

# CIEC<sup>1</sup>

The International Scientific Centre of Fertilizers  
A historical Review  
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(pictures and documents are assembled on this website in the "Timeline of CIEC")

<sup>1</sup> CIEC is an acronym for many more organizations: <https://acronyms.thefreedictionary.com/CIEC>

### HISTORY of CIEC Part III

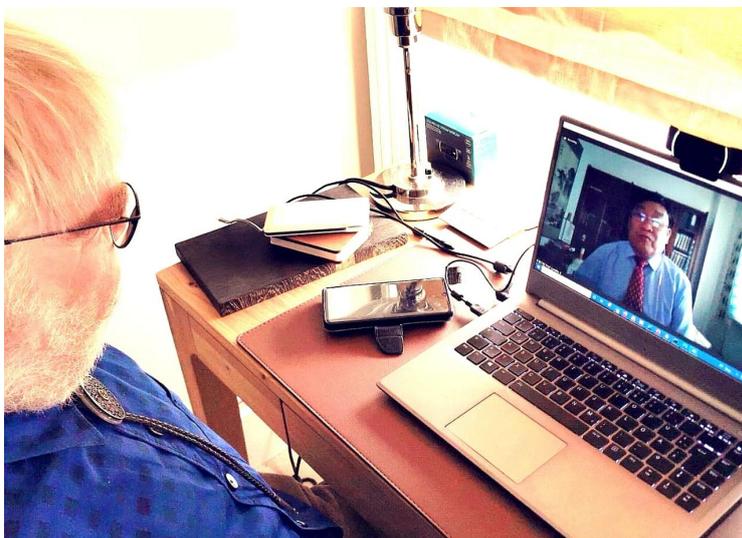
Part I of CIEC s history has been written by its 4th President, Prof. Cristian Hera. Part 2 and 3 have been compiled by Prof. Ewald Schnug, 5th President of CIEC. All three parts have their very own view and diction and for the sake of authenticity the first part of "History of CIEC" has not been edited. The parts I and II overlapping the time period 1994-2020, giving the readers a view from two different angles on CIECs history.

The year 2021 continued with the problems caused by the COVID19 pandemic, which had paralysed most scientific conferencing in 2020, but against all odds the 29th International Symposium of CIEC was conducted as a hybrid event on December 6 in Shenyang addressing the new challenges for scientists in the post COVID19 aera:



Photo 18: Auditorium of the 29<sup>th</sup> Symposium of CIEC in Shenyang.

When the symposium in Shenyang was still with a large number of live participants in 2022 the trend towards virtual conferences increased. What was initially implemented as a workaround morphed quickly into the new normal of scientific communication and from now on virtual conferences shot like mushrooms out of the ground. However, this new format helped CIEC to fulfil one more year its statutory tasks and enabled the club to present two symposia in one year. The first was the participation as co-organizer in the CCFEA "Forum Current Challenges in Fertilizers: from Education to Application" which was organized by Prof. Zhen Li from the College of Resources and Environmental Sciences on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to commemorate the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nanjing Agricultural University.



With the strict COVID19 policy in China CIEC

The second symposium conducted by CIEC in Cairo, Egypt was CIECs 30<sup>th</sup> international symposium! The organisation of this symposium was indeed running the gauntlet, considering the many obstacles caused by COVID19, the war in Ukraine and awkward security measures by Egyptian authorities. Till now there are only vague ideas why the National Security denied foreign participants into NRC and why the local organizer, Dr. Ahmed, abandoned ship and disappeared without any trace into thin air! The security dismissed also outside Zoom connection from NRC, but at least we got a slot through the hotels network which allowed President Ji to address the meeting and lauded the Secretary General Silvia Haneklaus. The symposium got company from a German governments delegation which send on the occasion the anniversary of German reunification a state's secretary to Cairo that day, which made the event against all odds well recognized by German and Egyptian authorities. Thanks to Prof. Salah Ahmed and his deep networking into police administration we could visit all planned outside destinations, but with watchdogs on our heels. However, the guided tour through the botanical garden had to be cancelled because of unbearable 43°C and the smog in downtown Cairo, instead the participants took a pleasant boat trip along the Nile Barrage North of Cairo, where the delta begins. Thanks to my colleague Prof Ahmed and his deep networking into police administration we could visit all planned outside destinations, but with watchdogs on our heels. For his great engagement in bringing the most difficult symposium in the history of CIEC to a successful and satisfying end he was awarded the prestigious status “Honorary Member of CIEC”.



Photo 18: CIEC’s Honorary President Prof. Ewald Schnug, hands the certificate “Honorary Member of CIEC” to Prof. Salah Ahmed from NRC Cairo.

Until 1932 CIEC organized 17 World Fertilizer Congresses in : Rome (3), Heidelberg, Opatija, Zurich, Lisbon, Vienna, Moscow, Budapest, Nicosia, Ghent, Beijing, Chiang Mai, Bucharest, Rio de Janeiro and Shenyang with a total estimated 12.000 participants; and 30 Fertilizer Symposia in : Vienna (2), Benghazi, Braunschweig (3), Balatonfured, Nicosia, Berlin, Salamanca, Kusadasi, Pulawy, Suceava, Tokat, Debrecen, Pretoria, Ghent, Cairo (2), Rome (2), Goslar, Santa Clara, Bari, Helsinki, Son, Coimbra, Groningen, Guilin and Athens and Nanjing with a total of estimated 13.000 participants.

ES, November 2022, to be continued.