

international bodies in providing such material and in maintaining an ongoing educational program. Perhaps IUPAC and IUTOX could get together with the International Union of Pharmacology (IUPHAR) and initiate a body for coordinating toxicological education at the international level. Such a body could ensure that educational material of recognized quality was available, preferably through the Internet, and could respond to requests for specific courses to be organized.

Nearly 300 people participated in the 4th CTOX-

DC, and it succeeded well in reflecting both our current understanding of important areas of toxicology and the significance of toxicology for safe use of chemicals in both developed and developing countries.

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Awards and Prizes

Guy Ourisson Wins Maison de la Chimie Foundation Prize

Prof. Guy Ourisson, Membre de l'Institut, Président de l'Académie des Sciences, and former IUPAC Secretary General from 1975–1983, has won the Maison de la Chimie Foundation Prize for 2000. This prestigious award, created in 1986, is intended to honor an original work in chemistry of benefit to mankind, society, or nature. This year's award has a value of 150 000 FF. A jury of three former laureates and six scientists whose nationality is other than French chose Prof. Ourisson as the prize winner by majority vote. Prof. Ourisson presented a lecture on his work entitled "Une piste pour les années 2000: vers l'origine de la vie?" at the award ceremony on 18 January 2000 at the Maison de la Chimie in Paris.

Upendra Pandit Receives "Honoris Causa" from University of Milan

Prof. Upendra Pandit, Instituut voor Moleculaire Chemie, Faculteit Der Scheikunde, Universiteit van Amsterdam and President of IUPAC's Division of Organic Chemistry (III) (now Division of Organic and Biomolecular Chemistry) from 1992–1999, has been awarded a prestigious honorary doctorate degree, the "Honoris Causa" in pharmacy, by the University of Milan. Prof. Giorgio Cignarella of the Facoltà di Farmacia, Università degli Studi di Milano presented the award to Prof. Pandit at a ceremony at the university campus in Milan on 25 January 2000.

Ram Lamba Wins American Chemical Society Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring

Prof. Ram S. Lamba, a National Representative from Puerto Rico on IUPAC's Committee on Teaching of Chemistry (CTC), is one of ten 1999 winners of an American Chemical Society Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring. The award honors those who have guided a significant number of students over a sustained period of time. Particular consideration is given in the award selection process to mentors who have encouraged minorities, women, and people with disabilities to embark upon careers in scientific, engineering, and other technical fields.

A professor of chemistry and dean of academic affairs at the University of Puerto Rico at Cayey, Prof. Lamba's "mentees" have included nine university science professors and more than 500 science teachers.