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## **History of the ECGA, May, 2022**

<b>ECGA leaders</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
2019-	Saverio Fiore, Italy	Darko Tibljaš, Croatia
2015-2019	Jean-Louis Robert, France <sup>†</sup>	Miroslav Pospíšil, Czech Republic
2011-2015	Peter Komadel, Slovakia	Reiner Dohrmann, Germany
2007-2011	Celso Gomes, Portugal	Fernando Rocha, Portugal
2003-2007	Jan Srodon, Poland	Franz Ottner, Austria
1999-2003	Gerhard Lagaly, Germany	Faiza Bergaya, France
1995-1999	Emilio Galán, Spain	Ivan Kraus, Slovakia
1991-1995	Radko Kühnel, The Netherlands	
1987-1991	Fernando Veniale, Italy	

<sup>†</sup>died in 2017

# **STATUTES of the ECGA, July, 2017**

## **Aim of the ECGA**

The aim of the ECGA is to stimulate research among, and to distribute information to, European scientists relating to all aspects of clay science and technology.

## **Affiliation**

The ECGA is open to all National Clay Groups of Europe and to the other well established National Clay Groups belonging to neighbouring countries that regularly attend EUROCLAY Meetings and maintain scientific relations with the European Clay Groups.

Affiliation does not involve any financial commitment.

## **Council**

Each affiliated National Clay Group may nominate one representative and one substitute of the ECGA Council. Both representative and substitute may attend Council Meetings but each National Clay Group has only one vote.

The Principal Editor of Clay Minerals, the journal of the European Clay Groups, is an ex officio (nonvoting) member of Council.

Responsibilities of Council are:

- (i) to encourage co-operation between the National Clay Groups of Europe and to co-ordinate activities when required;
- (ii) to decide on the venue for each four-yearly European Clay Meeting;
- (iii) to advise on publication policy of Clay Minerals.

Decisions at Council will be taken by simple majority vote (with the President having a casting vote), except in relation to changes in statutes which require a two thirds majority. The Council agreed to distribute information electronically via e-mail and to accept the same protocol for voting. Council decisions may be also made electronically if the situation requires such action.

Council will normally meet at each European Clay Meeting. Special business meetings may also be called by the President during the AIPEA International Clay Conferences and/or other International Conferences pertinent to clay science. No decision taken at these special business meetings will be binding unless the meeting is attended by representatives of at least two-thirds of the affiliated National Clay Groups.

## **Officers of ECGA**

The President and Secretary of the ECGA will be elected by Council at each European Clay Meeting. They will serve one term in each role only, i. e. until the next European Clay Meeting. In case the President is unable to perform the President's duties, the Secretary will undertake these.

Nominations for President and Secretary should be received by the Secretary of the ECGA one month prior to each European Clay Meeting and a list of nominees should be made available to representatives before the meeting of the ECGA Council.

## **European Clay Meetings**

European Clay Meetings will be held every four years, with a two-year gap between AIPEA International Clay Conferences which are also held on a four-year cycle. At each European Clay Meeting the ECGA Council will select the host Clay Group for the subsequent meeting. Offers to host the next European Clay Meeting should be

received by the Secretary of the ECGA two months prior to the current meeting and a list of offers should be made available to representatives before the meeting of the ECGA Council.

The National Clay Group chosen to host the European Clay Meeting will appoint a Chairman of the Organising Committee. The Chairman and his committee will be responsible for all arrangements, including publication of papers presented at the meeting.

### **Relationship to AIPEA**

The ECGA will support the aims of AIPEA and the President will inform AIPEA of all proposed activities. AIPEA is hosting the ECGA website.

(Original statutes proposed by F. Veniale. Redrafted by D. J. Morgan to include amendments made at the ECGA inaugural Council Meeting at Seville, 9. September 1987. Redrafted by M. J. Wilson to include amendments made at the ECGA Council Meeting at Dresden 27. August 1991. Redrafted by E. Galan to include amendments made at the ECGA Council Meeting at Banska Štiavnica, 3. September 1996. Redrafted by P. Komadel to include amendments made at the ECGA Council Meeting at Antalya 27. June 2011, Dresden 18. September 2014, and Edinburgh 6. July 2015. Redrafted by M. Pospíšil to include amendments made at the ECGA Council Meeting at Granada, 17. July 2017).

## National Clay Groups of the ECGA, contact information, May, 2022

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