

Minutes of the EPA General Council

12th July 2018, 17:30-18:30, Dublin, Ireland

41 EPA members are present.

- 1) The EPA president Julia Pérez-Prieto (JPP) welcomes the members of the EPA and thanks the organizers of the 27th PhotoIUPAC Conference for hosting the General Council.
- 2) JPP shows the current composition of the EC, which was elected during the last GC meeting in Bad Hofgastein: Maurizio D'Auria (MDA), Alexandre Fürstenberg (AF), Roberto Improta (RI), Julia Pérez-Prieto (JPP), and David Worrall (DW). In addition, Andrew Keating was taking care of the website.
- 3) JPP mentions two challenges the EC has been facing during the past two year: (1) the EPA webpage is outdated and urgently needs to be redesigned; (2) the EC has been lacking an associate editor for the newsletter and a public relation officer. Point (1) will be discussed later and point (2) was addressed in January 2017 by the EC by welcoming Uwe Pischel (UP) as a guest associate editor and PR officer.
- 4) Porter Medal: Haruo Inoue (Tokyo Metropolitan University) is the 2018 Porter Medal laureate. He will receive his award in December 2018 during the Asian Photochemistry Conference in Taipei.
- 5) EPA-PPS Prize: the prize is awarded to the article published in PPS by an EPA member in the past 3 years which received the largest number of citations during 2 consecutive years. The 2018 laureate is Santi Nonell from the Universitat Ramon LLull, Spain.
- 6) EPA PhD Prize: there were 5 nominees in 2016/2017 and the laureate is Victor Gray from Chalmers University in Sweden.
- 7) The 2017 impact factor of the society-owned journal PPS has risen to 2.902. Electronic access to the journal is provided to all EPA members. The ownership board met in May 2018.
- 8) JPP reminds the audience of the proposals she had made before getting elected EPA president in 2016. Among them was the idea to introduce new awards to relevant young and senior researchers in the EPA. JPP therefore announces that, starting in 2019 and 2020, EPA will be seeking nominations for three new biennial awards: the EPA young investigator award, the EPA award for service to the community, and the EPA award to teachers.
- 9) JPP presents the new website of EPA which will go online in the next few days and which was designed by an external company.
- 10) EPA Newsletter: MDA and UP are the editors. 2 issues are published yearly in June and December. 2 thematic reports prepared by UP appeared in June 2017 and June 2018. MDA has continued with his series entitled "Pills of History". JPP reminds the audience that technical notes and conference reports are always welcome.
- 11) Facebook: thanks to RI, EPA is present on Facebook and the number of followers has been steadily increasing.
- 12) Thanks to UP, EPA has a brand new flyer that can be distributed in conferences.

- 13) Finances: AF presents the financial report he prepared. The assets of EPA (2016: CHF 102'041; 2017: CHF 110'453) have been increasing in Swiss Francs and stable in Euros due to exchange rate fluctuations. Income due to membership and PPS royalties has been increasing, which is positive. The finances are healthy and the membership fee is kept at its current value. The financial report and the accounting has been inspected and approved by the auditors Hugh Burrows and Clémence Allain. The General Council gives a unanimous discharge to the Treasurer.
- 14) Auditors: The General Council elects Clémence Allain and Marek Sikorski as its auditors for the 2018-2020 period.
- 15) Membership: the number of members has been very constant since 2012 and the number of paying members has slightly increased.
- 16) Statutes: after an audit in 2017, the tax office in Zurich (where EPA has its headquarters) informed EPA that its statutes required some minor changes to fully comply with the Swiss law so that EPA can keep its tax-exempt status. Since the General Council had to vote on the statutes anyway, the EC decided to propose additional minor changes to be made so that the statutes complied fully with past and current EPA practices: the notion of honorary membership was explicitly added and the term limit for the General Treasurer was lifted. EPA members received a rationale for all proposed changes by email a month before the General Council meeting. An initially proposed modification for going from biennial to annual reports was withdrawn after a brief discussion because the financial accounting still requires by law to be done on a yearly basis. The General Council voted on every proposed modification separately and approved all of them unanimously.
- 17) Elections: the EC proposes Maurizio D'Auria as the next president of EPA. MDA presents his objectives as EPA president for the coming two years and asks for support of the community. He thanks David Worrall, Roberto Improta and Andrew Keating, who are leaving the EC, for their dedication to the Society and presents the proposed composition for the new EC:

Maurizio D'Auria (Italy)	President
Julia Pérez-Prieto (Spain)	Past president and PPS matters
Alexandre Fürstenberg (Switzerland)	Treasurer
Norbert Hoffmann (France)	EPA Newsletter editor
Uwe Pischel (Spain)	Associate editor and PR
Alberto Credi (Italy)	New information technologies
Cédric Mongin (France)	Website manager

The General Council elects Maurizio D'Auria and the new EC by acclamation.

- 18) PPS: Dario Bassani, the editor-in-chief of PPS, presents PPS and news about the journal to the GC. He encourages EPA members to publish more in the journal and explains how EPA, ESP, PPS, and RSC are all working together to try to increase the accessibility to the journal.

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