

Minutes of the IACS Council Meeting held in Lyon on July 14, 2024

Participants (34 members, 2 delegates, 5 officers)

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Venue: Room Tête d'Or 1+2., 3F, Lyon Convention Center, France;

Time: 09:30-14:30

Agenda:

1. Welcome by the President
 2. Report on the organisation of the ICC 18th
 3. Report on the financial situation by the Treasurer
 4. Report on the procedures and winners of the IACS awards (Heinemann, International Catalysis Award, Young Researcher Support)
 5. Changes to the IACS Constitution
 6. Election of the new IACS Executive Committee
 7. Selection for the host of the ICC 19 in 2028
 8. Honorary membership
 9. Vote for new membership
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1. **Welcome by the President G. Centi**
Presentation of the Agenda,
Suspension of ICC at San Diego for COVID pandemic
 2. **Report on the organization of the of the ICC 18th**
by Celine Chizalet
Congratulations to the organisers from G. Centi for the very good organisation.
 3. **Report on the financial situation by the Treasurer**
by J. Hargreaves.
Total of reserves 162,378.12 British pounds in June 2024.
The levy derived from ICC16 was used to cover the losses related to ICC17.

The financial situation was approved unanimously.

4. Report on the procedures and winners of the IACS awards

(Heinemann, International Catalysis Award, Young Researcher Support).

G. Centi presented a report on the procedures used for the selection of the awardees

- K Domen for Heinemann Award

- Y. Roman Leshkov for International Catalysis Award

- 51 awards for young researchers support

The Council expressed the agreement on the procedures used.

5. Change to the IACS Constitution

G. Centi presented the motivations for the changes that were distributed in advance to the members of the IACS Council

CONSTITUTION Article 3. Membership of the Council

(a) The Council shall be composed of duly accredited delegates of member countries or groups of countries. Each member country or member group of countries shall have two delegates. The Council decides by secret ballot on the admission of new member countries or groups of countries,

and the removal of the names of countries that either no longer exist as states represented in IUPAC or no longer fulfil the conditions for admission. A minimum condition for membership is that scientists working in that country, or group of countries, have contributed several papers to recent International Congresses on Catalysis. Admission or removal of a member requires a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the Council. Membership of a group of countries excludes each country of that group from direct membership, unless the Council decides on a new definition of the remaining

group. Before each Council meeting, the Secretary provides all Council members with a list of the countries and groups of countries that are members of the Council; this list also states explicitly which countries form part of a member group and which countries, if any, have changed their official names since the previous Council meeting. After approval by the Council, this list will be attached to the minutes of the Council meeting.

(b) Appointment of delegates will be made by a national or multinational organisation, competent in the field of catalysis. Problems concerning the appointment of delegates to the Council or the selection of the organisations that make these appointments will be submitted to IUPAC for resolution.

(c) The normal term of office of delegates shall be from the beginning of one ICC to the beginning of the next. If new appointments are made by a national or multinational organisation, competent in the field of catalysis, between two ICCs, the term of office ends with the beginning of the next IACS Councils.

REVISED Article 3. Meetings

(a) The Council shall be composed of up to two duly accredited delegates of the catalysis association representing regions, countries or groups of . Each catalysis association member of IACS has the right to one vote. The Council decides by secret ballot on the admission of new member associations and the removal of those no longer fulfil the conditions for admission. A minimum condition for membership is that scientists working in that region, country, or group of countries, have contributed several papers to recent International Congresses on Catalysis. Admission or removal of a member requires a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the Council. Membership of a group of countries excludes each country of that group from direct

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(b) Delegates will be appointed by a regional, national, or multinational organisation competent in catalysis.

(c) The normal term of office of delegates shall be from the beginning of one ICC to the beginning of the next. If new appointments are made by a regional, national or multinational organisation, competent in the field of catalysis, between two ICCs, the term of office ends with the beginning of the next IACS Councils.

Approved by unanimity

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Approved by unanimity

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Approved by unanimity

6. Election of the new IACS Executive Committee

According to the Constitution, "The Council at each ICC shall elect by secret ballot a Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and a representative chosen from the delegates of the Council. The Vice-President becomes President after the next ICC."

During the past mandate, the vice-President, Prof. Enrique Iglesia, resigned, and according to the Constitution ("On the event of loss of both the President and Vice-President, the Executive Committee shall designate a temporary executive officer until the meeting of the next Council meeting") a new vice-President was nominated by the Executive Committee (David Farrusseng). Due to this special situation, the Executive Board has decided to vote also the position of the President. The Executive Board will make a proposal. New candidatures are welcome up to the end of June 2024. The vote will be by a secret ballot. A specific case is the Treasurer. Our IACS account is in the UK, and the Treasurer must be from the UK.

Proposals to vote:

David Farrusseng, President, France 20 votes plus 2 abstentions
Keiichi Tomishige, Vice President, Japan 21 plus 1 abstention
Cathy Chin, Secretary, Canada
Justin Hargreaves, Treasurer, UK
Witko Malgorzata, Member at large, Poland

Elected by majority

7. Selection for the host of the 19th ICC in 2024

We received one candidature (Japan).

To be held in Kyoto from 25 to 30 June, 2028 at Kyoto International Conference Center (Towards a Brilliant Future).

The bid was presented by Japanese organizers who replied to questions raised by the Council.

Approved by unanimity

8. Honorary membership

We received one candidature (prof. Can Li). G. Centi presented the candidature,

Approved by unanimous decision.

9. Vote for new memberships

Candidatures are for

i) splitting into single countries, those that are now associated as Nordic countries (*Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Sweden*)

Finland Catalysis Society presented by Murzin.

Norway Catalysis Society presented by ?

Approved by unanimous decision

ii) *Mexico* (now present as Ibero-American),

Approved by unanimous decision

iii) *Thailand*

Approved by unanimous decision

iv) *Taiwan*.

G. Centi introduced the case and said that the approved changes to the Constitution open the possibility of overcoming the questions raised by P.R. China.

After extensive discussion, the Council has decided that the changes in the Constitution have solved the issues raised by China, and Taiwan has the characteristics required to be admitted as a new member of IACS. However, there still exists the need for an agreement between PR China and Taiwan about the name to adopt for the latter. This should be defined by a common discussion between PR China and Taiwan delegates ASAP. Then, the formal decision will be made by electronic vote within one year from ICC18.