

International Association of Chemical Thermodynamics

IACT



Minutes of the Business Meeting and of the Board of Directors Meeting (held concurrently)

International Convention Centre

Durban, South Africa

Friday 1 August 2014, Time: 11.30 to 12.30

Board Members and Counsellors Present at the Meeting:

Chairman	Dr. Anthony R.H. Goodwin
Treasurer and Chair Elect	Prof. Martin Trusler
Board Members	Prof. Derish Ramjugernath Prof. Kazuya Saito
Counsellors	Prof. Li-Xian Sun Prof. C. Schick

1. Welcome, Introduction and Apologies

Dr Goodwin welcomed attendees and summarised the role of IACT. Dr Goodwin also presented the agenda for the meeting, which was accepted.

Apologies were received from Dr. Robert Chirico, Prof. Stanislaw Randzio, Prof. Josefa Fernandez, Prof. Manuel Minas de Piedade, Prof. Luis Galicia-Luna, Prof. Heiko Heerklotz, and Prof. Watson Loh.

2. International Conferences on Chemical Thermodynamics (ICCT)

- a) Recent ICCT meetings had been held in Buzios (Brazil, 2012) and Durban (South Africa, 2014), and the next meeting was scheduled to be held in Guilin (China) in 2016. Information on the next ICCT was available at www.icct2016.org. Dr Goodwin invited proposals to host the 2018 and 2020 meeting and asked for such proposals to be sent to the Chair of IACT.

3. IACT Awards

Dr Goodwin reported that only one IACT Junior Award had been granted in 2014; two other candidates were offered the awards but were unable to attend the ICCT meeting in Durban and were therefore ineligible to accept an IACT Junior Award. One Henry V. Kehiaian Travel Award had also been granted to the candidate nominated by a selection committee chaired by Prof. Jean-Pierre E. Grolier. Dr Goodwin explained that the Kehiaian family fund this particular award but that IACT had undertaken to pay the conference registration fee for the successful candidate.

4. Proposals for New Projects

Dr Goodwin reported that a number of projects under the auspices of IACT were ongoing and that details could be found on the IACT website (iactweb.org). Proposals for new project could be submitted to the IACT Board at any time.

5. Treasurer's report

Prof Trusler presented the accounts of IACT for the period 7 November 2011 to date, which are summarized as follows:

Recent Transactions

Date	Paid in £	Paid out £	Balance £	Detail
7 Nov 2011	6391.00		6391.00	Transferred from HSBC account
14 Feb 2012	634.96		7025.96	Elsevier sponsorship 2011 (US\$1000)
6 Aug 2012		371.50	6654.46	Five books (2011 IACT Junior Awards)
12 Sep 2012		478.05	6176.41	2012 IACT Junior Award 1 (inc. £15 fee)
2 Oct 2012		476.79	5699.62	2012 IACT Junior Award 2 (inc. £15 fee)
27 Sep 2013	1292.24		6991.86	Elsevier sponsorship 2012/13 (US\$2000)

These funds were presently held in a Treasurer's Account with Lloyds Bank plc in the UK. Following the anticipated receipt of sponsorship from Elsevier for 2014 (US\$1000) and payments due to awardees, the balance at the end of 2014 was forecast to stand at approximately £6400.

6. Election of Directors and Counsellors

Dr Goodwin reported that the four members of the IACT Board whose terms of office were expiring had been nominated for re-election by a Nominations Committee led by the Chair-Elect. These members were as follows:

Professor Josefa (Pepé) Fernandez (Spain)
Professor Luis Galicia-Luna (Mexico)
Professor Manual Minas de Piedade (Portugal)
Professor Deresh Ramjugernath (South Africa)

The re-election of these Board members was supported by the meeting. Dr Goodwin reported the Board's recommendation that Professor Deresh Ramjugernath take over the role of Secretary of IACT and this was also accepted by the meeting.

The IACT Board approved the appointment of three Counsellors as follows:

Prof. Li-Xian Sun, Dalian (China, continuing in office)
Prof. Eric May (Australia)
Dr Kenneth Kroenlein (USA)

The board appointed Dr Kroenlein as the new Treasurer.

7. Any Other Business

Prof Trusler thanked Dr Goodwin on behalf of the IACT Board and ICCT attendees for his service over eight years as Chair.

8. Next Meeting

The next Business meeting of IACT would be at the conclusion of the ICCT in 2016.