

## Asia-Pacific EPR/ESR Society (APES)

### Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> General Body Meeting of the Asia Pacific EPR/ESR Society

27<sup>st</sup> September 2018 at the Prentice Building of the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

#### Basic Information

- The 11<sup>th</sup> APES Council Meeting was held during the lunch time of 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the Centre for Advanced Imaging of the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.
- The discussions during this meeting concentrated on the items to be presented at the APES GM and are reflected below.
- The list of participants of the 11<sup>th</sup> GM (General Meeting) is attached at the end of the minutes.
- Agenda for the 11<sup>th</sup> GM of the APES was displayed on the main screen of auditorium before the start of the meeting as following:
  - APES President report
  - Reports from regional representatives (optional)
  - Venue for the next APES symposium-2020
  - Changes into the APES Constitution
  - Election of APES Council members for the term 2019-2020
  - Other points proposed by the APES members
- Prof. Elena Bagryanskaya, President of APES, presided over the GM.

#### 1. Welcome

Prof. Elena Bagryanskaya welcomed the members present and briefly described the GM agenda.

#### 2. APES President's report

Before starting the APES president's report, Prof. Bagryanskaya requested the members for one-minute silence in memory of late Academician Tsvetkov of Institute of Chemical Kinetics and Combustion, Novosibirsk, Russia, an internationally known EPR scientist and inventor of modern approaches in pulsed EPR spectroscopy.

Prof. Bagryanskaya thanked Prof. Steven Bottle, Chairperson of the APES-2018 Symposium, and Prof. Jeffrey Harmer and Dr. Nicholas Cox for the excellent organization of the event. The local organizing committee was very helpful in coordinating with the delegates and making very good overall organisation of the symposium.

Prof. Bagryanskaya had pointed out to positive development of EPR in APES countries and had mentioned APES awardees of recognized EPR Awards:

- Zavoisky Award 2017: Prof. Takeji Takui, Osaka City University, Japan.

- IES Young Investigator Award 2017: Prof. Fazhan Shi, University of Science and Technology of China, Jinzhai, China.
- John Weil Young Investigator Award 2018: Dr. Shunsuke C. Furuya, Condensed matter theory laboratory, Rikken, Japan.

### 3. Reports from regional representatives

Prof. Matvey Fedin (representative from Russia) remarked that there are not so many EPR groups in Russia: mainly in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Kazan in European part of Russia, while mainly in Novosibirsk in eastern part of Russia. EPR groups are not well equipped, but still try to progress in EPR spectroscopy as much as possible. Prof. Elena Bagryanskaya also added that there were several schools taking place in Russia within these two years, e.g. only one week before there was an NMR/EPR school for young scientist nearby St. Petersburg (V International School for Young Scientists “Magnetic Resonance and Magnetic Phenomena in Chemical and Biological Physics”).

Prof. Jeffrey Harmer (on behalf of representative from Australia and New Zealand) remarked that in Australia they have EPR groups in the University of Queensland and two more universities equipped with W-band and regular X- and Q-band spectrometers, and that the EPR capabilities come up.

Prof. Bhat (on behalf of representative from India) remarked that in India they have peculiar situation compared to other word. While PhD students can get good education in EPR related to physics, there are some difficulties for them to get knowledge in EPR applied to chemistry, biology and medicine. So, as a result, it is not easy for them to get post-doc position abroad, but they nevertheless do it successfully.

Prof. Tadaaki Ikoma (representative from Japan) clearly explained the structure of the National Society of ESR (the Society of Electron Spin Science and Technology (SEST)) counting about 200 members and mentioned that the Japan’s contribution to the knowledge in the area is significant. Prof. Ikoma also remarked that National Society of ESR is planning to join with National Society of NMR to consolidate their efforts in NMR/EPR activity within the country and abroad. Within one-two years the joined meeting of NMR and EPR National Societies is planned. ISMAR conference organized by SEST and NMR society will take place in 2021, august 22-27, Osaka.

Dr. Christopher Ambe (representative from Philippines) informed the gathering that there are still no ESR/EPR facilities available in Philippines at present. A society of spin chemistry is in existence in the country and he is working to expand this society into ESR/EPR domain by taking certain research initiatives.

