

International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry
150th MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Istanbul, Turkey, 15 August 2013
MINUTES

Attendees: Prof. Kazuyuki Tatsumi (Chair); Dr. Mark Cesa, Prof. John Corish, Prof. Rene Deplanque, Prof. Nicole J. Moreau, Prof. Stan Penczek, Prof. Natalia P. Tarasova, Prof. Qi-Feng, Mr. Colin Humphris

Absentee: Prof. Ram Lamba

Guests: Dr. Terry Renner, Bryan Pearson

Secretary: Dr. Fabienne Meyers

Prof. Tatsumi welcomed the members of the Executive Committee (EC), especially the newly elected member, to the meeting.

The first item discussed was the emerging situation at the Secretariat.

Mark Cesa indicated that John Petersen has sent his resignation and the Secretary General has accepted. Two urging issues are therefore to plan for hiring a replacement but also to plan for the short-term transition. The officers recognized the need to carefully assess the position and better define what is needed, in order to identify the best candidate for the position.

Colin Humphris asked if the physical location at RTP was an advantage or disadvantage, while clearly the competence of the director shall be key.

Terry Renner indicated that in order to function in RTP, the executive director should have an employment authorization to work in the US.

Corish restated that at this stage, an assessment was needed before any decision can be made and Deplanque urged that care should be taken in considering any eventual additional expenses which will come in consequences of a transition.

Cesa asked if a PhD requirement was felt necessary; Humphris argued that a degree was not necessarily a testimony of a managerial experience.

Renner stated that as currently standing, the office overall lacks expertise in management and also in PR practices.

Cesa suggested that people with knowledge of IUPAC while currently 'outside' might be able to provide help in assessing what the office shall deliver as service to the Union.

Humphris urged the officers that in the interim, a clear delineation of the tasks be documented and shared.

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Bureau committees membership

The EC shall review the assignments for the various Bureau committees, that is committees whose membership is wholly or mainly drawn from the Bureau: Project Committee, Evaluation Committee, IUPAC Prize Committee, and the Member Relations Committee. It was decided to continue the discussion by e-mail. A listing is included with the Bureau meeting minutes for reference and planning.

Humphris asked why the chair of the DPs is not a member of the EC. Cesa replied that the EC membership is guided by the Statutes (S8.2) which currently has no such indication.

Next EC meeting

The next meeting of the EC should include both the current members and the newly elected members of the EC. The meeting place is not yet known, and the date shall be confirmed.

Humphris suggested that he could see with RSC if such meeting can be held in UK. In the current circumstances, the option that the EC meet in the IUPAC office in RTP was also mentioned. No final decision was made.

The Vice President thanked Terry Renner for his contribution in planning for this GA and Council meeting.

The President thanked everyone for their participation and indicated that discussions will continue by email.

Meeting closed at 1:15pm.