

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PURE AND APPLIED CHEMISTRY
MINUTES OF LXIIIrd MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT PALAIS DES CONGRES, MONTE CARLO

on

THURSDAY, 31st OCTOBER, 1968, at 15.00

Present:

Prof. V.N. Kondratiev	-	President, in the Chair
Dr. A.L.G. Rees	-	Vice-President
Prof. W. Klemm	-	Past President
Dr. R. Morf	-	Secretary General
Prof. J.C. Bailar, Jr.	-	Treasurer
Prof. J. Lecomte		
Sir Harold Thompson		
Prof. O. Wichterle		

In Attendance:

Dr. M. Williams	-	Executive Secretary
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INTRODUCTION

Prof. Kondratiev said that he had approved the Agenda prepared for this meeting by Dr. Rees. The Agenda was endorsed by the Executive Committee.

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MINUTES OF LXIInd MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It was Resolved:

that the Minutes of the LXIInd Meeting of the Executive Committee be approved.

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CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS NOT DEALT WITH AT XXIIInd MEETING OF BUREAU

- (i) Proposal of International Atomic Energy Agency re International Analytical Laboratory - The Executive Secretary gave an account of the deliberations on this matter by the Division Presidents earlier that day (see Item 4, Minutes of Meeting of Division Presidents, 31st October, 1968).

Dr. Rees thought that any priority list of requirements for reference standards, etc., should be drawn up by WHO, FAO and the other organizations whose problems had stimulated the IAEA proposal. Sir Harold Thompson emphasized the financial implications of the working of the IUPAC Study Group; he believed that IAEA and the other interested organizations should be prepared to contribute substantially to any costs incurred by the Study Group.

The Executive Committee approved of the setting up of the Study Group and of an expansion in the number of laboratories willing to participate in the world-wide reference system, but was not convinced as to the advisability of establishing an International Laboratory of Analytical Chemistry. The Study Group was asked to prepare a report for consideration by the Bureau at the XXVth Conference.

- (ii) Establishment of Physical Property Task Group (Commission I.4) The Executive Secretary gave an account of the deliberations on this matter by the Division Presidents earlier that day (see Item 5 of Minutes of Meeting of Division Presidents, 31st October, 1968).

The Executive Committee approved, in principle, of the work intended by the Task Group and endorsed the recommendation that it submit a report for consideration by the Bureau at the XXVth Conference. Prof. Klemm indicated that information on this subject should also be available for Cortina d'Ampezzo from the CODATA Committee of ICSU.

- (iii) IUPAC Representative for COWAR - Further to the deliberations on this matter by the Division Presidents (see Item 7(i) of the Minutes of Meeting of Division Presidents, 31st October, 1968):

It was Resolved:

that Mr. B. Goransson (Sweden), Secretary of Section VI.8 (Water, Sewage and Industrial Wastes), be appointed the IUPAC representative on the COWAR Committee of ICSU.

- (iv) Names for Elements 102 and 103 - Further to the recommendation of the Division Presidents (see Item 7(ii) of the Minutes of Meeting of Division Presidents, 31st October, 1968):

It was Resolved:

that Prof. K.A. Jensen (Commission II.2) be asked to convene a meeting no later than the XXVth Conference between himself, Prof. E. Wichers (Commission II.1) and Dr. H. Seligman (Commission I.7) to discuss the controversy on the names of elements 102 and 103 and their different isotopes; and to prepare a common statement for consideration by the Bureau at Cortina d'Ampezzo.

- (v) Machine Documentation in Chemical Field

The Executive Secretary gave an account of the deliberations on this matter by the Division Presidents earlier that day (see Item 7(iii) of Minutes of Meeting of Division Presidents, 31st October, 1968).

Sir Harold Thompson wondered whether Dr. Loening was already too committed to a definite documentation principle. He believed that IUPAC should try and get working chemists themselves more involved in information services. To this end the Executive Committee decided to invite Dr. Gabrielson to prepare a short statement on the subject for publication in the Information Bulletin and to communicate with the ICSU Committee of Prof. H. Brown (USA).