### 4 Venue for the next APES symposium-2020

Prof. Bagryanskaya has mentioned that during the Council Meeting of the Asia Pacific EPR/ESR Society on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 two proposals for the APES’2020 have been considered: from India and from China. After intensive discussion, the Council voted for future conference in China. Then Prof. Bagryanskaya asked Prof. Shi to present the proposal from China.

Prof. Shi on behalf of Prof. Du has made the presentation of their project for the organization of the APES'2020 conference in China in Huangshan (near Hefei city). The presentation was covering mainly all important topics required for clarification (location, travel information, hotel information, cultural events proposed, expected price for hotel accommodation, etc.)

Prof. Bagryanskaya also remarked that all members of Council voted for Chinese proposal and that the APES'2022 is planned to be organized in India, while in details on this question will be considered during APES'2020.

## **5 Changes into the APES Constitution**

Prof. Bagryanskaya briefly mentioned the APES Constitution changes proposed by Czeslaw Rudowicz. Czeslaw Rudowicz pointed out that the changes introduced into the APES Constitution aimed to follow the current situation with the Vice Presidents and to be aligned with the Constitution of IES. No questions concerning the Changes into the APES Constitution were raised, thus the changes were accepted.

## **6 Election of APES Council members for the term 2019-2020**

Prof. Elena Bagryanskaya informed the members that the APES Council in its meeting held on 25 September 2018 has proposed the following Council members for the APES Council for the period 2019-2020.

### **Officers:**

President:	Prof. Elena Bagryanskaya	Russia
Vice President:	Dr. Jeffrey Harmer	Australia
Vice President:	Prof. Jiangfeng Du	China
Immediate Past President:	Prof. Subray V. Bhat	India
Secretary:	Dr. Sergey Veber	Russia
Founder President	Prof. Czeslaw Rudowicz	Poland, formerly Hong Kong

### **Country/Regional Representatives:**

Australia/New Zealand:	Dr. Nicholas Cox
China:	Prof. Fazhan Shi
India:	Prof. Anuradha K.N.
Japan:	Prof. Kazunobu Sato
Philippines:	Dr. Marvin Jose F. Fernandez
Republic of Korea:	Prof. Sun Hee Kim

Russia: Prof. Matvey Fedin

**Advisory Council Members:**

Prof. Hitoshi Ohta (Japan, former Vice President)

Prof. Hiroshi Hirata (Japan, Vice President of IES)

Prof. Elena Bagryanskaya requested the opinions of the members of the Society present in the General Meeting on the proposal. There were no alternative proposals and the Members of the Society agreed upon the names proposed for the office bearers of the New Council of APES.

**7 Other points proposed by the APES members**

No other points were proposed by APES members for consideration.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

List of members present in the General Meeting of APES-2018

1. Veber Sergey	31. Matsuoka Hideto
2. Takui Takeji	32. Hara Hideyuki
3. Harmer Jeffrey	33. Horitani Masaki
4. Cox Nick	34. Mino Hiroyuki
5. Shi Fazhan	35. Okamoto Tsubasa
6. Yang Haijun	36. Bowen Alice
7. Hirata Hiroshi	37. Bottle Steven
8. Nakamura Toshikazu	38. Lyubenova Sevdalina
9. Pappas William	39. Lovett Janet
10. Koizumi Yuta	40. Prisner Thomas
11. Takahashi Hideyuki	41. Jarmola Andrey
12. Ohta Hitoshi	42. Smith Graham
13. Svistunenko Dima	43. Zaripov Ruslan
14. Khramtsov Valery	44. Sukhanov Andrei
15. Dzyuba Sergey	45. Dzikovski Boris
16. Fedin Matvey	
17. Smirnova Tatyana	
18. Krumkacheva Olesya	
19. Syryamina Victoria	
20. Golysheva Elena	
21. Kuzhelev Andrei	
22. Saito Yu	
23. Rudowicz Czeslaw	
24. Bhat Subray	
25. Ikoma Tadaaki	
26. Kobori Yasuhiro	
27. McCamey Dane	
28. Marumoto Kazuhiro	

29. Ambe Christopher	
30. Akimoto Ikuko	