



New SIAPWS Vision

Short report from the SIAPWS EC workshop in May

The discussion at the SIAPWS annual meeting in March in Södertälje focused on the future of SIAPWS. The general feeling was that even though we had taken many initiatives during the last couple of years, the full impact has yet to come. The exchange of experience within the field between the Nordic countries is still rudimentary, and the poor attendance to the first SIAPWS on-line courses shows that many do not see themselves as a natural part of the network. Thus, there is a need to rethink the role of SIAPWS.

In May in Helsinki, the newly elected Executive Committee (EC) met for a workshop with this focus and had a couple of productive days with many ideas and discussions. The outcome is a plan transforming SIAPWS to a truly Nordic organisation with national groups in the three countries Sweden, Finland and Denmark. Matarvattensektionen continues to be the natural representative of the Swedish energy

chemists, whereas SIAPWS will initiate national groups in Finland and Denmark. This recognises that many colleagues feel more comfortable speaking and listening in their own language, but still opens for Nordic and international experience exchange through meetings and communication in English. Easily understandable and efficient communication must be in focus both on national and Nordic level. This also calls for organising Nordic conferences with international contribution.

Main purposes of SIAPWS continue to be the link between the Nordic and the international energy chemistry society in IAPWS, to offer education on-line for a modest cost, and to organise workshops in current topics.

The new vision of SIAPWS is summarised in the mindmap below. We will strive to keep you informed as the initiatives to fulfil the visions are launched.

