EChemTest® NEW-BULLETIN 2021 n.3

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SUMMARY

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1) VEC ACTIVITIES AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CONFIRM WITH THE VEC CHAIR AL (Lagana05@gmail.com) YOUR PRESENCE/ON-LINE ATTENDANCE
REGISTER ON THE PORTAL open on the meeting website (https://ectn-ga-2021.weebly.com)

Thursday 9th September (room H - DCBB)

09:00 - 13:00 **VEC Committee Meeting** Chair AL (10:45-11:00 Coffee break room and 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch for members of the Committees G - DCBB)
14:00 - 18:00 **Joint VEC, Test Centre and Library Coordinators Meeting** Chair AL

Friday 10th September (room C3 - DMI)

09:00 - 10:45 **Training-Coaching event on the use of LibreEOL for TCs/ATSs coords** Chair ST& OG (10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break (room G - DCBB))
11:00 - 12:45 **Training-Coaching event on the use of the Chem-Learn portal for TCs/ATSs coords** Chair CM (13:00 - 14:00 Lunch for members of Administrative Council and Committees (room G - DCBB)
14:00 - 16:00 **Training-Coaching event on the use of Learning Objects on GLOREP for all interested people** Chair ST

Saturday 11th September (room A - DCBB)

14:00 – 16:00 in Parallel **WG1 EChemTest+ follow-up and VEC activities** Chair AL

2) VEC COMMITTEE MEETING ISSUES (Sept. 9 at 9)

a) **IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS VEC AND AC DELIBERATES: a1) according to the new Annex to the MoU since 1/1/2021 previous debit/credit situations of all TC/ATSs have been cleared; a2) all TC/ATS (but one (Milan) a case taken care by the President elect SP) have submitted through the Chem Learn Portal a (revisable on the go) yearly planning of the year 2021 activities for approval by the VEC Chair and financial actions by the ECTN Secretariat; a3) TC/ATSs are expected to submit (within a month from the end of the solar year) the final report in order to allow the VEC draw the final yearly debit/credit offsetting balance.**

b) **FINANCIAL UPDATES TO JUNE AFTER CLEARING PAST DEBITS/CREDITS: b1) Incomes from IPCs (7 Milan ATS, 6 Genoa ATS, 2 Perugia TC) 600 euro; b2) Incomes from third party SES activities (6 ITI Donegani Crotone through the Perugia TC) + 1 European school of Brussels) 420 euro; b3) Incomes from prepayment (Budapest) 700 euro; b4) The transfer of the centralized financial procedures and domain from an external Agency to ECTN through the Chem Learn portal is on the way to be completed through the generation by**

LibreEOL of the IPC file having the <yyyymmdd>--<name>--<surname>--<email>--<library>--<ntc>--<ats>.pdf format in which all fields delimited by -- are compulsory and do not contain empty spaces, <library> is a string of three characters (e.g. 'gc2'), <ntc> is a string like '[ntc.pl](ntc.pl)', <ats> is a string like 'ats.perugia.it' that, if missing, should replicate <ntc>).

c) THIRD PARTY ACTIVITIES: c1) COVID 19 has stimulated the demand for on line SESs by third parties through TC/ATSs with no cost for the related IPC (if the test is passed) and a cost not lower than 60 euro for the whole service (if the test is not passed the student can repeat it once); c2) SES requests can be made directly by the applicant to ECTN/VEC (or through a VEC Agency) by indicating the TC/ATS through which the SES will be run and the agreed date (if no indication is provided the VEC sets the date and the TC/ATS); c3) any TC/ATSs or any third party (schools, companies, associations) having signed the relevant MoU can act as an Agency; c4) of particular value is the action of upper secondary schools which commit themselves to run specific training courses for their students after naming a Local ECTN Advisor (LEA) among their professors and signing an ad hoc MoU with the VEC; c5) among schools fulfilling the conditions of item c4 the possibility for establishing Associated members should be considered.

d) RE-BUILDING EChemTest LIBRARIES: d1) The already mentioned increased demand for on line SESs has prompted the design of a VEC strategy for maintenance activities on General Chemistry Q&A Libraries. If interested please contact the VEC Chair for further documentation..

e) INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TCS AND/OR AGENCIES AND/OR LEARNING OBJECTS: e1) The increased possibilities of running a TC/ATS, earning credits and increasing relevant incomes have been discussed within the VEC and a training/coaching presence/on line event for using the related software LibreEOL has been planned for Friday 10th September at 9. If interested please contact the VEC Chair for further documentation and register for the event; e2) A training/coaching presence/on line event for using the Chem Learn portal has been planned for Friday 10th September at 11. If interested please contact the VEC Chair for further documentation and register for the event; e3) A training/coaching presence/on line event for using and implementing Learning Objects on the GLOREP repository has been planned for Friday 10th September at 14. If interested please contact the VEC Chair for further documentation and register for the event.

f) LINKS TO OTHER ECTN PROJECTS of GLOREP: f1) interactions with the STEM project were attempted during the previous GA meetings although ST was unable to establish the relevant link. It is hoped that this could be possible this time through some other member of the VEC; f2) efforts will be made to find out whether any liaison with the DISTINCT project can be made

g) VEC COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: g1) AL will be stepping down as Chair of the VEC after the September 2021 GA. Suggestions for a new VEC Chair to be appointed by the AC are being circulated by AKS for suggestions. A shortlist will then be selected and discussed to enable AC to provide a nomination. AL suggests OG could be nominated for this position; g2) For the two ordinary members of the VEC, AL says that Sergio Tasso needs to be replaced and suggests that MW could be nominated for this and NFL should be nominated as VEC secretary. The AC will decide this immediately after a new Chair has been found.