

The First IUPAC World Chemistry Congress with a Latin Flavor

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On behalf of the Brazilian Chemical Society (SBQ) and the IUPAC-2017 Organizing Committee, it is our privilege and great pleasure to invite you to join us in Brazil and actively participate in the 46th World Chemistry Congress of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC-2017), to be held in São Paulo, 9-14 July 2017. Held for the first time ever in South America, this Congress represents a unique opportunity for Brazilians to host chemists from countries worldwide.

We are planning a meeting of outstanding scientific interest and quality in the world-famous city of São Paulo. The World Chemistry Congress will be held in the WTC Events Center, which is considered one of the best venues for events in Latin America. São Paulo's diverse cultural and gastronomic attractions can be reached by the city's large public transportation network, including a nearby Metro station.

With the theme, **"Sustainability & Diversity Through Chemistry"**, this wonderful and historic event links all fields of Chemistry. The scientific program has been carefully prepared by the Organizing and Scientific Committees, providing major coverage of the main areas of interest for chemists. The scientific



Planning for the IUPAC Congress and General Assembly, on site in São Paulo on 10 March 2017. (From left) Adriano D. Andricopulo, Chairman of the Organizing Committee; Roberto Torresi, Secretary Adjunct; Lynn Soby, IUPAC Executive Director; Luiz F. Silva Jr, Secretary General of the Organizing Committee; and Norberto Peporine Lopes, Coordinator of the Finance Committee for the IUPAC-2017 Congress.

program includes high-level scientific sessions, plenary lectures, and parallel sessions, as well as poster presentations and young scientists' workshops on 12 major topics, including over 100 symposia. The twelve major topics are: Analytical and Food Chemistry; Chemistry

2017 IUPAC General Assembly

7-14 July 2017, São Paulo, Brazil

The IUPAC General Assembly (GA) is the occasion for meetings of the statutory bodies of the Union, specifically of the Council, Bureau, Division Committees, and Standing Committees. The 49th IUPAC General Assembly will take place 7-14 July 2017, in São Paulo, Brazil, running concurrently with the 46th IUPAC World Chemistry Congress. The GA and the Congress will share the same venue and several events, including a joint opening and reception. Detailed information about the Congress is available at www.iupac2017.org, including the program, call for abstracts, and congress registration, as well as information on travel and accommodations.

IUPAC would like to encourage its members to take advantage of their participation in the GA by also attending the Congress. The Congress Organizing Committee has prepared an exciting program with the theme **Sustainability & Diversity through Chemistry**. GA participants (*i.e.* IUPAC Members and Delegates) can register to the Congress at a special discounted rate.

This year, Young Observers are again invited to take part in the activities coordinated around the World Chemistry Leadership Meeting (WCLM) and planned under project 2016-032-2-020. (see page 43)

GA Registration

Access to the GA is free, but registration is required for all IUPAC Members and Delegates planning to attend. Attendees are encouraged to review the Congress website to make their lodging arrangements.

VISA Information

For information regarding VISA requirements, reciprocity treatment, and visa information, visit www.itamaraty.gov.br/en. For information about invitation letters, contact iupac2017@mci-group.com. Invitation letters must come from the Congress organizers in Brazil.

Education; Chemistry for Industry Innovation; Chemical Synthesis; Energy, Water, and Environmental Sciences; Green Chemistry and Biotechnology; Inorganic and Structural Chemistry; Macromolecules and Materials; Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology; Nano Science and Technology; Natural Products and Biodiversity; and Physical, Biophysical, and Computational Chemistry.

During the meeting, scientists will present new multidisciplinary research, listen to the latest information in their areas of professional interest, and network with colleagues from around the world. Nobel laureates and worldwide leaders will share their inspiring stories and experiences on critical topics that have major implications in the world of today and tomorrow. Oral and poster presentations will provide a unique platform for researchers to present their results and to discuss and exchange information with the participants. Particular emphasis will be given to an intensified exchange between academia and industry. The close collaboration with the Brazilian Chemical Industry Association (ABIQUIM) will allow the discussion of themes of interest to companies and broaden the vision of both sides in terms of a deep collaboration. In addition to what is certain to be a stimulating Congress program, participants will also be able to take advantage of exciting

social activities.

In 2017, the Brazilian Chemical Society will celebrate its 40th anniversary with the privilege to organize this special event, which will take place together with its 40th annual meeting and the IUPAC 49th General Assembly. The Brazilian Chemical Society is the IUPAC National Adhering Organization (NAO) of Brazil and one of the most representative and important scientific associations in Latin America. With São Paulo hosting the first the IUPAC World Chemistry Congress in South America, we intend to bring an entire region of enthusiastic chemists closer to the global IUPAC community. We will deliver an unforgettable IUPAC Congress, energized by the passion, hospitality, and creativity of the Brazilian people.

Best wishes and we hope to see you all in Brazil in July. 🇧🇷

For more information and the latest news, please visit our website: www.iupac2017.org

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Hotel Information

IUPAC Bureau members will be staying at the Sheraton São Paulo World Trade Center where the General Assembly meetings and Congress will be held. There are many hotels close to the World Trade Center to choose from.

The IUPAC Council meeting and reception will be held at the Hilton hotel, with all other activities taking place at the World Trade Center.

GA Schedule

The schedule outline is identical to 2015, although slightly different than those for previous assemblies. Please review carefully before making your travel plans!

Friday, July 7: early Task Groups

Saturday/Sunday, July 8-9: Division Committees

Sunday/Monday, July 9-10: Standing Committees

Sunday, July 9 (evening): Congress/GA joint Opening and Reception (@ 17:00)

Tuesday, July 11: Bureau Committees (*am*) & Bureau (*pm*)

Wednesday, July 12: World Chemistry Leadership Meeting (WCLM) plenary session (*am*) & Council meeting & evening reception (*pm*)

Thursday, July 13 (am & pm): Council meeting (with elections in the morning)

Thursday, July 13 (evening): Congress Gala Dinner

Friday, July 14: Bureau (*am*) & Congress Closing (@ 12:30)

See web site for detailed schedule and updates. We look forward to seeing you in São Paulo, Brazil this July!

<https://iupac.org/2017-iupac-general-assembly/>