

## Coordination of European Chemical Bond efforts

Following the inspiring efforts taken in Rouen with the organization of the European Symposium on Chemical Bonding and the discussion among the scientific committee that followed, it has become evident that the Chemical Bonding community needs to get organized for collaboration and funding issues. Following the example of other communities at the national and international level, the following guidelines seem necessary:

- Establishing a main 2-year span conference on Chemical Bonding
- Constituting a Chemical Bond Committee
- Calling for a Chemical Bond award among young scientists

All these procedure guidelines should foster the cohesion and visibility of the community. Both characteristics are necessary for being able to respond to today's financial needs. Noticeably, the formal constitution of the community should lead to a COST action (be aware that COST demands are to be kept secret, so this document should not be widely distributed as is outside the committee)

### Rules for the Constitution of the 1<sup>st</sup> European Committee on Chemical Bonding (ECCB)

1. The committee is formed by 15 members. Eventually, and upon agreement of the whole committee, this number can be expanded.
2. The committee should represent the different nationalities. Hence, it must not have more than 3 people from the same country, and rather no more than 2. Overall, there should be at least 8 nationalities represented, and rather 10.
3. The committee should represent the different approaches to bonding. Hence, it must not have more than 3 people from the same approach, and rather no more than 2. All approaches should be represented.
4. The committee should have a fair gender representation while pushing for a dynamical increase of the W/M ratio with time. A statistical analysis of the chemical bond community will be carried out at conferences to determine the women representation (from now on  $x_{wm}=W/M$ ). The committee will try to keep a ratio of  $(x_{wm}+10)\%$ . For the first committee, this implies a (30+10)% ratio (i.e. at least 6 women for the 1<sup>st</sup> ECCB).