

International Association of Chemical Thermodynamics

IACT



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Engineering Center, University of Colorado at Boulder,
Boulder CO, USA
Wednesday 24 June 2015, Time: 17.30 to 19:00

Present at the meeting:

Chairman	Prof. Martin Trusler
Treasurer	Dr Kenneth Kroenlein
Board Members	Prof. Josefa Fernandez Prof. Luis Galicia-Luna
Counsellors	Prof. Eric May (New) Prof. Christoph Schick

1. Preliminary Matters and Announcements

Prof Trusler welcomed new Members to their first Board meeting.

The Board noted with great sadness the death of Dr Anthony Goodwin, Past Chairman of IACT, and recorded their appreciation for all that Dr Goodwin had done for IACT and the chemical thermodynamics community.

A message from Prof David Remeta was received as follows: "We just received the sad news regarding Tony Goodwin's untimely passing. On behalf of The Calorimetry Conference, kindly convey our sincere condolences to his colleagues and friends at IACT. We will certainly miss his warm personality and significant contributions."

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Prof. Manuel Minas de Piedade, Kazuya Sait, Prof Prof. Heiko Heerklotz, Prof. Watson Loh and Prof Li-Xian Sun.

3. Minutes of 2012 Board Meeting (Buzios)

3.1. The Chair reported that the minutes of the Board of Directors Meetings held on 27 July 2014 in Durban, South Africa, were available on the IACT website. These minutes were approved by the Board.

3.2. The minutes of the Board of Directors Meetings and the IACT Business Meeting held concurrently on 1 August 2014 in Durban, South Africa, were also on the IACT website. These minutes were approved by the Board.

4. Secretary's Business

4.1. IACT Awards 2015.

The Board agreed the following timetable for the selection of IACT Junior Awards for 2016.

- September 2015 (or earlier), call for nominations to be posted on the IACT and ICCT-2016 websites.
- 28 February 2016, deadline for applications
- 30 April 2016, deadline for announcement of awardees

The Board, agreed that IACT would contribute a maximum of \$1000 per awardee to include both a waiver of registration fees and a cash award.

It was agreed that the Chairman would contact Jean-Pierre Grolier to discuss the procedure for the Kehiaian Travel Award. As in 2014, IACT would pay the conference registration fee for the recipient of the Kehiaian Travel Award.

5. Treasurer's Report

5.1. Financial Statement.

Date	Paid in (UK£)	Paid out (UK£)	Balance (UK£)	Detail
11 Aug 2014		1150.92	5840.94	Registration fees for Junior and Kahiaian awardees, and support of Rosini Lecture (inc. £15 fee)
13 Aug 2014		321.99	5518.95	2014 IACT Junior Award (inc. £15 fee)
27 Feb 2015	665.78		6184.73*	Elsevier sponsorship 2014 (US\$1000)

* Approximately US\$9820 or €8640

5.2 Forecast. No withdrawals are expected in the near term. We also expect to receive income of US\$1000 in sponsorship for 2015 from Elsevier

5.3 IACT Bank Account. The IACT account was presently held at Lloyds Bank plc in the UK; it was a Treasurers Account in the name of IACT but accessible only to the Chairman. It was agreed that: (a) the Chairman would make another request to the bank to grant on-line access to the Treasurer; and (b) the Treasurer would explore the possibility of opening a new account in the United States, in the name of IACT and accessible by at least the Treasurer and one other Board member, to which IACT's cash balance could be transferred in the event that the request noted in (a) was unsuccessful.

6. ICCT 2016.

The following report was received from Prof. Li-Xian Sun in an Email to the Chairman, dated 23 June 2015:

"Following your advice, we have renewed the ICCT2016 website (font detail, please visit at: <http://www.icct2016.org/page/27.html>). You can see English map, and more other information. I have contacted the Editor of Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry, the paper could be recommended to this journal for publication after reviewing procedure. We will complete other information once we have them. Welcome to Guilin for ICCT2016!"

The Board agreed that it would be desirable for The Journal of Chemical Thermodynamics (JCT) to also be available for publication of papers presented at ICCT-2016. The Chairman agreed to contact one of the Editors of JCT to explore this possibility. Prof. Luis Galicia-Luna volunteered to serve as a guest editor if one was required by JCT.

The Board reviewed the website for ICCT-2016. The Chairman volunteered to make suggestions for improvement to the local organising committee and also to provide details of the IACT awards to be posted on the website.

The Board agreed that ICCT-2016 should be promoted more actively, starting with an announcement at the forthcoming Calorimetry Conference (CalCon). Dr. Kroenlein, who would be attending CalCon agreed to make such an announcement, subject to the agreement of the organisers.

7. Board of Directors for IACT.

The Board discussed the end dates for several members of the Board as posted on the IACT website and suggested extensions. However, subsequent to the meeting it was noticed that the website was incorrect and that no Board members or Councillors had yet reached the end of their terms of office. The IACT website would need to be corrected.

8. Hosting of ICCT 2018

The location for ICCT-2018 was discussed and it was agreed that the conference should be co-hosted with either the 20th Symposium on Thermophysical Properties or the 2018 Calorimetry Conference, the former being the preferred option. A message had been received from the Calorimetry Conference indicating that they would look favourably on the second option.

After discussion, it was agreed as follows:

- Dr Kroenlein would discuss with the organisers of the 20th Symposium on Thermophysical Properties whether or not it was feasible and acceptable to co-host with ICCT-2018. If a positive answer was received then it was agreed that this option should be followed. It was noted that this option did not preclude the 2018 Calorimetry Conference also being run concurrently with both the 20th Symposium on Thermophysical Properties and ICCT-2018.
- If it proved impossible to co-host ICCT-2018 with the 20th Symposium on Thermophysical Properties, then co-hosting with the 2018 Calorimetry Conference would be pursued. The Board would aim for a gap of at least two weeks between ICCT-2018 and the 20th Symposium on Thermophysical Properties.
- A final decision was required before the end of September 2015.

9. Project updates

The only active IACT project was as follows “International Standard for Viscosity at Temperatures up to 473 K and Pressures below 200 MPa”. This project was now led by Prof Josefa Fernandez and also involved the International Association for Transport Properties. The project was in receipt of funding from IUPAC and was ongoing.

10. New Projects

There were no proposals for new projects.

11. Any other business.

No other business arose.

Summary of Actions

- Prof Trusler to contact Jean-Pierre Grolier to discuss the procedure for the Kehiaian Travel Award
- Prof Trusler to provide details of IACT Junior Awards and the Kehiaian Travel Award to Dr Kroenlein (for posting on the IACT website) and Prof Li-Xian Sun (for posting on the ICCT-2016 website).
- Prof Trusler to contact Lloyds Bank plc to request on-line access for Dr Kroenlein
- Dr Kroenlein to explore the possibility of opening an IACT Treasurer's account in the USA
- Prof Trusler to contact the Editor(s) of JCT concerning the possibility of a special issue to receive papers from ICCT-2016
- Prof Trusler to review the ICCT-2016 website and pass any suggestions for improvements to Prof Li-Xian Sun
- Dr Kroenlein to seek to advertise ICCT-2016 at the upcoming Calorimetry Conference.
- Prof Trusler to liaise with Dr Kroenlein concerning updating of the IACT website
- Dr Kroenlein to consult the organisers of the 20th Symposium on Thermophysical Properties concerning co-hosting ICCT-2018 with that meeting and report to the Board by Email.