

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. Wieghardt (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.

Under the leadership of Prof. Marvelee Wake of the International Union of Biological Sciences, the participants developed a draft document along three *core domains*: living environments, connections between water and health, and the impacts of technology. They also identified topics of focus, potential Unions to be involved, desired outcomes, and target audiences.

Broadly, the "Science for Health and Well-Being" initiative aims to accomplish the following:

- demonstrate the extent to which science and technology are important to health and well-being
- provide education (at multiple levels) about science and technology using modern means of communication
- collaborate to produce new ideas and to develop science and technology partnerships
- develop an inventory of ongoing activities to identify unmet needs

"The next steps include seeking additional alliances within and beyond ICSU, promoting conjoint events at Union conferences, and compiling information," says Chair Marvelee Wake. "We also recommend that ICSU make this subject a primary focus for funding in 2005."

¹International Union of Biological Science, International Brain Research Organization, International Geographical Union, International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, International Union of Nutritional Sciences, International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, International Union of Physical and Engineering Sciences in Medicine, International Union of Physiological Sciences, International Union of Psychological Science, International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment, and DIVERSITAS

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Methods of Analysis and Sampling of Food Products

The 15th Inter-Agency Meeting (IAM) of international organizations working in the field of food product analysis and sampling and associated quality assurance measures was held in Budapest, Hungary, in November 2002. The aim of the IAM is to promote cooperation among organizations working in this sector and to support the needs of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The IAM provides a unique opportunity for these organizations to discuss common problems and to harmonize their approaches.

Among the major subjects discussed at the meeting were the following:

- review of actions taken by Codex in response to the results of the 14th IAM meeting and other actions by Codex affecting IAM
- discussion of IAM's role and involvement in issues relating to quality assurance in food analysis
- effects of proficiency testing
- the AOAC project on developing an electronic compendium of analytical methods

A report on the meeting by Dr. A. Fajgelj, IUPAC representative, can be read online at the link below.



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