARBON ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the ECA Meeting held during the CARBON2007 Conference in Seattle, on Monday 16 July, 2007.

Participants

Prof. Dr. R. Menéndez (Spain, presiding)
Prof. Dr. W. Klose (Germany)
Dipl.-Ing. F. Fendt (Germany)
Dr. M. Monthioux (France)
Prof. Dr. M. Heggie (Great Britain)
Prof. Dr. R. Bradley (Great Britain)
Prof. Dr. J. Mirasol (Spain)
Prof. Dr. S. Blazewicz (Poland)
Prof. Dr. Elzbieta Frackowiak (Poland)

The meeting started at 13:15 on Monday 16, July 2007.

1.-Opening and Adoption of the Agenda

2.-Minutes of the Meeting of ECA on 18 July 2006 in Aberdeen.

The representatives of the national carbon groups adopt the Minutes of the meeting.

3.-Bob Bradley was invited to the meeting to discuss aspects related to participation of ECA-Representatives into the IUPAC Committee. Definition of the hot topics was foreseen as the most important point to be addressed in the near future.

5.-Internal meetings on national ECA groups.

Representatives from the different National Groups summarized their main activities during last year in relation to the organization of different meetings.

6.- Situation of the Portuguese and Turkish Carbon Groups. In the first case due to the small number of people involved they will participate by joining the Spanish Carbon Group, in the second they prefer to decide after the National meeting.

7.- Decision for CARBON 2012.

Candidatures applying to organize CARBON 2012, Dresden and Krakow, were presented by the German Carbon Group (Dr. W. Klose) and by the Polish Carbon Society (Dr. S. Blazawicz), respectively. Both presentations included conference site, travel possibilities, financial budget and social events in historical places. After the presentation different questions were formulated to Dr. Klose and Dr. Blazawicz and a discussion was established about these two candidatures. Finally, the decision of organizing the CARBON 2012 Conference in Krakow was taken by the English, French and Spanish representatives.

8. Shared meetings of National ECA groups.

Promote interactions among PhD students of different national groups. A proposal will be suggested by young members of the ECA by contacting colleagues from other European countries.

9. Other business

Incorporation to the ECA web site of a data base for national carbon groups and industries. Ask for permission to the industries to include them in the ECA web site (Rosa Menéndez, as Spokesperson of the ECA, will prepare a model letter for distribution).

To ask Peter Thrower and Harry Marsh to do some work on writing a book or a review for CARBON Journal on the evolution of carbon research through the last 20-30 years in Europe.

To propose a European Carbon Association Award for the CARBON conferences. No decision taken.

Next European Carbon Conference in France (Biarritz).

To see the possibility to organize some kind of archives with documents, pictures which keep the history on the research on carbon in Europe. One possible candidate to assist ECA in this business could be Prof Harry Marsh.