

IUPAC Elections for the 2024-2025 Term

Every two years, IUPAC holds an election for its officers and committee members. Any qualified individual who is interested in being nominated is invited to contact their National Adhering Organization (NAO) and/or the current committee officers. See details at <https://iupac.org/iupac-elections-for-the-2024-2025-term/>. Nominations must be completed no later than 1 February 2023.

Also at its General Assembly in The Hague, on Wednesday, 23 Aug and Thursday, 24 Aug 2024, the IUPAC Council will be asked to elect a Vice President, a Secretary General, and members of the newly established Science Board and Executive Board.

NAOs will recall that on 4 June 2022, IUPAC Council held a Special meeting which ultimately resulted in approving a proposal for the revised Statutes, Bylaws, and Standing Orders, by 137 votes for out of 162. (see <https://iupac.org/iupac-ready/>). The revisions of the S&B allows IUPAC to deliver a new organizational framework that is better suited for addressing the rapidly evolving science environment in which we are working.

Calls for nominations for key members of the new Executive Board and Science Board are being prepared. These new Boards will supersede the current Executive Committee and Bureau and will be instrumental in setting the agenda and priorities of the Union.

Please refer to the website for updates:
<https://iupac.org/tag/iupac-governance/>

IUPAC welcomes its new Executive Director, Dr. Greta Heydenrych

Following the retirement of IUPAC's long-serving Executive Director, Dr. Lynn M. Soby, IUPAC is pleased to announce that Dr. Greta Heydenrych is the new Executive Director of IUPAC.

Heydenrych brings more than a decade's worth of experience in academic publishing at Wiley-VCH, a subsidiary of Wiley. She served as the editor-in-chief of Chemistry Europe journals, including ChemPhysChem, ChemElectroChem and ChemPhotoChem. During her time at Wiley-VCH, she has launched several new journals and contributed to the global development of Wiley's Chemistry publishing programme.

The selection panel was impressed by her understanding of the challenges faced by IUPAC, particularly in relation to the digitalisation of chemistry, and in her ideas of the ways that the Secretariat can support the work of thousands of volunteers. Prior to her time at Wiley, Greta was a post-doctoral researcher in Germany, following a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa. Her specialty was in computational chemistry.

Greta says of her appointment: "I am very honoured to be selected to serve as the Executive Director of IUPAC. Today is an exciting time for chemistry, with rapid developments everywhere in the field. IUPAC's role in ensuring that chemists continue to speak the same language will only become more important in the next years, as the amounts and types of data being generated continue to increase and science becomes more open—as it should! I look forward to working with IUPAC's tireless volunteers to create and maintain the common language of chemistry and to keep chemists worldwide connected in one community."

Prof. Javier García Martínez, IUPAC President, said "in addition to welcoming Dr. Heydenrych as IUPAC Executive Director, I want to express my deepest gratitude to Dr. Lynn Soby who has been instrumental in bringing IUPAC into the digital age and making it more effective and impactful. As a result of her outstanding contributions and leadership, IUPAC is in an excellent position to continue fulfilling its mission and serving the global chemistry community."



From left to right: retiring Executive Director Lynn Soby, Secretary General Richard Hartshorn and newly-appointed Executive Director Greta Heydenrych