

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
Working Party on Computer Aided Process Engineering
Minutes of the Business meeting
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Present:

Aittamaa, J.	(JA)	Finland
Bogle, D.	(DB)	England
Braunschweig, B.	(BB)	France
Buzzi Feraris, G.	(GBF)	Italy
Engell, Sebastian	(SE)	Germany
Espuna, A.	(AE)	Spain
Fonyo, Zsolt	(ZF)	Hungary
Friedler, Ferenc	(FF)	Hungary
Gani, R. (chairman)	(RG)	Denmark
Glavic, P.	(PG)	Slovenia
Grievink, J.	(JG)	The Netherlands
Heyen, G.	(GH)	Belgium
Iannu, Petricia (inv. ESCAPE17 organizer)	(PI)	Romania
Jallut, C. (invited – delegate)	(CJ)	France
Jezowski, Jacek	(JJ)	Poland
Joulia, X:	(XJ)	France
Jørgensen, Sten Bay	(SBJ)	Denmark
Kondili, E.	(EK)	Greece
Kraslawskii, A.	(AK)	Finland
Kravanja, Z.	(ZK)	Slovenia
Kubicek, M.	(MK)	Czech Republic
Kussi, J.	(JK)	Germany
Le Lann, J.M.	(JML)	France
Marechal, Francois	(FM)	Switzerland
Marquardt, W. (inv.ESCAPE16/PSE2006-chair)	(WM)	Germany
Matos, H.A.	(HAM)	Portugal
Meier, Willi (invited - participant)	(WiM)	Germany
Perris, F.A.	(TP)	UK
Pistikopoulos, E. N. (invited – delegate)	(ENP)	UK
Pierucci, S.	(SP)	Italy
Plesu, V.	(VP)	Rumania
Pons, M. (invited – delegate)	(MP)	France
Popescu, D. Corneliu ((inv. ESCAPE17 orgn.)	(DCP)	Romania
Povoa Barbosa, A.	(ABP)	Portugal
Preisig, H	(HP)	Norway
Puigjaner, L.	(LP)	Spain
Sass, R. (inv. ESCAPE16/PSE2006-chair)	(RS)	Germany
Skogestad, S.	(SS)	Norway

Thullu, Jan (JT) Poland

Apologies were received from:

Hertzberg, T.	(TH)	Norway
Lewin, D.R.	(DL)	Israel
Van Schijndel, J.M.G.	(JVS)	The Netherlands
Vallee, G (invited – delegate)	(GV)	France

1. Minutes of the business meeting of 16. May 2004 in Lisbon were approved.

2. The meeting agenda was approved.

3. Introduction to new delegates and invited guests (RG)

Welcome to Prof. S. Engell (Germany), Prof A. Kraslawskii (Finland), Prof. Jezowski (Poland) as the new members. Prof. F. Marechal (Switzerland) and Prof Lewin (Israel) are also welcomed, subject to final approval by EFCE executive board.

4. EFCE & CAPE-WP News (RG)

EFCE Executive Board Meeting & WP-Chairmen meeting (RG)

- Strategic matters: An EFCE task force has been set up to improve the communication between the EFCE, the member societies, the working parties and the sections. In addition to a number of press releases, this task force has also launched two EFCE awards: the EFCE mobility award for MSc-level students (to be awarded at WCCE-7 in Glasgow) and the EFCE excellence award for the best PhD-thesis in CAPE (to be awarded at ESCAPE-16 in Germany).
- Relationship with Brussels: Contributions in the preparation of FP7 documents.
- EFCE Directory (<http://www.eced.cz/default.asp>): CAPE-WP delegates are encouraged to register to this directory and use this directory for making announcements, etc.
- EFCE Web site (<http://www.efce.info/>): The EFCE website has been updated and now provides a lot of useful information.
- EFCE journal (Chemical Engineering Research & Design – CheRD): CAPE-WP community is encouraged to publish in this journal.
- From the WP-Chairmen meeting: Process Intensification has been approved as a new working party. There has been discussion with CAPE-WP and coordination is ongoing. PG asked about the Product Design group which is a task force. RG replied that there will be close contact with this force.
- SP informed that a new EFCE president will be appointed and vice president later this year.

World Chemical Engineering Conference, Glasgow 2005 (DB)

DB thanked those who have reviewed papers for WCCE-7. The CAPE-related topics are covered by the theme on “handling complexity”, where approximately 200 papers have been received. There will be three keynote

speakers in CAPE-related topics. About 1500 hundred registrations have been received so far.

ECCE-6, 16-21 September 2007, Copenhagen, Denmark (RG)

Copenhagen has been selected as the venue for the next European Congress of Chemical Engineering. In the CAPE-area, there will mainly be invited sessions in order to not interfere with ESCAPE 17 (to be held in Bucharest). RG presented the conference venue and scientific content of the conference. A key point is that ECCE-6 will project a positive picture about chemical engineering.

5. CAPE-Awards

Recent Achievements Award – Call for nominations (SBJ)

Since no suggestions were received the issue of how to proceed was discussed. It was agreed to extend the submission deadline to July 1. The awards committee consists of SS, PG, JvS, SBJ.

