

Asia-Pacific EPR/ESR Society (APES)

Minutes of the on-line Council Meeting of the Asia Pacific EPR/ESR Society

29th June 2022

Agenda of the APES on-line CM

- 1) The organization of APES2022 on-line Symposium.
- 2) The on-line ESR seminars for APES community.
- 3) Planning of the APES committee member election and the APES General Meeting.
- 4) Other points which will be proposed by APES Council members.

List of APES members present in the on-line Council Meeting of APES

1. Elena Bagryanskaya
2. Jiangfeng Du
3. Subray V. Bhat
4. Fazhan Shi
5. Anuradha K.N.
6. Sun Hee Kim
7. Matvey Fedin
8. Hitoshi Ohta
9. Hiroshi Hirata
10. Sergey Veber

1. Introductory part

Prof. Bagryanskaya after welcoming the members briefly noted the current difficult period for international interactions within the last two years caused by the covid19 pandemic and the recent military crisis between Russia and Ukraine with the subsequent political constraints on international cooperation of Russian scientists. Prof. Bagryanskaya noted that Russian scientists hope for ASAP the end of the hostilities, but the presence of Prof. Bagryanskaya and Dr. Veber, Russian scientists, in the positions of President of APES and Secretary of APES greatly complicates the further development of the APES community, which is planned through an on-line conference and regular on-line seminars and subsequent off-line events. Professor Bagryanskaya asked the Council members to consider an extraordinary transfer of the APES president's powers to Professor Du.

2. Discussing the organization of APES2022 on-line Symposium

Professor Du briefly described the current restrictions on international mobility in China, noting the impossibility of holding off-line APES Symposium in 2022, but he suggested organizing APES2022 on-line Symposium. Prof. Du suggested to make Joint on-line meeting of APES2022 and Chinese annual EPR meeting. Professor Du also mentioned

that he would like to hold an off-line APES Symposium in China in 2024 as it would be an honor and he has the possibility to hold it at a high level. Prof. Shi on behalf of Prof Du has made the presentation of their project for the organization of the on-line APES2022 Symposium, including the timetable of the main steps such as registration and abstract submission. Local Organizing Committee and Invited Speakers elected for APES2020 will be asked for participation in the same status in APES2022 on-line Symposium. Also, Council members of APES are welcome to suggest new personalities. During further discussion concerning the organization of APES2022, Council members agreed that the APES2022 will be organized in on-line format by China (main responsible persons are Prof. Du, Prof Shi) in the way Prof. Du and Prof Shi proposed.

3. The on-line ESR seminars for APES community.

Prof. Bagryanskaya informed about the successful experience of the Bio-EPR community in organizing regular on-line meetings where oral talks are presented by both experienced and young researchers. A proposal was made to organize such regular meetings for the APES community. During the discussion that followed, it was decided to hold such meetings once a month. During such meeting, one experienced researcher (not only from APES countries) and one young researcher from APES countries will give a talk. The duration of the meeting should not exceed an hour and a half. Prof. Cox pointed out that it would be useful to coordinate this activity with a similar activity of the international EPR Society. Tentatively, the first meeting is scheduled for the end of August 2022. Professor Bagryanskaya will shortly initiate a preparation of list of speakers together with Professor Du and other members of the APES Council.

4. Planning of the APES committee member election and the APES General Meeting.

Council members agreed with Professor Bagryanskaya's arguments that it is appropriate to hand over the powers of the APES president to Professor Du. Professor Du agreed to become the president of APES in this complicated situation. Prof. Fedin pointed out the need to coordinate all these actions with Prof. Rudowicz in order to develop and fulfill the legitimacy of the procedure. Prof. Bagryanskaya will discuss all these points with Prof. Rudowicz in the near future.

5. Discussing other points which will be proposed by APES Council members.

No other points were proposed by APES Council members for consideration.

Prof. Bagryanskaya have closed the on-line Council Meeting of the Asia Pacific EPR/ESR Society and thanked the participants for fruitful discussion.