

for the FECS the *Guide to European Chemical Museums and Exhibitions* (3rd edition in 1998) and in addition has authored other books on the history of chemistry. His earlier international medals and awards include the Gillis Prize of the Royal Flemish Academy, Dexter Award of the American Chemical Society, and, more recently, the Liebig-Wohler Friendship Prize.

New Officers of the Kuwait Chemical Society

At the Kuwait Chemical Society General Assembly held on 7 October 1998, the following office-bearers were elected:

President: Dr. Abdulaziz Alnajjar
Vice President: Mr. Adnan Alshalfan
Secretary General: Mr. Marzooq Al-Shemmari
Treasurer: Mr. Mohammed Alqallaf
Executive Committee: Mrs. Samirah Al-Houli, Dr. Ahmed Karimi, Ms. Khalidah Aldalama, Dr. Ali Saleh Al-Omair, and Mr. Majed Al-Asfoor

New Officers of the Bangladesh Chemical Society

The 21st Annual Conference of the Bangladesh Chemical Society was held 22–24 October 1998 at Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation, BCCI Auditorium, Dhaka. Sheikh Hasina, the Honorable Prime Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, was present as the Chief Guest in the inaugural session. The theme for the symposium of this conference was "The Impact of Free Market

Economy on the Industrialization of Bangladesh." More than 500 chemists from different universities, industries, research organizations, and educational institutions attended the conference.

Researchers from different organizations presented their papers in six technical sessions, all of which were well attended.

An Executive Committee consisting of 22 members was elected for two-year terms, which assumed office from 2 November 1998.

Executive Committee of the Bangladesh Chemical Society

President: Professor S. Z. Haider
Vice-President: Mr. A. S. Salah Uddin Ahmed and Mr. Md. Shafiqur Rahman
Treasurer: Dr. Akhtar Uddin Ahmed
General Secretary: Professor Jasim Uddin Ahmad
Joint Secretary: Dr. Tofail Ahmad Chowdhury & Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam
Publicity Secretary: Mr. Md. Masuder Rahman
Organizing Secretary: Mr. Md. Sanowar Hossain Mondal
Social Welfare Secretary: Capt. (Retd.) A. B. M. Nowsher Alam

Members: Mr. Abu Hayder Ahmed Naser, Dr. Mobarak Ali Akand, D. M. Ali Hossain, D. Md. Mominul Huque, Mr. Kazi Saidul Haque, Mr. Md. Abdul Aziz Mollah, Mr. Md. Abdus Samad, Mr. Md. Ashraf Hossain, Mr. Md. Nurul Islam, Prof. A. M. Shafiqul Alam, Prof. Mesbahuddin Ahmad, Prof. (Mrs.) Tajmeri S. A. Islam.

Reports from IUPAC-Sponsored Symposia

The OECD Workshop on Sustainable Chemistry

Introduction

The Workshop on Sustainable Chemistry (hosted by the Interuniversity Consortium *Chemistry for the Environment*) was held at Fondazione Cini (Venice, Italy) from 15–17 October 1998. This international event was co-sponsored by the governments of Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United States in cooperation with the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) and the Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD (BIAC). Also participating in the organization of the workshop were the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) and the Interuniversity Consortium *Chemistry for the Environment*.

Joe Carra (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) and Pietro Tundo (Interuniversity Consortium *Chemistry for the Environment*) co-chaired the workshop. Seventy-five experts attended, representing 16 member countries, the European Commission, industry, and nongovernmental organizations.

Within the broad framework of sustainable development, we should strive to maximize resource efficiency through activities such as energy and nonrenewable resource conservation, risk minimization, pollution prevention, minimization of waste at all stages of a product's life cycle, and the development of products that are durable and can be reused and recycled. Sustainable chemistry strives to accomplish these ends through the design, manufacture, and use of efficient and effective, more environmentally benign chemical products and processes.