

## **International Association of Catalysis Societies (IACS)**

### **Council Meeting**

**Apr 17, 2025**

**MINUTES** of the Council Meeting of the **International Association of Catalysis Societies (IACS)** held virtually, starting at 1:00 pm CET.

#### **Chair:**

David Farrusseng, President, took the Chair

#### **Notice of meeting**

The Secretary reported that notice of this meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

**Participants (24 members (countries), 2 others (Taiwan and Slovenia), 4 officers (denoted by \*))**

Thomas Masch Meyer (Australia),  
 Gunther Rupprechter (Austria),  
 Mark Saeys and Eric Gaigneaux (Belgium)  
 Katia Bernardo Gusmao (Brazil),  
 Cathy Chin\* and Jan Kopyscinski (Canada),  
 Haochao Liu and Tao Zhang (China),  
 David Kubicka (Czech)  
 Anker Degn Jensen (Denmark)  
 Dmitry Murzin (Finland),  
 David Farrusseng\* and Helene Olivier-Bourbigou (France),  
 Dieter Vogt and Jan-Dierk Grunwaldt (Germany)  
 Andras Sapi and Jozsef Pap (Hungary)  
 Keiichi Tomishige\* and Hisao Yoshida (Japan),  
 Do Heui Kim and Hyunjoo Lee (Korea),  
 Juan C. Fierro-Gonzalez (Mexico)  
 Hilde J. Venvik, Unni Olsbye (Norway),  
 Fernando Pereira and Filipa Rebeiro (Portugal)  
 Ning Yan (Singapore),  
 Alberto Marinas and Agustin Martinez (Spain)  
 Christian Hulteberg (Sweden)  
 Piyasan Praserttham (Thailand)  
 Alper Uzun and Deniz Uner (Turkey)  
 Haresh Manyar and Justin Hargreaves\* (UK)

Victor Baldovino and Francisco Gracia (FISOCAT)

Jeffrey Wu (Taiwan),

Albin Pintar and Natasa Novak Tusar (Slovenia)

Stefano Vannuzzi (IACS Retained Lawyer), no voting right, joined at 1:30 pm

### **Absence**

Argentina, Bulgaria, ~~Czech~~, India, Italy, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, South Africa, Netherland, USA

### **Agenda (Plan)**

1:00 pm Welcome and opening remark

1:02 pm Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2024

1:02 pm President report: updates of our initiative: Public Communication Channels (Item 1)

1:15 pm Member application (Item 2, vote)

a. Chinese Taipei, « Catalysis Society located in Taipei, China »

b. Slovenia

1:30 pm Financial Report (Item 3a and 3b, vote)

a. ICC final balance sheet

b. Current IACS financial balance sheet/banking matters

1:40 pm IACS legal framework: current status and path towards legalization as a non-profit society (Item 4, vote)

1:55 pm New business items

### **Minutes (presented materials are attached to the minutes).**

1:00-1:02 pm Welcome and opening remark

1:04 pm Meeting minutes from July 14, 2024 was presented, and revision notes were collected and will be updated and presented for the upcoming meeting for approval.

1:05 pm President Report: Update on Communication (Item 1)

Farrusseng reports the ICC-Lyon post meeting communication, on the youtube channel; new IACS logo and the website are introduced. (please refer to the attached slides on the details of the Youtube Channel and the new website.)

1:13-1:30 pm New Members Application

a. Taiwan, with the official name of the “Catalysis Society located in Taipei, China” the case was presented last year on July 14, 2024.

b. Slovenia’s representative (Albin Pintar made a presentation of the Slovenia Catalysis Society).

### **Vote:**

a. (Taiwan) 22 voted yes, and 2 abstain

b. (Slovenia) 21 voted yes, 1 abstain

1:30-1:35 pm Item 3 (Financial Status and Bank Account) Treasurer report

Appoint Emma Gibson from University of Glasgow as a second signatory to IACS bank account.  
Approved

1:42 pm President Report on the IACS Legal framework: an Update and Path Forward (Item 4).  
IACS retained lawyer, Stefano Vannuzzi, joined this part of the discussion.

Situation report:

In the last Council Meeting (July 14<sup>th</sup> 2024), the council has decided to explore different banking options. We also wanted to take this opportunity to explore banking options (e.g. outside of UK) for flexibility and tax motivations. In the meantime, we realised that the IACS convention do not comply with current laws/bank regulations. IACS board of directors appointed a lawyer, Stefano VANNUZZI, for a situation report and path forward. We have explored multiple paths and feasibility to operate IACS globally (North America, Europe, Asia, etc.) with executive board members from multiple continents.

Proposal:

IACS to move from a defacto association to a non-profit association with a legal status; to be able to execute our missions more effectively in a legalized framework and be protected.

We propose to follows the way EFCATS has recently taken.

New convention will, fulfill legal issues for non-profit organisations, allow smoother transition of the board of directors, keep the same objectives/content

We will start with

- Member enrollment: (i) legal associations: by signature, (ii) for de facto national/regional associations : by adoption.

**a. 22 voted yes, 0 abstain**


The timeline towards legalization is: Spring 2025 (first draft), Fall 2025 (set up legal association via a General Assembly), Fall 2025-Winter 2026 (transfer of bank account), Summer 2026 (Fully operational)

1:55 pm New business items

Next assembly should be scheduled in the Fall 2025.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm CET

  
Secretary (Cathy Chin)