

RACI Colloid & Surface Science Division

Minutes

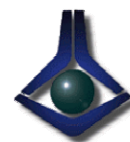
Time and Venue: 6 pm 29th May, Melbourne University.

Present: P. Hartley (chair), G. Morris, E. Wanless, R. Crawford

Cc: V. Craig, P. Scales, P. Fawell, J. Schulz, D. Yates, I. Gentle, J. McQuillan, I. McKinnon, R. Horn, and also P. Mulvaney, Ben Boyd, Ian Larson

Item

1	RACI National Issues (PH) (a) Next national convention will be Connect in mid 2010 in Melbourne chaired by Ken Ghiggino. Do we want to use the Connect conference in 2010 as a forum for an 'extraordinary' colloids meeting? It would be a lot cheaper than running such a special meeting ourselves (economies of scale). 2010 is a student conference year, and thus us supporting this conference would not disrupt our normal conference calendar. If there is interest from our membership in being involved in organising conference themes (divisional versus theme formats are under discussion), then we should consider supporting the conference, which will involve a contribution (a few K) from divisional finances to the conference. (b) A half time professional conference organiser is being recruited by RACI. The plan will be for this person to work towards building up a portfolio of conferences, and then recruit further staff to actually run them. Again, it would seem that there would be benefits to using such a service in future, assuming the costs are lower than we can obtain elsewhere, and that the service is professional. (c) It occurs to me that part of the reason that we struggle to get support for the division through the Aus. Colloids community joining RACI, is that no-one actually hears the sort of info I'm forwarding here. We should ask ourselves how best to communicate to our membership the role of RACI, and in particular what happens at National Assembly. A couple of ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A fixed 'slot' at our meetings (conferences?) for the chair of the division to get up and talk about what RACI is up to.• A RACI Colloids newsletter written by the committee (3-monthly?). This could be put on our website and is in line with a discussion in Beechworth re communication about the achievements of our members.
Actions	All feedback on Connect 2010 to PH. PH to complete first web-newsletter by July 31 – All to supply recent newsworthy items. EW to request JS to create page on website for these.
2	Successional Planning Paul Mulvaney has been nominated for the position vice-chair (elect). Term would take effect following election at Division meeting at ACIS 2007.
3	Hunter-Healy honorary dinner Goal to hold this dinner in 2007-8. Ideally timed adjacent to ACIS 2007 or Beechworth student conference. This will coincide with 40 years of student conferences (according to website history this began in May 1967 or 1968).
Actions	EW to begin organising/scope out interest level via state reps initially. All feedback



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	& suggested guests please.
4	<p>Student conference Beechworth February 2006 (6-10th). Mike Angove, Ashok & Kate Drummond to be commended for the organisation. However, several issues were raised during and soon afterwards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student participation in evening events could be improved. A feeling of being disconnected. Recommendations:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Explicit student involvement on organising committee2. Mixer on first night3. Events to consist of teams from different universities, mix staff & students4. Student run talent night• Venue not ideal: lecture theatre too long and skinny, single communal area absent, disorganised venue staff (room allocation etc), insufficient food, unforeseen hassles. Recommendations:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Large communal social area for evening activities (eg. Lake Hume, Morpeth, Sunset Cove)2. Lecture theatre: squarer. Backup AV.3. Flexibility on food and drink amounts. <p>Additionally the division will collate and pay for an A0 historical/hysterical poster as a record from each conference. Should be possible as far back as Hahndorf (Feb 1998). Pdf versions to be held on website. As a minimum will be a photo collage, include award winners etc. Guidelines for H-H award have been updated on website. Ben Boyd & Ian Larson (VCP: Monash) will organise 26ACSSSC. Congratulations.</p>
Actions	<p>EW to notify BB & IL of shortcomings of Beechworth venue. Also to liaise with Division treasurer re budget, especially drinks item. EW to initiate collections of photos and data for historical posters. Draft by ACIS 2007 for comment. Contact conference chairs in first instance.</p>
5	<p>ACIS 2007 update Organisation proceeding. Keynotes being confirmed. Theme sponsorship coming together. Recommend live band. EW to do merchandise. Special issue of Aust. J. Chem. discussed. Could aim alternatively for Colloids & Surfaces.</p>
Actions	<p>PH to contact N. Furlong (Oz editor of C&S) re special issue.</p>
6	<p>Finances (GM) General ledger: \$13239.58 Hunter-Healy: \$10590.81 + \$10000 (from chq acct) - \$1500 (24ACSSSC award) = \$19090.81 Chq Account: \$29304.67. Major expenses: \$15000 (ACIS 2007 seed), \$5000 (25ACSSSC seed). These should be being returned.</p>
Action	<p>GM to request financial statement from KD/A/MA a.s.a.p. (before end of financial year). Follow up seed funding reimbursement to Division.</p>