

International Ceramic Federation Council Meeting Minutes

Date & time: 7:00pm (19:00); June 18, 2018, (during ICC7)

Location: Vivace 1, Maestra Business Theater, Hotel Recanto Cataratas, Foz do Iguazu, Brazil

I. Call to order & introductions:

Prof. Katherine Faber called the meeting to order and welcomed all the attendees. As usual, all the attendees gave a self-introduction briefly counterclockwise. The 20 attendees representing different member organizations were as follows:

Katherine Faber	ICF President (2016 – 2018), American Ceramic Society
Tatsuki Ohji	American Ceramic Society
Paolo Colombo	Italian Ceramic Society, Incoming ICF Secy/Treas
Mark Mecklenborg	American Ceramic Society, ACerS Staff
Vojislav V. MITIĆ	Serbian Ceramic Society
Takashi Goto	ICF President-elect, Ceramic Society of Japan
Danilo Suvorov	ICF Past-President, Slovenian Chemical Society
Eung Soo Kim	Korean Ceramic Society
Samuel Marcio Toffoli	ICC7 president, Brazilian Ceramic Society
Edgar Zanotto	Brazilian Ceramic Society
Zbigniew Pedzich	Polish Ceramic Society
Richard Bowman	Australian Ceramic Society
Antonio Carlos de Camargo	Brazilian Ceramic Society
Anne Leriche	Groupe Français de la Céramique
Carmen Baudin	Spanish Society of Ceramics Glass
Jon Binner	UK Ceramic Society
Matjaž Spreitzer	Slovenian Chemical Society
Francis Cambier	European Ceramic Society, Belgian Ceramic Society
Michele Dondi	Italian Ceramic Society
Dechang Jia	Chinese Ceramic Society, Representative of Yu Zhou, ICF Secretary

II. Approval of the minutes of May 23, 2017:

Katherine Faber started the first item with the approval of the minutes of May 23, 2017, from the ICF meeting held during the PACRIM-12 conference in Hawaii, which were posted on the ICF website. The minutes are unanimously approved due to the fact that no additions or corrections on the minutes were suggested or provided by the IFC members present.

III. Nominations Committee Report:

Prof. Danilo Suvorov gave a short report on Nominations Committee of ICF. He reported that Prof. Paulo Colombo was recommended for the candidate of the Secretary/Treasurer of ICF. There were no other nominations from the floor. Therefore, Prof. Colombo was approved as Secretary/Treasurer (from 2018-2020) by acclamation. He follows Prof. Yu Zhou from HIT, China.

Prof. Takashi Goto from Tohoku University, Japan was presented with the ICF President's Medal. His two-year tenure as president begins following ICC7.

IV. Technical Committees Report:

The third agenda item was the Technical Committees Report originally to be presented by Dr. Sylvia Johnson who has served as chair of the committee for about 10 yrs. Prof. Faber explained that Dr. Johnson's last responsibility was to put together the operating guidelines of the committee, which have been posted on the ICF website. Dr. Johnson would step down from the technical committee as she will be the next president of the American Ceramic Society. Therefore, Prof. Faber named Prof. Raj Bordia (Clemson University) to chair the technical committee, with the approval of the ICF executive committee. She hopes Prof. Bordia will foster active interactions with the International Congress on Ceramics. Unfortunately, Prof. Bordia could not be present at this ICF meeting due to a visa problem.

V. Report on ICC7, 2018:

Prof. Samuel Toffoli gave a report on ICC7 as the ICC7 chairman. ICC7 has a total number of registered participants of 743 with 661 of them with paid registration fees. As of Monday, June 18 the actual attendance number is 605. There were 1085 papers submitted, 194 are invited talks, 203 are oral presentations, and 688 are poster presentations, respectively. The attendees are from 36 countries, and 207 of them are non-Brazilians (nearly 35% of the total attendance). France, USA, and Germany are ranked the top 3 of the non-Brazilian attendees with 27, 26, and 25, respectively. Unexpectedly, only 3 South America countries joined the ICC7 and contributed only 12 attendees outside of Brazil, i.e. Argentina (10), Chile and Columbia (both 1). The top three Asian countries are China (12), Japan (9) and South Korea (3).

