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Editorial

At the time when the last Newsletter, # 43 appeared in December 2018, we were looking forward with great expectations towards the 14th EUCHIS conference, planned to be organized this year in Cork, Ireland. Disappointingly, we all had to learn that this conference could not be realized.

This Newsletter includes a short section with news about the activities of the Board during the first quarter of this year, informing about the 14th EUCHIS conference in 2020, and other Society matters. Your feedback is very important, so please communicate your opinion and comments.

An update of the list of member's publications, published in the period January 2018 – March 2019, is presented here. It is an impressive document of scientific achievements, containing the names of 42 EUCHIS members with citations of 20 reviews, 168 research papers, one conference abstract, and seven patent applications. Nearly all of them are about chitin / chitosan.

Last not least: Annual membership subscriptions are due now for the year 2019.

Bruno M. Moerschbacher, President
Martin G. Peter, Secretary

14th and 15th EUCHIS, 2020 and 2022

Proposals to organize forthcoming EUCHIS conferences in Kazan, Russia, and in Iceland were submitted. It was discussed in the Board and decided by e-mail ballot:

Number of votes received: 13 (of 16 members)

14th in Kazan, Russia, 2020, and 15th in Iceland, 2022: yes: 11 / abstention: 1 / no 1

Therefore, EUCHIS 2020 will take place in Russia, and EUCHIS 2022 in Iceland. Information will be updated in due course.

Special Issue:

George A. F. Roberts and Kjell M. Vårum

A virtual special issue of "Reactive and Functional Polymers" in honor and memory of George A. F. Roberts and Kjell A. Vårum, who recently passed away, is in preparation under the guest editorship of Eric Guibal, with J. Desbrieres, M.M. Jaworska, M.G. Peter, and B. Sarmiento as guest co-editors. Tentative Title: *Chitosan for the future*.

The Editors would like to invite all contributions. As this SI is dedicated to the memory of Dr. ROBERTS and Prof. VÅRUM, it would be highly appreciated when your work can be referred to their important contributions in the field.

The SI has been officially launched and the EVISE[®] submission system is now ready for article submission for the VSI: Chitosan for the future (deadline: September 2019, we would prefer earlier in order to appropriately manage the submission flow).

Instructions for submission:

- The submission website for this journal is located at:
<https://www.evise.com/profile/#/REACT/login>

The image shows two parts of the EVISE submission interface. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with buttons for 'Enter Manuscript Information', 'Upload Files', 'Provide Additional Information', and 'Review & Submit', and a link for 'Guide for Authors'. On the right is the 'Enter Manuscript Information' page, which includes a dropdown menu for selecting an issue. The dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Select Issue Type', 'Regular issue', and 'Chitosan for the future' (which is highlighted in yellow). A note above the dropdown says 'To begin, select an issue from the dropdown list.'

Should you have any question and request do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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Membership development

(June 2017 – December 2018)

EUCHIS has presently 16 members less than in May 2017 (Newsletter # 41). The largest number of leaving members is due a failure to respond to reminders of the annual subscription for three years. This concerns mostly students, probably because they, after graduation, work in other fields.

	donor	collective	active	associate	student	Sum
2017-05-31	7	6	45	4	22	84
new		1	5	2	2	10
cancelled			-2		-2	-4
deceased	-1					-1
deleted			-7	-3	-11	-21
+ / -	-1	+1	-4	-1	-11	-16
Sum (2018-12-31)	6	7	41	3	11	68

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Martin G. Peter, Secretary

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