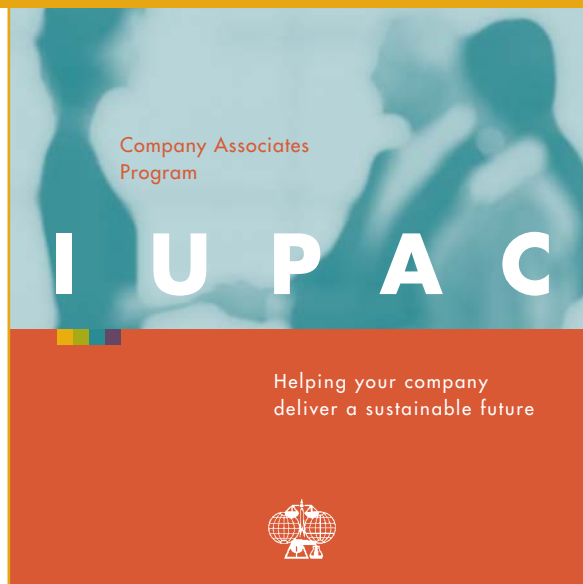


COCI Campaigns for the Company Associates Program

In the 1960s, IUPAC established the Company Associates program to improve collaboration between the chemical industry and the Union. According to the Union's Statutes, organizations such as industrial companies, research and development institutions and laboratories, scientific societies, or any other bodies interested in the activities of the Union may become involved with it as **Company Associates (CAs)**.

The IUPAC Committee on Chemistry and Industry (COCI) is responsible for developing and maintaining—in collaboration with the National Adhering Organizations—an active program to recruit, guide, and inform CAs on IUPAC programs and policies. To facilitate the recruitment of CAs, COCI has produced a new brochure presenting clearly and succinctly why companies should join IUPAC and the benefits of becoming a CA. According to David Evans, chairman of COCI, it is important to foster the "A" in IUPAC, and COCI contributes to this goal.

A copy of the new brochure is enclosed with the mailing of this issue of *CI* and is available upon request from the IUPAC Secretariat. If you belong to an organ-



ization that is eligible to become a CA, you can help IUPAC by informing the relevant department/office in your company or institution. Please review the brochure and see how IUPAC and your company can pair up to *deliver a sustainable future*.

For more information, please contact the IUPAC Secretariat by e-mail [<secretariat@iupac.org>](mailto:secretariat@iupac.org) or by phone +1 919 485 8700.

Piet Steyn Wins One of South Africa's Highest Science Awards

On 3 November 2004 at a ceremony in Pretoria, South Africa, IUPAC Past President Piet Steyn was awarded the 2004 South Africa Medal (Gold) of the Southern Africa Association for the Advancement of Science, one of the highest awards to a scientist in Southern Africa.

Steyn, an expert in the chemistry of toxic fungal secondary metabolites, has also made significant contributions to the management of science in South Africa and abroad. He has served the South African scientific community as a member of the Executive Committee of the Council of the SA Chemical Institute, assistant editor for the *SA Journal of Chemistry*, president of the SA Joint Council of Scientific Societies (1986–1987), founding member of the Academy of Science of SA (1994), and as a current member of the Council of the Royal Society of SA and

fellow of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

The SA Chemical Institute has recognized his contributions to chemistry with three top awards, the Raikes Gold Medal (1975), Gold Medal (1987), and the Hendrik van Eck Gold Medal (2002). Die Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns honored him with the Havenga Gold Medal for Chemistry (1992). In 1999 he also received the prestigious Ernest Oppenheimer Memorial University Travelling Fellowship.

Steyn has played a vital role internationally. In addition to serving as IUPAC president, he was president of the International Association for Cereal Science and Technology. His research career was devoted to the isolation, structural elucidation, synthesis, and biosynthesis of mycotoxins (toxins produced by fungi) and to some extent to toxic and medicinal substances from plants. He is the author or joint author of 190 scientific papers and reviews. In 1986 he was rated in the A-category for chemistry by the National Research Foundation.