## IUPAC Elections for the 2008-2009 Term

very two years, IUPAC holds an election for its officers and committee members. About 120 individuals are to be elected or reelected either as Titular Members, Associate Members, or National Representatives. Information concerning the voting process and the role of each kind of member is contained in the Union bylaws.

Any qualified individual who is interested in being nominated is invited to contact his/her National Adhering Organization (NAO) and/or the current committee officers. The next election will cover a two- or four-year term that will start in 2008. The following division committees and standing committees will all have vacancies: Physical and Biophysical Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Organic and Biomolecular Chemistry, Polymer, Analytical Chemistry, Chemistry and the Environment, Chemistry and Human Health, Chemical Nomenclature and Structure Representation, CHEMRAWN, Chemistry and Industry, Chemistry Education, Interdivisional Committee on Terminology, Nomenclature and Symbols, and Committee on Printed and Electronic Publications.

As part of the nomination procedure, NAOs are invited to submit curriculum vitae for each nominee to the IUPAC Secretariat no later than 1 December 2006. Elections for each division committee will then take place during the first half of 2007. The 2008-2009 memberships for all committees will be finalized during the next General Assembly in August 2007.

Individuals interested in becoming officers on the IUPAC Bureau should contact his/her NAO. Nominations for officers have a different timeline and can only be made by an NAO. Elections will take place at the Council Meeting during the next General Assembly.

Contact information for all NAOs and division and standing committee officers is available on the IUPAC website, or upon request at the IUPAC Secretariat (e-mail <secretariat@iupac.org>; tel.: +1 919 485 8700; fax +1 919 485 8706).



## Industry and IUPAC Meeting Halfway



world chemistry leadership meeting has been proposed

to bring together senior academic and industrial figures to discuss the changing regulatory environment for chemistry in the world. The meeting, which would take place during the 41st IUPAC World Chemistry Congress in Torino in August 2007, was suggested during discussions at the IUPAC Committee on Chemistry and Industry (COCI), held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, from 20–21 July 2006.

IUPAC has an obvious interest in the development of the chemical sciences and the regulatory environment in which they are deployed by industry. The purpose of the meeting would be to identify IUPAC-sponsored or supported research projects that would benefit both science and industry. IUPAC has previously organized such large projects, including a study on endocrine disrupting chemicals that helped move the science forward significantly and provided new perspectives. This project will aim to share views on health and environment issues facing both science and industry in the context of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM),1 Registration, Authorization, and Evaluation of Chemicals (REACH),<sup>2</sup> and industry responses through the Global Product Strategy and Responsible Care initiatives. In particular, it may be very useful to develop aligned or joint perspectives on the safety and use (both intentional and unintentional) of chemicals.

Another important area of focus could be biomonitoring, where IUPAC is concerned that the results from analytical science are correctly presented and interpreted, and that international standards for the use of biomonitoring techniques are established. The establishment of such international frameworks would be very useful in ensuring that biomonitoring can be a bona fide tool for the risk assessment of chemicals in the body.

For more information contact the IUPAC secretariat secretariat@iupac.org> or COCI
officers—visit <www.iupac.org/standing/coci.html>.

<sup>1</sup> www.chem.unep.ch/saicm

<sup>2</sup> http://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/reach/ reach\_intro.htm