

As a Laboratory Associated recognized by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, I3N has a Scientific Guiding Committee (SGC) comprised by distinguished international scientists, whose mission is to overview the on-going scientific and extension activities of the Institute and steer its strategic development. As mentioned below, currently, the Committee members are: Juan R. Morante, Michel Aegerter, Mosto M. Bousmina, Han H. E. H. Meijer, Marius Grundmann, and Fernando Briones.

The Portuguese research Council, FCT, expects the Scientific Guiding Committee (or International Scientific Council, as currently named by FCT) to visit regularly I3N, once a year or, at most, every two years. In these visits the Institute should present its activities to the Committee, clarify all the doubts that it may have and, discuss future activities. The Committee should then make an independent report, identifying all the strong and weak points of the activity in the previous period. The report should normally be presented at the end of the visit and discussed with the relevant researchers of the 3 centres, so that it can constitute a tool for continuing improvement.

On 28-29 June, 2010, the SGC visited I3N. At the time, due to agenda difficulties, only 4 of the 6 members could be present, Profs. Morante, Briones, Bousmina and Aegerter. The corresponding report can be found below.

[Click here for the report on the SGC visit to the I3N \(Aveiro, June 28-29, 2010\)](#)

External Scientific Committee (ESC)

As a Centre of Excellence recognized by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, IPC had an External Scientific Committee (ESC) that comprised distinguished scientists, whose mission was to overview the on-going scientific and extension activities and

steer its strategic development.

The External Scientific Committee members were: Mosto M. Bousmina, Han H. E. H. Meijer, João M. Gaspar Caraça, and Georg H. Michler.

[Click here for the report on the ESC visit to the IPC headquarters \(Guimaraes, June 12, 2006\)](#)

As the Institute for Polymers and Composites became an Associated Laboratory in the area of nanotechnology, in partnership with two other institutions, its scope became broader than before. As a result, the former External Scientific Committee had to be changed, in order to include members from scientific areas that are pertinent to the other domains of the Institute. It was then renamed as the Scientific Guiding Committee (SCC). The current composition of the SGC is

- Mosto Bousmina, director of the Institute for Nanomaterials and Nanotechnology, and Chancellor of the Hassan II Academy of Science and Technology, Rabat, Morocco.
- Han Meijer, department of Mechanical Engineering, Eindhoven University of Technology, the Netherlands.
- Marius Grundmann Institut für Experimentelle Physik, Leipzig University, Germany.
- Michel Aegerter, Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Sol-Gel Science and Technology, formerly at the University of Saarland, Germany.
- Joan Ramon Morante i Leonart, Microsystems Engineering Centre (CEMIC), Department of Electronics, University of Barcelona, Spain.