

**Fluid Separations Special Interest Group**  
**Annual General Meeting: Minutes**  
**IChemE Headquarters Rugby, 27 Nov 2015 (12:30pm)**

**Attendance (\* indicates attendance by telecom):**

Darren Oatley-Radcliffe, Eva Sorensen, Stephen Coombs, Johnnie Keen, Mohammad Kalbassi

\* Andrew Livingston (Imperial College), Greg Spencer

**Apologies:**

Basu Saha, Delyth Williams, Colin Smalley, Rob Hockley

**1. Welcome**

Darren Oatley-Radcliffe welcomed all participants to the Annual General Meeting and noted the apologies sent.

**2. Minutes of the 2015 AGM**

The minutes of the previous AGM of 27 Feb 2015 were confirmed.

**3. Chair's report**

The last AGM was held on the 27th Feb 2015 at IChemE headquarters in Rugby. For clarity, that AGM covered the 2014 period and was held early in 2015 (this is perfectly allowable under the SIG rules). Our financial systems cover up to the year-end of the previous session, so in this case the financial summary will cover year-end 2014.

IChemE central related:

Our current membership numbers are 278 members (previously 240) and this is from a total SIG membership of 15,728. Fluid Separations remains one of the relatively smaller SIGs, however, our numbers are comparable to around 9 of the 20 SIGs.

- A new Palm Oil Processing SIG has begun.
- A current priority is to encourage greater industry-university interaction, for example through student placements and secondments, both ways (the UK people should take a look at schemes available <http://www.raeng.org.uk/grants-and-prizes/support-for-research>).

SIG activity:

As the last AGM was only a relatively short time ago, we have only organised one physical event:

- Optimising separation systems with maximum efficiency, 4th June 2015. As the title suggests, this event was aimed at delivering cost benefits to downstream processing in the current climate of low oil prices and increased operational costs. The event was held in London and was laid on in conjunction with Tracerco and FMC Separation Systems.
- What's New in Fluid Separations, 2015. Unfortunately, this event was cancelled.

Future Plans:

As ever we are looking for topical subjects to form the basis of seminars and webinars. In the pipeline we have webinars planned in fractional distillation and batch distillation that should be coming out during the course of the next few months. Our physical meetings for the coming year are currently being organised; we have an Oil & Gas event (in partnership with SONG) currently being developed, the annual research event will take place in June/July, we have an event 'Emerging and Hybrid Membrane Technologies' scheduled for the 10th June and we have an event related to Fracking planned for late

in the year. As ever, new ideas and suggestions are most welcome, please contact the me or a member of the committee to pose suggestions or get more involved.

#### 4. Treasurer's report

Treasurer's report for year ended 31 December 2014.

The final revenue account for 2014 shows a deficit of £372 more or less in line with the budget.

The Offshore Separations seminar held in April contributed £1,883 to the group funding and was a financial success. The Emerging Separation Technologies seminar held in May was not as well attended but did manage to break even. There was a small contribution to revenue from the What's New research event.

There were no exceptional travel expenses for attendance at international working party meetings and cost of committee meetings remained as before with continued use of tele-conference facilities.

There were twelve applications for travel grants of which four were awarded. Two at £500, one at £400 and one at £300.

It remains the committee's policy to set a broadly neutral budget such that the majority of income is used to support funding for travel grant bursaries and for prizes at the What's New research event. The budget for 2015 shows a modest surplus.

#### Revenue Account

*for the 31st December 2014*

	2013 Actual £	2014 Actual £	2014 Annual Budget £	2015 Annual Budget £
<b>INCOME</b>				
Central Allocation	650	650	650	1,200
Seminars & Symposia	2,661	4,666	4,950	5,125
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,311</b>	<b>5,316</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>6,325</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Seminars & Symposia	(2,456)	(2,658)	(2,750)	(1,925)
Committee Meetings	(342)	(330)	(400)	(260)
What's New Prizes	(1,220)	(1,000)	(1,250)	(1,250)
Travel Grants	(2,020)	(1,700)	(2,000)	(2,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(6,038)</b>	<b>(5,688)</b>	<b>(6,400)</b>	<b>(5,435)</b>
<b>Gross Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(2,727)</b>	<b>(372)</b>	<b>(800)</b>	<b>890</b>

## 5. Election to the committee

Post	Person	Date elected	Serve until
Chair	D L Oatley-Radcliffe	2015	<b>2018</b>
Vice-Chairman	B Saha	2015	<b>2018</b>
Secretary	J Keen	2013	<b>2016</b>
Treasurer	S W Coombs	2013	<b>2016</b>

Status of the committee following the AGM:

Person	Date elected	Date for re-election
Bek Pedersen, Dr Erik	2015	2018
Biscomb, Mr James	2013	2016
Bruce, Mr James	2015	2018
Coombs, Mr Stephen	2015	2018
Hockley, Mr Rob	2015	2018
Jobson, Dr Megan	2015	2018
Kalbassi, Dr Mohammad	2015	2018
Keen, Mr Jonathan	2013	2016
Oatley-Radcliffe, Dr Darren	2015	2018
Robins, Mr Lee	2015	2018
Saha, Prof Basu	2015	2018
Smalley, Mr Colin	2013	2016
Sorensen, Dr Eva	2013	2016
Spencer, Mr Greg W	2015	2018
Summers, Mr Greg	2015	2018
Dave Ferguson	2013	2016
Gary Lloyd	2013	2016
Harvey Arellano-Garcia	2013	2016
Nigel Lim	2015	2018

## 6. Any other business

No other matters were raised.