

**EuSSS Meeting,
held in Paris, October 7, 2004, 18:00 – 19:00 h,
during the 25th International Symposium on Chromatography**

Participants :

Hartmut Frank , Germany
Francesco Dondi, Italy
Günther Bonn, Austria
Marie- Claire Hennion, France
Chris Bevan , United Kingdom
Boguslaw Buszewski , Poland
Werner Engewald , Germany

Michel Martin , France
Szabolcs Nyiredi , Hungary
Tyge Greibrokk, Norway
Vadim Davankov, Russia
Pavel Jandera, Czech Republik
Steen Honoré Hansen, Denmark
Maria José Gonzalez, Spain

H. Frank introduces the meeting by reporting a summary of the activities developed in 2004 which are :

1. Statutes of the EuSSS sent to all the representatives of the National Groups;
2. For the first time, the ISC series is held under the auspices of the European Society for Separation Sciences (EuSSS) which was recently created during the last meeting ISC in Leipzig;
3. 3. The EuSSS sponsors the Young Scientist Session and will offer 2 prizes of 1000 Euros.

The chairmen of the two Young- Generation sessions (GB, HF) initiated and sponsored by EuSSS on the same day and those who have attended express that this part was a very lively and intellectually appealing activity; all presentations were very well prepared and in their technical contents very interesting, so the referees panels (B. Buszewski, H. Frank, F. Svec; G. Bonn, F. Dondi, M.C. Hennion) had not an easy task in deciding which two of the total of sixteen presentations should be awarded. In the end, I. Feuerstein (Innsbruck) and ??? were selected as recipients.

HF reports on the meeting of the ISC International Scientific Committee on 05 Oct 04 at which the representatives of UK (Chris Bevan, Iain Wilson), France (M.C. Hennion, M. Martin) and Germany (W. Engewald, C. Huber, H. Frank) support the intention that in the future this series should become a EuSSS activity but further moves into that direction have to be awaited until EuSSS is fully legally established.

A discussion is open to the Participants. Several points are considered. In particular C. Bevan, United Kingdom, points out the problems in UK due to the presence of two national chromatography discussion groups (Royal Society of Chemistry and The Chromatographic Society): these problems will be considered and a solution will be searched.

B. Buszewski focus on the problems of the link and relationship with FECS.

A proposal to organize a PhD European school is advanced by H. Frank and on this proposal a large agreement is found (M. Martin, F. Dondi). This could be a starting point for presenting a project at EU in the context of the forthcoming Marie Curie call for proposals (January 2005). A practical start-up could be the PhD meeting of German-speaking PhD students which will held in Banz (D).

At this meeting, Dr. Andreta, the Director of XII Division, Research and Development of EU, could be invited. In this case the meeting could be open to the participation of PhD student from other European countries.

The problem of the stable financing is put forward by T. Greibrokk. H. Frank points out that a financial contribution of 2 euros per member of the national societies has been considered. V. Davankov raises the problem of the difficult financial conditions of some European Counties and the majority suggest that this should not be an obstacle and to search temporary solution (symbolic fees).

A project for the statutes of the EuSSS has been sent to representatives of the national societies a few days ago. For the statutes to be legally registered, they must be accepted by at least seven national societies. The representatives of the national Societies are asked to send a written agreement on the statutes, by e-mail or by letter, by November 30, 2004.