

RACI Colloid & Surface Science Division

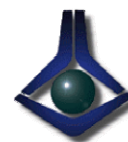
2005 Meeting - Minutes

Time and Venue: 5pm Tuesday 15th February 2005, Crowne Plaza Hotel Coogee, Sydney.

Present: I. McKinnon, P. Hartley, R. Crawford, G. Morris, E. Wanless, F. Grieser, B. Boyd, T. Healy, J. McQuillan, R. Horn, D. Yates, B. Vincent, V. Craig, M. James, P. Scales, L. Meagher.

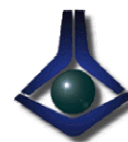
Apologies: I. Gentle, G. Warr, J. Schulz, P. Fawell, G. Franks, J. Ralston.

Item	
1	Election of Office Bearers
	Unanimous election of Chair (P. Hartley), Vice-Chair (R. Crawford), Treasurer (G. Morris), Secretary (E. Wanless – continuing), Immediate past chair (I. McKinnon). State representatives: J. Schulz (NSW), D. Yates (Vic), V. Craig (ACT), P. Scales (Tas), P. Fawell (WA), R. Horn (SA), I. Gentle (QLD). NT position vacant. NZIC representative: J. McQuillan
Action	EW to notify RACI of new officebearers.
2	Immediate Past Chairperson's Report (I. McKinnon)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes from 3/2/2004 meeting circulated.Handover of leadership to P. Hartley.
3	Membership report (E. Wanless)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Membership at 12/2004 stands at 1st preferences = 209; 2nd preferences = 208.Previously supplied lists from head office were grossly inaccurate.
Actions	Members to check Division preferences on RACI website.
4	Treasurer's report (R. Crawford)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">An audit was carried out during 2004. Accumulated funds at 1/7/04 \$38996, expenditure \$11312, Cash balance \$27684. No liabilities. Total income from 2004 student conference \$11439 (including repayment of \$5000 loan).Saved '000's at ACIS 2005 by employing Darren to do the audiovisual. Breakeven point was 150 people, but with 204 a ~\$20000 profit is expected.\$3000 deposit has been paid for A-J meeting in November 2005 in Terrigal.
5	IACIS report (B. Vincent)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Considerable progress has been made with ECIS with mutual membership agreements (reduced combined fees –5USD?) with IACIS fees to be forwarded annually. Arrangements underway with Japanese Chemical Society Colloid Group. Unclear how this would work with RACI, apart from that the Division would have to collect the IACIS membership fees.J. Ralston is council member representing Australia.4 conferences supported this year including 3 travel bursaries to ACIS 2005.Delegates at ACIS 2005 encouraged to join IACIS. Aim to increase membership from 500 to 1000. This would provide sufficient funds to spend money on website which should include postdoc ads (advertising for members only?)12IACIS to be held in Beijing, China in 17-24?? October 2006.13IACIS bid deadline is June 2005 for mid 2009. Brisbane convention centre (?) is interested. Most present thought Sydney/Darling Harbour a better option combined with ACIS 2009. Unanimous support for bid submission, although unlikely to be successful (counter bids by Grenada, MP Berlin/Mainz, ACS



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	combined meeting (Somasundaran, New York) expected). View as expression of interest for 14IACIS in 2012.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New website (see 10) to include link to IACIS. BV to supply information. • PGH+ to prepare a 2 page bid for 13IACIS at Darling Harbour including venue option for 500-1000 people and possible themes by June 2005. •
6	Report on ACIS 2005 (P. Hartley)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 204 delegates including more day registrants than in 2003. Large increase in sponsorship thanks to G. Morris and some theme chairs. Significant overseas attendance. Excellent profit expected. • Next time a trade display should be reconsidered. Good support for Gordon conference style timetabling of afternoon time off e.g. 8-12, 4-7. Need not be the same every day. • ACIS 2007: committee selection needs to be finalised by May 2005. B. Boyd suggested pharmaceutical theme - good sponsorship potential too.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PGH to organise ACIS 2007 chair selection. • ACIS 2007 Chair (TBA) to call for themes with a short business plan/proforma in an attempt to gauge genuine interest in theme organization. Call for nominations for Division Plenary Lecturer with theme call. • RC to do a final balance sheet for ACIS 2005 for circulation. • All with pertinent files associated with ACIS 2005 to forward to PGH for archiving.
7	Student Conference Report
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G. Morris reported on February 2004 Sunset Cove conference. 116 delegates, \$5500 profit. Well done. • F. Grieser reported on next Student Conference. Organizers: Latrobe Bendigo & Melbourne, Venue: LaTrobe @ Beechworth, 6-10 February 2006. Abstracts will be due in November. Registration should be slightly cheaper than Sunset Cove. Likely K. Drummond (PFPC) will handle much of this as FG will be overseas in late 2005. • Hunter-Healy medal selection criteria. Guidelines and eligibility need to be formalised to enhance transparency. Unanimous support for once-only award. Varied support for all students vs. Australian enrolled student eligibility. Note that the US La Mer award is restricted to US enrolled students. • Some bursaries available for ECIS Student Conference organised by Wageningen in July 2005.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FG to draft Hunter-Healy selection criteria and circulate. Publicise on student conference website. • EW to notify members of European student conference bursary possibilities.
8	Australia-Japan Symposium (V. Craig)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing committee: V. Craig (chair), G. Franks (local), E. Wanless (communication), P. Hartley (Division Chair) + T. Healy (sponsorship). K. Kurihara (Japanese liaison) • Deposit paid for Crowne Plaza Hotel, Terrigal (NSW) 27-30 Nov 2005. • Contract signed by I. McKinnon. • V. Craig outlined discussion with K. Kurihara concerning targeting of younger Japanese. • Need to avoid sponsor saturation, so target alternate sponsors: Sydney Sake company, Hunter valley vineyards, Bluetongue Brewery (Newcastle)



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Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigate/Advertise Endeavour scheme for PDF attendance.• Get website organised asap (see 10)
9	Division Plenary lectureship (I. McKinnon)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First recipient: A. Gast, MIT (ACIS 2005). Excellent choice.• Discussion of criteria ensued.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PGH to formalise criteria for placement on new website.
10	Division Website (E. Wanless/R. Crawford)
	Working towards a more useful/permanent site. Increasingly difficult to work via university or RACI hosts with their restrictive publishing rights. Unanimous support for purchase of autonomous site.
Actions	RC to organise the autonomous hosting of http://www.colloid-oz.org.au/ domain name. Please contact Craig Hackney at UniSA: Craig.Hackney@unisa.edu.au to organise transfer of the domain name pointer from his personal site to the commercial site.
11	Any Other Business DY raised the need for Division constitution.
Actions	DY to head working party on constitution!

Meeting closed at 7pm.

Next meeting will be at the Australia-Japan Symposium in late 2005 or in February 2006 at the Beechworth student conference.