Actions Taken at IUPAC Council and Bureau, São Paulo, Brazil 2017

The IUPAC Council met in São Paulo, Brazil 12-13 July, and the Bureau met on 11-14 July 2017. The following actions were taken:

1. Election of the Officers

On 1 January 2018, Qi-Feng Zhou (China), Vice President and President-Elect of IUPAC, will become President. Natalia Tarasova (Russia), current President, will become Past President and remain an officer and a member of the Bureau for a period of two years. Meanwhile, Marc Cesa (USA), current Past President, will retire. Secretary General Richard Hartshorn (New Zealand) and Treasurer Colin Humphris (UK) were both elected by the Council in August 2015 for a four-year term and will continue their service for two more years.

Vice President and President Elect

The candidates for Vice President were Professor Christopher M.A. Brett (Portugal) and Professor Javier García Martinez (Spain). Christopher M.A. Brett was elected.

2. Election of Members of the Bureau

The following were elected to the Bureau:

- Russell J. Boyd (Canada) (2014-2017); *reappoint*
- Javier García-Martínez (Spain)
- Mary Garson (Australia)
- Christopher K. Ober (USA) (2014-2017); *reappoint*
- Ken Sakai (Japan)

The following are Members whose terms continue to the end of 2019:

- Mei-Hung Chiu (China/Taipei)
- Hemda Garelick (UK)
- Ehud Keinan (Israel)
- Kew-Ho Lee (Korea)
- Pietro Tundo (Italy)

3. The Bureau elected the following members to the Executive Committee:

- Mei-Hung Chiu (China/Taipei); continue
- Javier García-Martínez (Spain)
- Christopher K. Ober (USA)

4. The appointments of the Division Officers were approved. See below for details.

5. Council authorized the IUPAC Executive Committee to review documents on the proposed ICSU-ISSC merger and to vote accordingly on the merger at the 2017 ICSU General Assembly.

6. Council approved the Czech Chemical Society as successor to the Czech Committee for Chemistry as National Adhering Organization.

7. Council formally adopted the Recommendations approved by the Interdivisional Committee on Terminology, Nomenclature and Symbols (ICTNS) and published in *Pure and Applied Chemistry* from August 2015 through June 2017.

The appointments of the Division Officers

Division I – Physical and Biophysical Chemistry
President: Ron Weir (Canada)
Vice President: Timothy Wallington (USA)
Secretary: Attila Csaszar (Hungary)

Division II – Inorganic Chemistry
DP: Lars R. Ohrström (Sweden)
DVP: Javier García-Martínez (Spain)
DS: Markku Leskelä* (Finland)

Division III – Organic and Biomolecular Chemistry
DP: Francesco Nicotra (Italy)
DVP: Nikolay Nifantiev (Russia)
DS: Amelia Rauter* (Portugal)

Division IV – Polymer
DP: Gregory Russell* (New Zealand)
DVP: Christine Luscombe* (USA)
DS: Michael Walter* (USA)

Division V – Analytical Chemistry
DP: Zoltan Mester (Canada)
DVP: Erico Flores (Brazil)
DS: Takae Takeuchi (Japan)

Division VI – Chemistry and the Environment
DP: Rai Kookana (Australia)
DVP: Hemda Garelick (UK)
DS: Roberto Terzano (Italy)

Division VII – Chemistry and Human Health
DP: Rita Cornelis (Belgium)
DVP: Helle Johannessen (Denmark)
DS: Valdimir Gubala (UK)

Division VIII – Chemical Nomenclature and Structure Representation
DP: Alan Hutton (South Africa)
DS: Risto Laitinen* (Finland)

*officer continuing his/her service

Professor Adriano Andricopulo, chair of the IUPAC2017 Congress with IUPAC Executive Director Lynn Soby in the Gloden Hall.

8. Council ratified the decision of Bureau for the names and symbols of the four new elements, Z = 113, Z = 115, Z = 117, and Z = 118.

9. Council voted for the site and dates of the 48th World Chemistry Congress and 51st General Assembly-2021. Montréal, Canada received the majority votes and will host the 51st General Assembly and 48th World Chemistry Congress, 13-20 August 2021.

10. Council voted for the site and dates of 49th World Chemistry Congress and 52nd General Assembly-2023. The Hague, Netherlands received the majority votes will host the 49th World Chemistry Congress and 52nd General Assembly, 20-25 August 2023.

11. Council approved the appointment of Batchelor, Tillery and Roberts, LLP, of Raleigh, North Carolina USA as IUPAC Auditors for 2017 and 2018, and Council approved the process for a change of auditors for fi - cal year 2019 onwards.

12. Council approved the proposal for the reassessment of the Company Associates program.

13. Council approved the proposal for the revision of subscriptions and benefits of the Affil te Members Program.

14. Council approved the proposed budget for 2018-2019 and approved the proposal to proceed with the creation of the endowment fund.

15. Council supported the continuation of National Subscription task force to verify all data and to recommend a new approach by July 2018 for implementation for 2019 onwards superseding those agreed in the agreed in the 2019 Budget.

16. Council approved the proposal to invoice using USD in the future.

17. Council approved designation of the International Younger Chemists Network as an Associated Organization of the Union.

18. Council approved the proposed Terms of Reference for the Evaluation Committee.

19. Council ratified the Executive Committee's decision to establish the Interdivisional Committee on Green Chemistry for Sustainable Development (ICGCSD) and approved the proposed Terms of Reference of the Committee.

20. Council approved the proposed changes and additions to the Statutes and Bylaws.

21. Council reauthorized the Commission on Physicochemical Symbols, Terminology and Units (I.1), the Commission on Isotopic Abundances and Atomic Weights (II.1), and the IUBMB- IUPAC Joint Commission on Biochemical Nomenclature (JCBN).

22. Council approved English as the one language in which the officia records of the meeting of the Council, Bureau and Executive Committee shall be kept and published for the period of 2018-2021.