

# **Working Party on Chemical Reaction Engineering (WP CRE) of the European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE)**

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**Minutes of the Business meeting of the Working Party on Chemical Reaction Engineering (WP CRE) which took place during ECCE-7 - CHISA-2010 (7th European Congress of Chemical Engineering and 19th International Congress of Chemical and Process Engineering 2010) Prague, Czech Republic (<http://www.chisa.cz/2010>) on Saturday August 28 from 18h to 19h**

## **Delegate members attending the meeting:**

Jaap Schouten (NL, Chair), Guy Marin ( Secretary), Olaf Hinrichsen (G), Jiri Hanika ( Cz), Susanne Lux (A, proxy of M. Siebenhofer), Stanka Zrncevic ( Cr), Magne Hillestad ( N), Milos Marek ( Cz), Alirio Rodrigues (P), J. Levec ( Slovenia)

## **Guests:**

Dominique Toye ( B)

## **Apologies for not being able to attend were sent by the following delegates:**

Andreas Seidel-Morgenstern (G), Albert Renken (CH), Nikos Papayannakos (GR), Eugeniusz Molga (PL), Matthäus Siebenhofer (A), Les Bolton (GB), Asterios Gavriilidis (UK), Gabriel Wild (F)

## Agenda

1. Opening
2. Introduction of new delegates and guests
3. Minutes of WP CRE business meeting at Philadelphia along ISCRE21 June 14, , 2010
4. WP affairs
5. EFCE affairs
6. EFCE Excellence Award
7. Young Investigator Event
8. Organization of a Colloquium on CRE
9. Reports on symposia and congresses:
10. Change of chairman/secretary
11. Any other business
12. Closure

### Enclosures:

- Minutes WP CRE business meeting in Philadelphia on June 14, 2010
- Minutes of meeting ISCRE Inc., WP-CRE, AP CRE on June 15, 2010
- Minutes of ISCRE Inc. board meeting in Philadelphia on June 15, 2010

## Minutes

1. The meeting is opened at 18h00 by the chairman J. Schouten.
2. The minutes of the business meeting in Philadelphia on June 14 at the occasion of ISCRE21 are approved.
3. WP affairs

-announcements: none

-new members/delegates: Dr. Gunnar Hennig ( G, BASF) has been appointed as delegate for a three-year term starting on 1 July 2010 and which “ may be extended to include further term(s) by mutual agreement subject to ...continued participation in the Working Party activities” by a letter of the EFCE President dated 16/07/2010. Dr. Hennig is Vice President Reaction Technology and responsible for all reaction engineering groups of BASF as well as for the technical evaluations of BASF's investment projects.

-future events: a list with future events has been posted, new input is provided during the meeting via the minutes of ISCRE Inc. on APCRE-6 and ISCRE-23.

-ISCRE-22: 400 participants are aimed at. Some suggestions were made.

It was felt useful to attract participants/contributions from the BRIC countries.

In the recent past focus was too much on catalysis and too little on process development.

The format of poster sessions as well as sessions with “virtual” activities could be considered.

Special attention could be given to the increase the industrial participation. To that purpose following suggestions were made:

1. Session(s) with industrial speakers only
2. Organization of a job fair in view of the interest of companies in hiring people

4. EFCE affairs:
  - It is reminded that EFCE has budgeted 13.400€ for the expenses of her Working Parties and Sections. Travel grants can be applied for among other things.
  - Most Working Party and Section chairs have been so kind to accept the invitation to be part of the ECCE8 - Steering Committee.
5. EFCE Excellence Award in Chemical Reaction Engineering:

There were 8 nominees from 5 countries. The selection committee consisted of Prof. Nikos Papyannakos, Prof. Bengt Andersson, Prof. Olaf Hinrichsen and Prof. Janez Levec. The laureate dr. Maarten Sabbe will receive the award amounting to €1.500 at a special session of CHISA 2010/ECCE7. Reminder: It was decided in Philadelphia to go on with this initiative and to select a new laureate by at the occasion of ISCRE22 in Maastricht.
6. Young Investigator Event ( joint activity with WP Process Intensification and WP Multiphase Flow):

There will be a Poster Session at CHISA 2010/ECCE7 with 19 posters with an EFCE certificate and a sum of €1000 paid by SGVC and NPT ( Association of Dutch Process Engineers) for the best poster. The preselection committee was constituted by the 3 chairs of the involved WP's. The members of the jury for the selection of the best poster were profs Tapio Salmi (WP CRE), Ilkka Turunen (WP PI), and Dieter Mewes (MFF). The winner was Miss Carla Pereira, PhD student at the University of Porto, Portugal, for her poster "*Perm SMBR - a new hybrid technology: application on the ethyl lactate green solvent production*".  
See next point for future initiatives.
7. Colloquia on Chemical Reaction Engineering ( CCRE):

The idea to renew with the tradition of organizing such an event, but not in the years that there is an no ISCRE in Europe, is welcomed. As in the past this would offer the opportunity to young researchers to meet and present their work during 2-days gathering.  
It is agreed to opt for “ CRE for the valorization of natural gas” as theme. This would also include combustion. Next to about 6 invited senior lecturers, there will be a poster session combined with a Young Investigator Award. Fall 2011 is aimed at.
8. Reports on symposia and congresses:

ISCRE21: See Minutes of meeting ISCRE Inc., WP-CRE, AP CRE on June 15, 2010 and of Minutes of ISCRE Inc. board meeting in Philadelphia on June 15, 2010 ( distributed with agenda).
9. Change of Chair and Secretary for the period 2012-2014:

The next elections will be held during a business meeting at the occasion of ECCE-8 in Berlin from September 25-29 2011. The present secretary is candidate to elected chair for the period 2012-2014. The chair will start looking for candidates for the position of secretary.
10. Any other business : next business meeting will be held in Berlin at the occasion of ECCE-8, September 25-29 2011.
11. The chair closed the meeting at 18h55.