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The meeting provided an opportunity for representatives from the Chemical Society of Japan and the Science Council of Japan to learn more about IUPAC's work and to discuss potential areas of collaboration. Martínez expressed his appreciation for Japan's contributions to the field of chemistry and emphasized the importance of international cooperation in addressing global challenges. He also mentioned the 26th International Congress of Pure and Applied Chemistry, which was held in Tokyo, Japan, from 4–10 September 1977, and shared some original memorabilia of that occasion, such as the greetings of the then IUPAC President, Georges Smets. The presentation was followed by a cordial and lively round of questions and answers related to the sustainable development of chemistry, the role that IUPAC should play, and some specific ideas on how to further strengthen the already excellent relationship between Japanese chemists and IUPAC.

Javier García-Martínez presented the representative of the Chemical Society of Japan with a signed copy of the latest version of the IUPAC periodic table and all the attendees enjoyed a wonderful lunch when they had the opportunity to continue the conversation.

Janos Fischer made IUPAC Emeritus Fellow

Professor János Fischer has been awarded the status of Emeritus Fellow in the Chemistry and Human Health Division (Division VII). This 2023 appointment reflects his standing as a scientist and continuing service to the Division and to the Union.

János Fischer is a Senior Research Scientist at GEDEON RICHTER Plc, Budapest, Hungary. In 1964 he received a MSc degree in organic chemistry from the Eötvös University of Budapest.

János is author of some 100 patents and research articles. He received an honorary professorship at the Technical University of Budapest (BME).

János began his IUPAC activity as National Representative (NR) in 1998 based on the proposal of the Hungarian National Adhering Organization (NAO) under the chairmanship of Ernő Pungor. Soon afterwards he was invited by Professor Camille Georges Wermuth (France) to participate in the Medicinal Chemistry Section, followed by the Subcommittee on Drug Discovery and Development (SC-D3). The professional and inspiring atmosphere of this group is characterized by excellent experts and inventors. Their inspiration helped him to establish projects on analogue-based drug discovery (ABDD). These IUPAC projects resulted in three books published by Wiley-VCH between 2006–2013.

János also worked as elected member (Titular or Associate Member) in the Chemistry and Human Health Division (Division VII) and in the Committee on Chemistry and Industry (COCI). He initiated the IUPAC-Richter Prize in Medicinal Chemistry. He also initiated the IUPAC-ThalesNano Prize for Flow Chemistry during his COCI activity. Last but not least he chaired eight face-to-face SC-D3 meetings for four years between 2014–2017 including a summer school in Rio de Janeiro (2015). His editorial activity continues as series editor of a new collection entitled "Trends in Drug Discovery," whose first volume is planned to appear in 2023.

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