

Minutes of Serbia Chapter Meeting

Location: Serbian Academy of Science and Arts – Club at Mezzanine

Knez Mihailova 35, Belgrade

Date: October 26th, 2018

Time: 12h

Participants: Vojislav Mitić, Lidija Mančić, Zorica Lazarević, Nina Obradović, Olivera Milošević, Suzana Filipović, Marina Vuković, Ivana Dinić

Excused: Bojan Marinković, Branislav Vlahović, Gordana Vlahović, Goran Rašić, Milan Dukić, Gordana Topličić Ćurčić, Sandra Veljković

Agenda items:

1. Information about Chapter establishing
2. Chapter constitution (officers and committees: membership, educational, finance, publicity and communication)
3. Policy and responsibilities
4. Identification of chapter assignments and activities
5. Other activities

The meeting was opened by Prof. Dr. Vojislav Mitić, President of the Initiative Committee for Serbian Chapter establishing and President of the Serbian Ceramic Society (SCS) with adopting of proposed agenda.

1. In accordance to agenda firstly he informed present members that the Board of Directors of The American Ceramic Society (ACerS) voted to approve our application to establish a Serbia Chapter of ACerS at their meeting in Connecticut at October 13th 2018. He conveyed congratulations from Belinda Raines (outreach manager of ACerS) and Mark Mecklenborg (incoming executive director of ACerS), as well as from H.T.Lin (former Board member of ACerS who was present on the Initiative Committee founding).

Then he welcomed Prof. Dr. Olivera Milošević, a new member of ACerS and PhD student Ivana Dinić - a new member of Chapter, and expressed his gratitude to all the members on the contribution to the Chapter formation and also organization of the SCS Conference ACA VII (Advanced Ceramics and Application VII: New Frontiers in Multifunctional Material Science and Processing) held from September 17-19th, 2018 in Belgrade.

Also, due the fact that this Chapter serves ACerS members from larger area, and we hope that will attract members from the South-East Europe (ex-Yugoslavia and other Balkan countries) Prof. Dr. Vojislav Mitić suggested that instead of the Serbian Chapter, name Serbia and South East Europe Chapter will be more appropriate, as it has been initiated. The present members agree with it, and it was decided that this proposal should be forwarded to ACerS Board asp.

2. In the frame of second item in agenda, Chapter constitution was performed by election of Chapter officers and Committees chairpersons, by voting as follows:

- Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Vojislav Mitić
- Secretary: Dr. Lidija Mančić
- Treasurer: Dr. Zorica Lazarević
- Vice chairpersons: Dr. Nina Obradović and Prof. Dr Olivera Milošević
- Educational Committee Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Gordana Topličić Ćurčić
- Publicity and Communication Committee Chairperson: Dr Suzana Filipović

All nominates were elected by unanimous decisions for the period of 2 years and 3 mandates.

3. Chapter policy and officers responsibilities were then defined to be focused on the development and promotion of the ceramic science and arts among engineers, students and early stage researchers through organization of minimum two events per year, in form of workshops, lectures and seminars. Additionally, networking with the other local scientific societies should be enforced in order to promote cooperative work and bring new members to the Chapter.

4. Identification of chapter assignments and activities considered discussion about:

- Organization of the technical class for the students at different faculties, where Material Science Classroom Kit from ACerS Electronic Division will be presented and used
- Cooperative approach in the organization of the next ACA VIII Conference, now under umbrella of SCS and this Chapter.
- Information about 8th International Congress on Ceramics (ICC8) in South Korea (2000) and our intention to host this conference in Belgrade in the future, earliest at 2024.

5. Last agenda item was related to several technical issues concerning:

- publication of selected contributions from ACAV and ACAVI conferences in the form of Selected papers (De Gruyter) and Chapter Books (SpringerNature) devoted to chosen topic
- possibility for conference registration fee waiver, when ACerS is one of the conference organizers with a recommendation of the Chapter chairperson and
- establishing of a good practice to disseminate Meeting minutes not only to the excused members but also to Prof. Dr. Hans-Jörg Fecht from Ulm University in Germany and Dr. Shabana Shaikh from Pune University. Both are members of SCS who express their wish to become a part of Serbian Chapter.

Official part of meeting was finished at 13h with congratulation addressed to Prof. Dr. Vojislav Mitić, President of the SCS for all of his efforts in establishing the Serbian Chapter of ACerS.