

## **Minutes of the IACS Council Meeting held in San Francisco on June 10, 2009**

**Participants:** Ahn (Korea), Apesteguia (Argentina), Armor (USA), Bitter (Netherlands), Claeys (South Africa), Conner (USA), Corma (Spain), Da Silva (Brazil), Domen (Japan), Roberts (substituting Fletcher, South Africa), Fuentes (Ibero-American Countries), Hargreaves (UK), Iglesia (USA), Lercher (Germany), Li (China), Lombardo (Argentina), Monnier (Canada), Moon (Korea), Muhler (Germany), Ng (Canada), Topsoe (Nordic Countries), Weckhuysen (Netherlands).

**Venue:** Marina Room, Hyatt Regency, San Francisco, USA; 12.00 – 13.30

### **Agenda:**

#### **I. About the last and the next ICC**

#### **II. IACS financial situation**

#### **III. New societies and council members**

#### **IV. News letter of IACS**

#### **V. Homepage of IACS**

#### **VI. Meeting of IACS between the two ICCs**

#### **VII. Other topics**

The meeting of the IACS council was accompanied by a buffet lunch. In attendance were 17 council members, 1 regional representative and all the IACS officers from 15 countries. The meeting was opened at 12.00 by Prof. Li, the president of IACS. He welcomed the IACS council and expressed his pleasure to meet the participants. All the members introduced themselves and identified their affiliations and roles for the council meeting.

#### **I. About the last and the next ICC**

Prof. Moon, the chairman of the 14<sup>th</sup> ICC, shortly reported on the 14<sup>th</sup> ICC in Seoul. The IACS council gratefully acknowledged his exceptional efforts and the detailed report providing a wealth of information for the next ICC in Munich. Prof. Lercher, who will be the chairman of the 15<sup>th</sup> ICC, outlined the status of the organization. The first announcement is attached to the minutes of the meeting summarizing the information on the conference venue and the key dates starting with the call for papers in May 2011. Prof. Lercher explained the ideas underlying the planned cross-disciplinary workshops and the new opportunities offered by the electronic submission of the posters. The latter will allow to quickly screen through the posters on large-screen displays and to organize clustered poster sessions. More information on planned pre- and post-conferences is expected.

## **II. IACS financial situation**

On behalf of Prof. Bowker (treasurer of IACS), Prof. Hargreaves shortly explained the financial statistics of IACS. The up-dated report is attached to the minutes of the meeting. The financial situation was considered healthy.

## **III. New societies and council members**

The Singapore Catalysis Society ([www.catalysis.org.sg](http://www.catalysis.org.sg)) had been founded in January 2008. Dr. Wong, its president, had contacted Prof. Li applying for the admission as a new member country. The IACS council welcomed the application and suggested to invite the Singapore Catalysis Society to present itself at the IACS council meeting during the next ICC in 2012.

Prof. Schmal had contacted the IACS secretary by email in April 2009. He applied for a second Brazilian representative in agreement with the size, scientific strength, and success of the Brazilian catalysis society. As pointed out by the IACS secretary, each member country shall have two delegates according to Article 3 of the constitution. Correspondingly, the Brazilian application is to be accepted, and Prof. de Souza, the current Brazilian president, will be informed to initiate the nomination of 2 council members. The up-dated list of council members is attached to the minutes of the meeting.

## **IV+V. Newsletter and web page of IACS**

The IACS council discussed the high relevance of providing information of current interest via the IACS web page (<http://www.iacs-icc.org/>) and newsletters, both requiring constant input from all members. The IACS council thanked Prof. Tkatchenko for his continuous efforts to up-date the web page. On the web page, Prof. Tkatchenko invites all member societies or individuals to contribute to the news section. It was discussed whether the technical support presently provided by Mrs. Vitorge / Anakate (<http://www.anakate.com>) should be moved to a non-profit organization. Several council members pointed out that the maintenance of the IACS web page cannot be too costly. Prof. Li then offered to host the web page at the Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics free of charge.

## **VI. Meeting of IACS between the two ICCs**

It was considered valuable to meet not only during an ICC, but at shorter intervals on the occasion of other international catalysis conferences such as the NAM or TOCAT. Prof. Li suggested to invite all council members to Dalian in 2010 for a 2-day-meeting thus allowing for in-depth discussions of important issues such as the future development of IACS, education in catalysis, exchange and collaboration between catalysis societies and the contact between academia and industry. The meeting will also include a scientific program on the frontiers of catalytic science and technology in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This meeting will be scheduled during the period of late May or early June 2010. He held out the prospect of acquiring financial support from industry to arrange such a meeting. This proposal was met with unanimous approval.

Since there were no further agenda items, Prof. Li closed the meeting at 13.30 and thanked all the IACS council members for their participation.

Attachment I: First announcement of the 15<sup>th</sup> ICC in Munich.

Attachment II: IACS financial report

Attachment III: Up-dated list of IACS council members