VI. Update on ICC8 in Korea, 2020:

Prof. E. S. Kim, president-elect of Korean Ceramic Society, provided an update on ICC8. Prof. Kim described the proposed conference venue, BEXCO, Busan, Korea. There are 30 countries that are not required to have visa to visit there for less than 30 days. It has direct flight connections with 31 cities

in more than 6 countries. There are 2034 rooms accessible within 3km of the convention center. The conference will be held August 23-27, 2020, and has already obtained several sponsors from South Korea. Prof. Kim also showed the key dates, for the conference such as, Abstract submission: December 31, 2019; Acceptance notification: January 31, 2020; Early registration, March 31, 2010; Hotel reservations: May 31, 2020. As a world-class exhibition center, BEXCO offers a total of 46,380 m² of exhibition halls, and 1512 m² of conference rooms. In addition, Prof. Suk Joong Kang provided a short message through a video.

During the comments and questions time, Prof. Faber reminded the ICF members that the original ICC meetings were put together to be very forward looking, and some included Global Road Maps that came out of those meetings. Thus, she encouraged all of the organizers of the meetings to keep that in mind when planning their ICCs.

VII. Update on ICC9 in Poland, 2022:

Dr. Francis Cambier, representing the European Ceramic Society, provided a report on ICC9. Professor Zbigniew Pedzich, also present, will serve as President of ICC9. Two possible dates for the meeting are under consideration: July, 10-14 or August 22-25, 2022. Faber reminded that there are many US universities that begin the semester in late August. Therefore, the date of August 22-25 might exclude some of the American participants. Mark Mecklenborg suggested the date of July, 10-14 to avoid the conflict with other meetings. Dr. Cambier predicts that the attendance would be about 750 attendees. The conference venue is Krakow, which is the geographic center of Europe, with more than 12 million visitors last year. Krakow is a historic city, which is famous for architectures and culture activities. It has a population of 800,000, and a lot of them are students (210,000) due to that fact that there are many universities (32) in the city.

The Krakow Congress Centre, in short, "ICE," is a relative new conference center (4 years old), and very close to the city center. He also mentioned that Krakow's transportation system is excellent, and it is well connected with a lot of European countries. There are 18 themes that cover most aspects of ceramics science and technology. An exhibition and a summer school are also planned during the ICC9.

Faber suggested that since the organizers wish to involve the ICF technical committees, that they might want to include Raj Bordia on their planning committee.

VIII. ICC10 Proposal

Mr. Mark Mecklenborg presented the ICC10 proposal on behalf the American Ceramic Society. He was actually involved in the first congress of ceramics in 2006. The proposed date July, 14-18, 2024 in Montreal, Canada. The ICC10 president will be selected from the steering the committee of six.

Additional members of ICC10 steering Committee would be added by end of 2021. Mr. Mecklenborg then introduced the ICC10 venue, Montreal, which is a one of the largest cities in Canada, with 1,750,000 people, and 4,060,000 for the entire metropolitan area. The “Hotel Bonaventure” has been selected for the ICC10 venue. That hotel is so large in size that all of the sessions could be hosted in one floor. More that 600 attendees would be expected, which include 8 plenary speakers, 84 invited talks, 160 contributed talks, and 200 posters.

Mr. Mecklenborg also provided some ideas on the general technical programs and topics, which including the theme: Enabling a Better World through Ceramic and Glass Materials. Ceramic applications will also be addressed. The previous Global Roadmaps from earlier ICCs would be used as inspiration and guidance. The topics will be covered by ICF Technical Committee. Four committees, i.e. Steering Committee, Technical Programming Committee, International Advisor Committee, and Local Committee will be included in the ICC10 organizing committee.

Several people had comments on the attendance numbers, the availability of visas, etc. on Mr. Mecklenborg’s report. Since there were no other proposals for ICC10, the Council accepted the proposal by the American Ceramic Society by acclamation.

IX. New Business

Finally, Prof. Faber announced two items. First, she would like thank Dr. Danilo Suvorov for his involvement and support in ICF for so many years. Second, she would like thank Prof. Toffoli and his committee for their warm hospitality here in Brazil and also for all of their efforts for the ICC7 meeting.

X. Adjourn

Prof. Faber adjourned the meeting since all the agenda items were presented and discussed and there was no other new business. A reception for the ICF Council members hosted by the Brazilian Ceramic Society followed.

Minutes submitted by Prof. Dechang Jia, on behalf of Prof. Yu Zhou.