- (vi) XXIIInd General Assembly of ICSU - Dr. Morf had made available for discussion by the Executive Committee an account of resolutions from the XXIIInd General Assembly of ICSU, Paris, 28th September-2nd October, 1968. No action was necessary by the Executive Committee.
- (vii) Section on Medicinal Chemistry - Further to the resolution of the Bureau (Minute 35(iii) of Minutes of XXIIInd Meeting);

It was Resolved:

that the ad-hoc Committee to study this matter should be Dr. Byron Riegel (USA), Dr. L.H. Sternbach, (USA), and Prof.G.N. Perschin (USSR), with Dr. Riegel as the convener and person to report to the Bureau at the XXVth Conference.

Minute 414

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

In view of the fact that matters to be considered by Council at the XXVth Conference must be included in the Agenda of that meeting, which shall be sent to National Adhering Organizations at least four months in advance (By-Law 2.25):

It was Resolved:

that the next meeting of the Executive Committee should be held at the IUPAC Secretariat, Oxford, on 14-15th February, 1969.

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REPRESENTATION OF IUPAC ON OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Dr. Rees said that IUPAC had many official representatives on other international organizations and he thought that we should have a definite policy on when it was necessary to review our representation.

It was Resolved that:

- (i) The Executive Secretary should draw up, for consideration at the next meeting of the Executive Committee, a list of IUPAC representatives on other international organizations and state when each person was appointed. In future, the representatives should be reviewed annually.
- (ii) Prof. Klemm would represent IUPAC at any meetings of ICSU or its Executive Committee until further notice.
- (iii) Urgent appointments on behalf of IUPAC should be made through the President.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Treasurer reported that, further to the newly approved Relations between the Executive Committee, Officers and the Executive Secretary: Statement of Responsibilities and Authorizations, he felt that

previously he had not been fully involved in all IUPAC's financial matters. Hereafter, he intended to follow the new rules more exactly.

It was Resolved:

that all authorizations for payment by Union Bank of Switzerland on behalf of IUPAC must henceforth have the signature of the Treasurer before payment is made, and that the authorizations should be countersigned by one other Officer (President, Vice-President or Secretary General).

The Executive Committee agreed to discuss at its next meeting, when the financial account for 1968 was available, whether we should continue to transfer annually the recommended amount of income to IUPAC's reserves, with a view to making any necessary proposal to Council at the XXVth Conference.

Following requests from the Executive Secretary,

It was Resolved:

- (i) that monthly requirements for salaries/ graduated pensions/national insurances/ pensions of the staff of the Secretariat will be notified by the Executive Secretary directly to the Union Bank of Switzerland for action.
- (ii) that the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Ratcliffe, be delegated to go to Cortina d'Ampezzo for 2 days in late November/early December to make preliminary arrangements for the XXVth Conference with Prof. Sartori.

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REPLY BY DR. MORF TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S PROPOSAL RE PENSION PAYMENTS

The Treasurer reported that he had sent the proposal to Prof. Kondratiev by letter of 29th May, 1968, and that the proposal had been passed personally to Dr. Morf by the President in July. Dr. Morf said that he must give further consideration to the proposal before giving his reply.

It was Resolved:

that Dr. Morf should inform Prof. Kondratiev by 15th November, 1968, of his decision re the proposal on his pension, any consequences to be considered by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

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AGENDA FOR MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Rees asked how the agenda was drawn up for the last meeting of the Finance Committee (Zurich, 22nd February, 1968) because some items did not seem to be within its terms of reference. After the Secretary General had indicated the reasons for including various items on the agenda, his action was agreed to be satisfactory.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (i) Report by Committee on Teaching of Chemistry - The Executive Secretary said that a report by the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Ratcliffe, on the use of audio-visual aids in teaching of chemistry, had been included in the Bureau files but not discussed. The Executive Committee agreed that the report should be sent to the Committee on Teaching of Chemistry for information.
- (ii) Luxembourg National Adhering Organization - In view of the fact that Luxembourg was still listed as a National Adhering Organization (see Reprint from Comptes Rendus, XXIVth Conference; Addresses 1967-69, page 10), the Executive Secretary presumed that a reply had been received to the registered letter sent by the Secretary General (see Council Minute 4, page 103, Comptes Rendus XXIVth Conference). Dr. Morf replied that, in fact, no reply had been received. The Executive Committee agreed it was, therefore, clear that Luxembourg had automatically ceased to be a Member of IUPAC at the end of 1967.

VOTE OF THANKS

Prof. Kondratiev extended his cordial thanks to the members of the Executive Committee for their attendance at the meeting and hard work on behalf of IUPAC.

The Meeting closed at 18.30

CHAIRMAN: *V. Kondratiev*

DATE: *14 II 1969*