

## EFCE News

### EFCE WP on Education: Business Meeting March 2007

Invited by the Dutch delegate Peter Hamersma the EFCE WP on Education held its spring 2007 business meeting on 30 March 2007 at the Delft University of Technology (TU) in Delft/NL. The meeting was attended by 20 members and three invited guests.

Prof. Karel Luyben, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, welcomed the attendees and presented an overview on Chemical Engineering in the Netherlands and on the Faculty of Applied Sciences. At TU Delft research in chemical engineering takes place in three departments of this faculty as well as in two departments of the Faculty of Mechanical, Maritime and Materials Engineering.

Ir. Pieter L.J. Swinkels, Director of Delft Ingenious Design, gave a presentation on "Technical and human factors in chemical process design courses". He presented the Dutch concept of a post MSc programme leading to a so-called Professional Doctorate in Engineering (PDEng). This advanced level programme trains and educates graduates to become Certified Process Designers.

Prof. Anthonie W. M. Meijers, Eindhoven University of Technology, presented the "3TU Project on Academic Competences" which is a joined effort of TU Delft, University of Twente, and TU Eindhoven.

All three presentations were followed by intensive discussions.

The attendees discussed the status of the planned WPE workshop "The Future of European Chemical Engineering Education in a Globalized World" and welcomed the finalized speakers list. The event will be held along ECCE-6 in Copenhagen/DK on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

Further the attendees discussed the status and objectives of the WPE project to gather and disseminate good examples to promote chemical Engineering.

On the day before the business meeting took place a group of attendees used the opportunity to visit DelftChemTech, the department of Chemical Engineering of the Delft University of Technology, which belongs to the Faculty of Applied Sciences. The head of the department, Prof. Ernst Sudhoelter, gave a short presentation as an introduction. Then the labs of two research groups were visited, showing examples of basic research on the properties of new opto electronic materials as well as some examples of applied research.

Piero Salatino, Naples/I, replaces Alberto Brucato, Palermo/I as delegate from Italy.

Martin Molzahn (Chairman of EFCE WP on Education)