

National Adhering Organization, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, to host the 2007 IUPAC Congress and General Assembly in Turin, Italy. The plans of the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche will be presented to the Council Meeting in Ottawa; approval will then be voted on by the Council.

In 2004, the EC will meet in early April in Bangalore, India, accepting an invitation of the Indian NAO. The minutes of the EC meeting are available on the IUPAC Web site. Questions/comments should be addressed to the executive director at <secretariat@iupac.org>.

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The IUPAC Council will elect new officers at its meeting in Ottawa, 16–17 August 2003. Nominations for the various positions are presented on page 16.

IUPAC Funds Three Conferences to be Held in 2004 in Developing and Disadvantaged Countries

As part of its ongoing commitment to support chemistry and chemistry education in developing and economically disadvantaged countries, IUPAC recently approved funding for three innovative and compelling conferences:

- [International Conference on Biodiversity and Natural Products](#), 26–31 January 2004, New Delhi; India
- [International Symposium on Chemistry and Biological Chemistry of Vanadium](#), 3–5 September 2004, Szeged, Hungary
- [Chemical Sciences in Changing Times: Visions, Challenges, and Solutions](#), 18–24 July 2004, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

The IUPAC program of support for conferences was first implemented in 2000, but was revised earlier this year to enlarge its scope and to favor innovative topics. For more details on the current program, see the secretary general's column in the March–April 2003 issue of *C/*, or <www.iupac.org/symposia/support.html>.

The International Conference on Biodiversity and Natural Products will be the first joint meeting of the

International Conference on Biodiversity and the International Symposium on the Chemistry of Natural Products. Leading researchers from all over the world will discuss present and future needs for mutually advantageous international cooperation in the appropriate, sustainable, and innovative utilization of bio-resources. Significant interest had been expressed in combining, in India, the more recent conference series on biodiversity with the long-standing IUPAC-sponsored conference on natural products.

The 4th International Symposium on Chemistry and Biological Chemistry of Vanadium, a relatively new symposium series comes back to Europe for its fourth year. The list of plenary lecturers is representative of the international diversity of the symposium, and tentatively includes V. Pecoraro (USA), A. Butler (USA), T. Hirao (Japan), D. Garner (UK), K. Wiegardt (Germany), D. Rehder (Germany), H. Sakurai (Japan), Y. Shechter (Israel), V. Conte (Italy), R. Wever (Netherlands), and R. Eady (UK). The symposium will cover the biological aspects of vanadium chemistry, the inorganic chemistry of vanadium, and vanadium chemistry in catalysis and organic synthesis.

Nearly 600 participants are expected at the 4th International Conference of the Chemical Societies of the South-Eastern European Countries on Chemical Sciences in Changing Times: Visions, Challenges, and Solutions. This conference will address issues related to chemistry education and will commemorate the 150th anniversary of chemical education in Serbia. The scope of the conference will be general and will include a focus on advanced materials and life sciences.

 www.iupac.org/news/archives/2003/conf-support.html

Bio-Unions to Pursue Science for Health and Well-Being

In February 2003, Dr. Kallner, president of the IUPAC Division on Chemistry and Human Health, participated in a “brainstorming” meeting in Paris at which 13¹ bodies of the International Council for Science (ICSU) developed a plan to “empower the science community, policy makers, and the public in all countries with the knowledge base to effect their health and well-being.” Recognizing that the health sciences require the partnership of a broad range of sciences and technologies to advance human health and well-being, the initiative is a collaborative effort among ICSU Unions and other ICSU bodies.