Call for nominations for EFCE PhD-thesis Award on CAPE

This award has been prepared with input from TP and the EFCE task force. The document has been placed on the CAPE-WP and the EFCE websites. The selection of the winner will be a two step process with a first round where the WP selects five candidates from the nominated ones. EFCE board then selects the winner. The first award is to be given at ESCAPE 16. The prize is on 3500 Euro. Each supervisor can submit one proposal to be sent to DECHEMA by December 1 2005 (a copy of the announcement is attached)

6. ESCAPE-series publication policy review (RG)

Elsevier publishes the ESCAPE series, and the Computers in Chemical Engineering journal publishes a special issue. Elsevier has presented a report of how this policy has developed (a copy of the report is attached as an appendix). It is noteworthy that the ESCAPE volume has increased to now being more than 2000 pages. The distribution of the volume has also increased. One big question is whether Science Direct can be persuaded to include the ESCAPE series publications in its list of references. A CD has also followed the last couple of ESCAPE meetings.

DB: The key question is when the proceedings volume can be abandoned.

RG: If people still think that this is an important part of the meeting then it should be continued at least for now. RG asked about the view from potential ESCAPE18 organizers:

BB: ESCAPE 18 expects to continue with a proceedings volume.

SP: The WP actually decides the publication policy for the ESCAPE meetings.

SE pointed out that the issue is dissemination of knowledge and that if there is a significant demand for these proceedings from outside, as Elsevier claims, then these should be continued.

TP: This is a major issue, which depends significantly upon the policy of publishing houses.

ABP: the proceedings improve the quality of the ESCAPE meeting.

VP: This tradition has evolved from many meetings and should be continued.

GH: we should actually open the access to the publication earlier than the symposium.

RG: this is actually allowed already, i.e., to place the pdf file of your publication on your web site with the correct reference (CACE Volume XX, Edited by: YY, ZZ, Elsevier Science, Year, page-numbers).

SE: Elsevier should allow access to a website with the publications a couple of weeks prior to the conference. RG: We will discuss this possibility with Elsevier.

7. ESCAPE-15 Report (LP)

There now are 322 registrants as of yesterday (28 May). Thanks for members of the scientific committee for their reviews. Points out that there still are the reviews of the extended papers to be completed. These papers will be sent out very soon after ESCAPE-15. 47% of the 603 received abstracts were accepted for presentation at ESCAPE-15 (report attached as appendix).

8. ESCAPE-16/PSE-2006 Report (RS)

The preparations are well on the way, with keynote speakers selected. The web site is open and the deadline for submission of abstracts is July 1. SS raised the issue of the conference fee, which was advertised to be very low two years ago 400/100 versus now 600/265 for full/student participation. WM and RS agreed to check if the registration fee could be made more attractive (note that there is one extra day as this is a joint ESCAPE-16/PE2006 event). SP and others pointed out that these fees do not include lunch for the first time and questioned the selection of the venue that does not provide lunch. RG: This is a difficult issue as the price announced at the time of the bid may not be possible to keep (even with the best intentions). WM: Pointed out that the status report from 2004 already gave the changed prices and nobody had objected at that time! Furthermore it is one extra day because of PSE. The WP asked the organizers to look into possibilities to reduce the fee. And to find ways to provide partial support for students who might need this (report is included as appendix).

9. ESCAPE-17 Report (VP)

Will take place in Bucharest on May 27-30 in 2007. The expected registration fee is 490/200 Euro with the Symposium taking place in the Marriott hotel. These prices are expected to include lunch and Symposium dinner. The WP accepted the presentation (report is included as appendix).

10. ESCAPE-18 host selection

There were two bids: France and Poland.

The French bid was presented by BB. The Symposium will be organized by IFP in collaboration with a conference organizer. The conference venue is planned to be in the main conference center in Lyon. There are many national research centers located in Lyon. There will be a special topic: CAPE for the users. The CAPE Life time achievement award will be given in 2008.

The Polish bid was presented by JT. Krakow is the best place for ESCAPE, where the conditions are similar to Warsaw, but at lower prices. The conference fee will be relatively low.

It was decided that ESCAPE 18 will be in France while an informal agreement was reached that when Poland bids again next year for ESCAPE 19 next year, if all conditions are met, they will be selected as the host (Note: Poland have not previously organized a CAPE-WP symposium and should therefore get the first preference for 2009).

11. CAPE-Forum news (AK)

CAPE Forum this year was held in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, February 25-26. There were 65 participants and 30 PhD-students. The mission was to integrate central and eastern Europe with researchers from Western Europe.

CAPE Forum in February 12-13 2006 will be in Gliwice, Poland. Travel information will be placed on the CAPE-WP website.

12. Other Issues

George Heyen and Luis Puigjaner are in the process of finalizing the CAPE book to be published by Wiley.

RG put the question of inviting Dr. P. Pilavachi as an invited delegate to the CAPE-WP. SP reported that Dr. P. Pilavachi now is a professor in Greece and that Dr. Pilavachi has expressed interest in becoming a member of the CAPE-WP as an invited guest. Since the previous chairman invited Dr. Pilavachi the question is whether the CAPE-WP should reelect Dr. P. Pilavachi as an invited member. RG informed that the CAPE-WP has established a rule for invited members to the working party and that one of the important requirements is that the candidate has been active within the CAPE community. According to RG, Dr. Pilavachi did not satisfy the criteria and therefore, did not agree to support the nomination of Dr. P. Pilavachi (EK also did not want to support the nomination).

13. Any other business

TP informed that he is retiring from the WP after having been on it since 1979. RG thanked TP for his active participation and his contributions to the cause of the CAPE community.

14. Meeting closure at 17.00

The chairman thanked everybody for a good meeting.

The above minutes were prepared by SBJ.