



### **ECTN Working Group *Activities for Students***

Two main activities were planned for the academic year 2019/20:

(A) next edition of European ECTN EChemTest Competition.

The Competition is addressed to students at the secondary education level (before entering university). The competition, organized annually since 2011/12 by the EChemTest Testing Centers consists of two stages: (i) Local/National stage - organized in each of the Testing Centers; GC1, GC2 tests in local languages (ii) European finale; GC1, GC2 tests in English. It was planned to include *Chemistry in Everyday life* test in the international stage this year.

(B) new EChemTest competition addressed to the university students – *European EchemTest League* or *European EChemTest Tournament*

The idea of the league was discussed during previous Workgroup meetings and GA. In the pilot edition in 2019 only teams were involved from Loránd Eötvös University, Budapest and Jagiellonian University, Kraków.

Both events were planned to be organized in winter/spring, and to be completed before the 2020 GA in April.

**Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 pandemic, both activities could not be finalized. The major reason is the fact that the EChemTest sessions cannot be organized as distant, as they must be supervised with the real presence of students.**

**During the local stage of the competition in Poland 59 GC1, and 23 GC2 tests were completed before mid-March. Due to pandemic (lockdown), not all of the registered participants were able to participate, so the local stage was not concluded. It was impossible to organize international stage. For the same reason, it was not possible to organize the international Tournament.**

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