

Division VI- Chemistry and the Environment (DCE)

Members Phone Conference – December 2011, h. 1.00, GMT

1. Opening, welcome, call by name of members attending, apologies

Nicola Senesi (Chairman), Willie Peijnenburg (Secretary), Ken Racke (NR, United States), Laura McConnell (TM, United States), Paul Wine (TM, United States), Petr Fedotov (TM, Russia), Manos Dassenakis (AM, Greece), Christoph Von Holst.

Apologies:

Werner Kördel (TM, Germany), Sirpa Herve (TM, Finland), Hemda Garelick (AM, United Kingdom), Leo Klasinc (AM, Croatia), Keiji Tanaka (TM, Japan), Nadia Kandile (TM, Egypt), Rai Kookana (NR, Australia), Michael E. Goodsite (NR, Denmark).

2. Communications by the President

Prof. Senesi has circulated all information that is available on the activities of relevance to our Division.

3. Actual Budget status

The initial budget that was assigned, was \$68.000. The current situation is that we have project commitments for \$ 36.500 and operational costs of \$ 17.264. The remaining budget is \$ 14.236. A fortunate situation is that due to relative low operational costs, we have more budget for new projects. It was agreed to use the remaining funds to initiate new projects (agenda item 4).

4. New/Revised Project Proposals received

Overall, there are eight proposals to evaluate. Various numbers of reviews have been received for each proposal. Prof. Senesi overviewed the reviews received.

7.1. Project #2011-023-2-Harris (new) and 7.2. Project #2011-024-2-Harris (new)

The general opinion is that both proposals should be combined and be extended, as the impression is generated that the proposals were written quite quickly. It is decided to assign \$ 3.500 to initiate the first proposal (#2011-023-2). As there is a clear link between the two proposals, and as the same project team is involved it is proposed to recommend the project leader to request for additional funding for the 2nd proposal at a later stage. **The project leader is requested to send a progress report by March 31, 2012 on the first proposal, and the project leader is invited to elaborate on the 2nd proposal later on.**

7.3 Project #2011-042-1-Letcher (revised)

This is a new proposal based upon a previous submission. Reviews were mixed, varying from rejection to doubtful to full support. It is decided to assign \$ 1.000 and submit the proposal to the project committee of IUPAC. An inter-divisional discussion is considered to be needed to discuss the long-term vision of this books series, as this the 9th book published.

7.4 Project #2011-048-2-Cisneros-Aguirre

This proposal on development of sensors suited for climate change research, is also more suited for the project committee of IUPAC as four Divisions are involved. Total budget requested is \$ 12.000. It is decided to ask for a revision, amongst others asking for inclusion of experts in the field, and provision of more details on the various activities. It is important for IUPAC to have a voice on this topic. It was decided to allocate \$ 1.736 and recommend funding by the project committee. The core of the project is not in the area of our Division and it was proposed to include Prof. Dassenakis in the project task group in order to exploit his knowledge on the topic.

7.5 Project #2011-057-Kalderis (new)

The proposal is well evaluated and recommended for funding, albeit with some revision required. More focus of the ambitious proposal is requested. It is decided that Division is supportive, but cannot support the highly ambitious proposal and is willing to accommodate a revised proposal.

7.6 Project #2011-059-1-Letcher (new)

General recommendation of the reviewers: not suited for funding. It was decided not to assign any budget.

7.7 Project #2011-060-1-Ruedel (new)

This proposal is well accepted, although someone from the USA is recommended to be part of the task group. It was decided to assign \$ 4.000 from our Division and look for funds from the project committee. Dr. Petr Fedotov will send additional comments, amongst others more focus will be required in the progress report requested by mid 2012.

7.8 Project #2011-060-1-Chen (new)

This is continuation workshop. Reviews are positive, \$ 4.000 is assigned.

5. Division Bylaws. Approval of modifications discussed in Puerto Rico meetings.

All members agreed on the proposed modification, and the implications in Puerto Rico. As the official approval was not included in the minutes of the Puerto Rico, it was decided to approve the changes now. **Willie will inform the IUPAC Secretariat.**

6. Book Royalties

This point was already discussed whilst discussing the Letcher-proposals. **Laura will inquire on specific issues related to this series.** We need to make sure that this issue is assessed in future book proposals. This topic will be addressed in the next meeting of the Division. Thereupon, it needs to be made sure that the books pass the ICNTS.

7. Division Committee Meeting in 2012. Berlin, 25 and 26 may 2012.

The meeting dates were confirmed. Laura and Werner are working on organizing this meeting. Further details will follow later.

8. Other businesses

On behalf of all Division members, Ken Racke thanked the departing Division President, Nicola Senesi, for excellent service and leadership to the Division in the past years. The work of Nicola is highly appreciated.