



**EuSSS Steering Committee meeting of 05 June 2010 at Faculty of
Chemistry, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń**

Present:

Prof. Dr Boguslaw Buszewski
Prof. Dr Hartmut Frank
Prof. Dr. Francesco Dondi
Prof. Dr Attila Felinger
Dr Christopher Bevan

On 05 June 2010, 09:00 - 13:00 at Faculty of Chemistry, Nicolaus Copernicus University, 7
Gagarin St., PL-87 100 Toruń

Agenda and actions of the Steering Committee of EuSSS:

- guests welcome (B. Buszewski)
- presentation of meeting agenda (B. Buszewski):
 - general information about EuSSS:
 - contacts (report. B. Buszewski, H. Frank):

Preparation of a letter for commercial companies to actively join to EuSSS and support it, including information about a new prize named by Tswet & Nernst (which is a continuation of "Science for Life" award). Especially attention was paid to the *Thermo* which shall be still a sponsor of Tswet & Nernst award, *Agilent Technologies*, *Shimadzu*, *Waters*.

- new candidates (report. B. Buszewski, H. Frank):

After Berlin meeting there were sent several invitations to countries not joined to the EuSSS. We have received 5 official recommendations from Belgium (Prof. Jacques Crommen), Estonia (Prof. Mihkel Kaljurand), Ireland (Prof. Jeremy D. Glennon), Slovak Republic (Prof. Jozef Lehotay) and Turkey (Prof. Mehmet Dogan). There are also preliminary acceptances from Sweden and Lithuania.

- finance issues (report. A Felinger):

There should be put more pressure to member countries to regulate their membership fees (250 EUR per country per year and 500 EUR from small company per year and 1000 EUR from big company per year). Also companies should be more involved (in the financial support meaning) to the activities of EuSSS and they must regulate its contribution to the EuSSS.

- other issue (all)

In order to overcome the problem of domain transfer and rights to the domain name in Austria, the EuSSS website has been linked to automatically transfer requests from the Austrian domain server to the Hungarian server without the user being aware of the technical transfer.. Thus, Günther Bonn retains the original domain name and EuSSS gets the advantages of low costs web maintenance in Hungary. The website will be maintained on a very low cost basis in Hungary. A. Felinger was thanked for arranging this.

- current situation in relationship between ISC and EuSSS (report. B. Buszewski)

There was indicated that the cooperation between Steering Committee of ISC and EuSSS must be closer and there shall be create a platform of cooperation between these bodies. There was presented a proposal of organization next ISC in 2012 in Toruń, Poland which was prepared by Chair of Environmental Chemistry & Bioanalytics, Faculty of Chemistry, Nicolaus Copernicus University.

- plan for future activities of EuSSS (all)

Intensification of activities in the field of join new countries, strengthen a cooperation with companies and Permanent Steering Committee of ISC, election of a new candidates to the SC of EuSSS.

- presentation of Tswet & Nernst award (report. B. Buszewski)

During the meeting there was shown a gypsum project of the Tswett & Nernst prize statue. Everyone accepted it. There will be a big statuette and a small one. Payment for it will be done by EuSSS. There was decided to exceptionally award 2 persons: Prof. V. Davankov and Prof. G. Bonn as distinguished scientists for the first time during 28th ISC Valencia (Spain). Also SC is going to give one prize for young scientist (under 35) for poster presented during ISC in Valencia. Awarded person obtain a free registration fee for next symposium from ISC series.

Aside from the statuette awarded person will receive also a check (by the second edition of awarding - during ISC'2012 in Toruń). For young awarded scientist will be the smaller statuette (starting from the second edition of awarding – during ISC'2012 in Toruń). The rules of Tswet & Nernst prize will be given later.

- preparation for the election (call for candidates, replacing F. Dondi and H. Frank) – responsible Ch. Bevan:

There were chosen names for potential candidates to be a member of SC EuSSS (instead of H. Frank and F. Dondi): Prof. Dr. Ulrich Tallarek (Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany), Prof. Dr. Christian Huber (Paris-Lodron University, Salzburg, Austria), Prof. Dr. Valerie Pichon (Ecole Supérieure de Physique, France), Prof. M-C. Pietrogrande (University of Ferrara, Italy). The official invitations will be prepared and send to listed persons and, after their acceptance, to national chromatographic societies. As a independent and not involved person there was recommended Prof. M. Jarosz (Warsaw University of Technology, Warsaw, Poland) to carry out the election with Ch. Bevan's help.

- conclusion of the budget for 2009 (responsible: A. Felinger)

A. Felinger transfer needed documents and statement to H. Frank to let him close the 2009 year according to German tax law.

- program of discussion meeting during ISC'2010 in Valencia (all)

Ch. Bevan will prepare an agenda for SC meeting which will be held during ISC'2010 in Valencia. Representatives of cooperating with EuSSS companies should also participate in this event.

