

**MINUTES OF THE FEDERATION OF AFRICAN SOCIETIES OF
CHEMISTRY (FASC)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

DATE: TUESDAY, 06 January, 2009
TIME: 19:00 hrs
LOCATION: Faculty of Science Dean's Conference Room
Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt

PRESENT:

1	Temechegn Engida	President, FASC
2	Motaza Khater	Vice President, FASC and ESAC
3	Ahmed Mustefa	Secretary, FASC
4	Yonas Chebude	Treasurer, FASC
5	Mulat Abegaz Legesse	Chemical Society of Ethiopia
6	Mohammed Jemal	Chemical Society of Tunisia
7	Neil Coville	South African Chemical Institute
8	Abdelhak Kherbeche	Moroccan Association of Catalysis and Environment
9	Jaouad Abderrahim	President, National Association of Molecular Chemistry & Development, Morocco
10	Jacob O. Midiwo	PACN/ University of Nairobi/NAPRECA
11	Jung-Il Jin	President, IUPAC
12	David Black	Secretary-General, IUPAC
13	Alejandra Palermo	Royal Society of Chemistry
14	Y.M. Issa	Vice President, ESAC
15	H.B. Hassib	ESAC
16	M.A. Zayed	ESAC
17	Nour T.Abdelghani	ESAC
18	Nancy Jackson	Sandia National Laboratories
19	M.S. Rizk	Cairo University
20	H.M. Abelfetta	Cairo University
21	Ahmed Fahmy A.Youssef	Cairo University
22	Nadia Gharib Kandile	Ain Shams University
23	Ameen Faruuk M.Fahmy	Egyptian Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry

EXCUSED:

Y. N. Lohdip

Chemical Society of Nigeria

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West African Chemical Society

ABSENT:

M. Kishimba

AAPAC

AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes FASC/ 01/2 007
2. Matters Arising from Minutes FASC/ 01/2 007
3. Report – FASC
4. Report – Member Societies
5. The 3rd FASC Congress
6. FASC- Challenges and Opportunities
7. IYC 2011
8. Election
9. AOB

1. Approval of Minutes FASC/ 01/2 007

The FASC Executive Committee approved the minutes FASC/01/2007 after some editorial corrections.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes FASC/ 01/2 007

According to the minute, the question of how to treat countries with more than on chemical societies was raised and it was agreed that individual societies may become FASC members, but each country will only have one vote. However, a question was again raised in relation to the West African Chemical Society which has members from 8 countries. After the experience of IUPAC in this regard was mentioned, it was agreed to refer to the bylaw and make the necessary change based on developments. It was also agreed to initiate an online discussion about this issue and come up with a better solution.

3. Activity Report – FASC President

The President presented the activities report since September 2007. In the report he outlined the major activities of FASC.

- Participation in the application process of IYC to UNESCO and UN from the beginning
- Attending PACN launch in Nairobi
- Securing £2000 pound sterling/per year from RSC
- Securing a new member of FASC: West African Chemical Society

4. Activity Report – Member Societies’ Representatives

Reports by Chemical Society of Ethiopia, Tunisian Chemical Society, South African Chemical Institute, and Egyptian Analytical Chemistry Society were made and it was agreed that members should send soft copies of their report to the FASC Office so that they will be published in the first issue of FASC Newsletter.

5. The 3rd FASC Congress

The 3rd FASC Congress in 2011 will be in Johannesburg, South Africa. Prof. Neil Coville suggested that the kick off of the IYC should be from SA as Ethiopia was given the responsibility to raise the issue to UNESCO. He also pointed out that the Congress will in 2nd or 3rd week of January 2011. Members unanimously endorsed the suggestions.

6. FASC- Challenges and Opportunities

With regard to the challenges and opportunities, members suggested and agreed that an online discussion be conducted on the various issues of chemical sciences and education in Africa. It was also suggested that collaboration among African-Arab chemical societies be initiated for the betterment of chemical sciences in the two parts of the world. Moreover members agreed that FASC should initiate a project on standardization of chemical education in Africa. This issue is also to be developed through online discussion among member societies.

7. International Year of Chemistry, 2011

The President of FASC pointed out that IUPAC initiated the idea of IYC 2011 and requested Ethiopia to apply for UNESCO. He also pointed out the efforts made by the Ethiopian government. After long diplomatic efforts:

- The UNESCO Executive Board approved the declaration to be submitted to the UN on April 2008.
- The UN General Assembly declared on December 19, 2008 that 2011 be celebrated as IYC!
- IYC 2011 kicks off from South Africa (in consultation with IUPAC)
- There will be a major IYC 2011 ceremony in Ethiopia supported by PACN/RSC.

7. Election

Prof. Neil Coville suggested that the current FASC officials (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) to continue to hold their position till the next election. It was endorsed by the members unanimously.

8. AOB

The President of FASC suggested that FASC should launch publishing a Newsletter. Members endorsed the idea.