

An International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development

On Friday, 25 August 2023, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2024-2033 as the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development.

On Friday 25 August 2023, during its 96th Plenary meeting of its 77th session, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development. co-sponsored by Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkey, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Viet Nam, and Zimbabwe.

All stakeholders of the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development fully support this resolution.

The International Science Council noted that “by proclaiming the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development, the United Nations General Assembly signals the need to shift towards a transformative era of science-based collaboration and progress. It stands as the recognition, at the higher international level, that achieving sustainable development requires a global transdisciplinary and multidimensional approach—one that bridges science disciplines, all forms of knowledge, and the realms of science, policy, and action. Rooted in the 2030 Agenda, this Decade seeks to harness a more effective and inclusive global approach to sustainability based on the synergic cooperation of all sciences and all knowledge forms in an integrative and transformative way to inform policymaking and the implementation of the SDGs.” (from <https://council.science/current/news/>

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The full text of the resolution here <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4019134>

The Video record of the session is available as https://youtu.be/dTd_UaS28wY

2024 IUPAC-Richter Prize in Medicinal Chemistry

The 2024 IUPAC-Richter Prize will be presented during the XXVIII EFMC International Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry (September 1-5, 2024) in Rome (Italy) and the recipient will also give a lecture on the subject of their research at the 38th ACS National Medicinal Chemistry Symposium (June 23-26) in Seattle, WA, United States.

The prize is to be awarded to an internationally recognized scientist, preferably a medicinal chemist, whose activities or published accounts have made an outstanding contribution to the practice of medicinal chemistry or to an outstanding example of new drug discovery.

The Prize of USD 10000 has been established by a generous gift from the Chemical Works of Gedeon Richter, Plc. (Budapest, Hungary) to acknowledge the key role that medicinal chemistry plays toward improving human health.

Applicants should be received by NOMINATION only, with just one person needing to serve in that capacity, although a total of five (5) individuals should be listed as referees overall. The package must be submitted electronically and should contain a complete resume, a professional biography of not more than two pages, and a one-page summary of what the individual considers to be their activities, accomplishments and/or publications that have had the most significant impact upon the field of Medicinal Chemistry.

For further information please contact Prof. Janos Fischer, Member of the IUPAC Sub-committee on Drug Discovery and Development, by email at j.fischer@richter.hu

Nomination materials should be uploaded by **15 December 2023**

<<https://iupac.org/2024-iupac-richter-prize-call-for-nominations/>>