

Minutes Nordic President Meeting

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0. Presentations

The delegates presented themselves and their chemical society.

www.kjemi.no

www.kemianseura.fi

www.chemsoc.dk

www.chemsoc.se

1. International Year of Chemistry, IYC

In Sweden a task group has been established for IYC. Members are Svenska Kemistsamfundet/Svenska Nationalkommittén för kemi, Plast och kemiföretagen and Kemilärarnas Resurscentrum. The Swedish NAO is Svenska Nationalkommittén för kemi. The arrangements will be initialized and performed via the different networks of the organizations.

The other societies informed that they are just in the beginning of the process.

The visibility will be a difficult task. Some ideas and experiences can be collected from the world year of physics, "Fysikens år".

Suggestions:

Common opening and closing events, ie fireworks, of the year was considered to be a good idea

Road show – visiting all the Nordic countries

In Finland there is a Science day, preliminary contact has been taken

In Denmark there is a "Vetenskapens dag", Norway has "Forskningsdagarna" and Sweden "Vetenskapsfestivalen"

Subscribe on your monthly experiment, information etc

The Industry should show what kind of jobs an chemist has

It's important to work on the image, the general perception

Chemistry is important for a sustainable world, solutions for the mankind

In Norway they have a chemistry quiz, periodesystemet.no (Arvid Mostad)
Nordic conference for teachers
Different local activities

How do we go further? The other societies will come back with reports from their national meetings. Was **decided** to have a teleconf in mid-June.

2. Presentation of Berta and Kemins dag

Ulla Nyman from Plast- & Kemiföretagen presented Berta and Kemins dag, more information on :

www.draknet.se

www.keminsdag.se

www.plastkemiforetagen.se

3. IUPAC, GA 31 July – 6 August 2009, Glasgow

Was agreed upon to support the nomination of Ture Damhus or Michael Brorson for the Bureau of IUPAC.

(After the meeting Anders Kallner has confirmed that he will serve for another 2-years period in the Bureau).

4. Member recruitment

There is a general trend that the number of member are decreasing in the societies, strategies were discussed.

- The society should be so important that you want to become a member
- The benefits are important
- Focus on the students
- Networking, to be a community

5. FACS, Nordic representative

Was decided that Svenska Kemistsamfundet will be mailbox for FACS in the future and Nordic representative since the Journal Committee has been disbanded.

The provision from 2008 has not yet been distributed since RSC forgot to enclose the information. The provisions will be transferred later on.

Was informed from the PCCP-meeting that one purpose is to find good editors for the journal.

6. EuCheMS-business

Was agreed up on that next EC-representative should come from Denmark. Morten Bjerrum is an excellent candidate.

There is a recommendation that the term of EC will be 3 years instead of 2.

Agneta Sjögren