

**Minutes on the informal meetings of the national representatives to EuSSS
on 09 Sep. 05, 08:00 h (6th Balaton Symposium, Siofok, Hungary), and
on 14 Sep. 05, 12:00 h (11th ISSS, Pardubice, Czech Republic)**

Participants:

Siofok: Marie-Claire Hennion, Sz. Nyiredy, Nikola Šegudović, Hartmut Frank

Pardubice: Boguslaw Buszewski, Francesco Dondi, Pavel Jandera, Václav Kasicka, Lucija Zupančič-Kralj,
Nikola Šegudović, Hartmut Frank

Both meetings were held in replacement of a previously intended Plenary Assembly of all member countries as it was, in the beginning of the year 2005, hoped that by that time the full establishment had been achieved. Due to the facts that the legal procedure requires that all signatures of the founding members must be on one sheet, and that the collection of signatures took longer than anticipated, the Plenary Assembly could not be held.

In the meantime, it seems likely that the **full establishment of EuSSS** as a registered society will be possible until the end of the year 2005, so that the official date for starting EuSSS is intended for 01. January 2006. The **first Plenary Assembly** has been suggested by Stehen Honore Hansen and HF to take place during the 26th ISC in Copenhagen (21-25 Aug. 06). This has found general agreement by all members present in Siofok and Pardubice.

In both meetings it was agreed that the procedure of **voting for the first Steering Committee** shall be performed by E-Mail prior to the end of the year 2005, as soon as all missing signatures are in. Suggestions from other countries for candidates other than the members of the present Steering Committee are welcome. BB suggested that **two additional members** from the countries organized in the Central European Group for Separation Science (CEGSS) should be added, to better represent the CEGSS in EuSSS. As this requires a change of the Statutes, it is suggested that this presented to the Plenary Assembly in Copenhagen to be voted on.

In Siofok, the question on the participation of **commercial companies**, in particular the membership fee, has been discussed, and the following scheme has been suggested. SN suggested the following: Companies of less than 100 employees: 1000 Euros; medium-sized companies: 5000 Euros; large international companies 10 000 Euros.

In Pardubice, the desire for a proper **EuSSS-organized symposium** was expressed by all present, especially those who are presently organized in CEGSS, with the goal to come to an agreement with the member countries, which presently organize the series of the International Symposium on Chromatography (ISC). FD suggested that both groups should try to reach an agreement at the 26th ISC in Copenhagen.

There was general consent that from now on more emphasis and activities should be invested to organize **EuSSS-wide workshops**, summer schools, PhD-students' meetings as held so far by a few groups from Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, and Germany, but with a more clearly defined thematic emphasis. The Steering Committee will discuss this during its next meeting (in November 2005, date to be determined); suggestions are welcome.

Hartmut Frank, Bayreuth 24 Sep. 05

Notes:

- 1) Upon return to Bayreuth, an expression of intent to participate in the founding of EuSSS was received from Modest Gertsyuk (Ukraine).
- 2) As expressed by S. Trestianu (Thermo-Electron) during a telephone conversation on 22 Sep 05, the Company offers to become an EuSSS-member at an annual fee of 2000 Euros.