

CIC Environment Division Annual General Meeting

Monday, June 6, 2011, 18:00-19:00, Palais des Congrès de Montréal, Room 513c

In attendance were 21 members of the Environment Division. Quorum was present.

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Daniela Loock, Chair of the Environment Divisions, welcomed the participants.

2. Agenda and Minutes of 2010 AGM

The agenda and the minutes of the 2010 AGM were approved.

3. Report by the Chair

Daniela Loock provided an update on 2010 activities.

The membership of the Division is stable with 503 members in 2011 with one third of the members from the CSChE. The enrollment of student members to the Division was encouraged. The executive committee met several times throughout the last year to discuss divisional activities. As in previous years, the division is funding several speakers at the environmental symposia as well as several student awards.

Dr. Chris X. Le from the University of Alberta was the recipient of this year's Environment Division Research and Development Award.

Three newsletters were distributed since the last AGM in June, April and May and suggestions for content of the newsletter were requested from the division members. Several items of interest were sent to division members through the mailing list. The mailing list can be joined by sending a message to the following email: CICENV@chem.ubc.ca

The website of the division was updated and can be found at the following url: http://www.cheminst.ca/index.php?ci_id=2598&la_id=1)

This is the first year that the Environment Division is actively participating in the organization of the 61st Canadian Chemical Engineering Conference (CSChE 2011) to be held from October 23–26, 2011 in London, Ont.

4. CSC 2011 Update

Kevin Wilkinson provided an update on the program of the 2011 CSC conference. The Monday sessions were well attended and there is a very interesting line-up for the sessions during the remainder of the conference. It was difficult to obtain sufficient rooms for all the sessions to be held which led to three parallel sessions on Thursday. Tying the award lecture into the general session seems to work well.

5. Student Awards

Kevin Wilkinson reported that this year was exceptional in terms of being able to attract funding for the student awards. The following awards were available to students.

- Top student oral presentation: 400\$ + 2 year subscription to Environmental Chemistry
- Top student poster presentation: 400\$ + 2 year subscription to Environmental Chemistry
- Top student oral presentation at Speciation symposium: 300\$
- Top student poster presentation at Speciation symposium: 300\$
- Top undergraduate presentation: 150\$

6. Financial report

Jennifer Murphy, the treasurer of the Division, reported on 2010 financial activities. As of January 1, 2011 the Division holds \$ 25,574. In 2010, the Division received an annual society grant of \$1,978.20, which combined with accrued interest provided a total income of \$2,787.51. The expenses incurred in 2010 totaled \$14,032.16 the most significant of which were: two student awards (\$500), sponsorship for speakers at the CSC in Toronto (\$8,000) and division mixer (\$4,200).

7. Election of Executive

The Chair announced the list of nominees for office. There was a new nomination from the floor for the student member. The following committee was elected.

- Chair: Daniela Loock
- Vice Chair: Xing-Fang Li
- Past Chair: William R. Cullen
- Treasurer: Jennifer G. Murphy
- Chemical Engineering Representative: Joffre M. Berry
- 2011 CSC Montreal Representative: Kevin Wilkinson
- 2012 CSC Representative: Hans Osthoff
- Student member: Jim Ghoshdastidar

8. CSC 2012 – proposed symposia

Hans Osthoff, the CSC 2012 representative, presented the proposed environmental chemistry symposia for 2012. Dr. Osthoff highlighted that there was significant pressure by the conference organizers to keep the number of sessions low as to not dilute attendance at the various symposia. It was proposed that the session about old and new persistent organic pollutants be eliminated as many of the talks could be slotted into other sessions. Dr. Gamble volunteered to chair the half day session around this topic. The concept of scheduling a number of talks around the Environment Division Research and Development Award talk was very successful in the past two years and will be continued. The proposed symposia for 2012 are as follows:

- a. Advances in Environmental Analytical Chemistry (*joint with Analytical Chemistry*)
- b. Fire and Ice: Atmospheric Chemistry from biomass burning to ice aerosols (*joint with Physical/Theoretical*)
- c. Chemistry of Oil Sands Reclamation and Monitoring
- d. Metals in the environment
- e. Current topics in environmental chemistry (includes award session and persistent organic pollutants)

9. New Business

No new business was discussed. All members were invited to attend the Environment Division mixer on June 6, 2011 starting at 7:30 at the L'amère à boire microbrewery.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7 pm.