

International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry

91st Meeting of Bureau

San Juan, Puerto Rico, 4 August 2011

MINUTES

Attendees: Prof. N. J. Moreau, Chair, Prof. D. StC. Black, Prof. C. M. A. Brett, Dr. M. C. Cesa, Prof. J. Corish, Prof. R. Deplanque, Dr. M. J. Dröscher, Dr. A. Fajgelj, Dr. Javier García-Martínez, Prof. R. M. Hartshorn, Mr. C. J. Humphris, Prof. J-I. Jin, Dr. A. Kallner, Prof. R. S. Lamba, Prof. R. D. Loss, Prof. P. G. Mahaffy, Prof. A. J. McQuillan, Prof. S. Penczek, Prof. E. Reichmanis, Prof. N. Senesi, Prof. L. K. Sydnes, Prof. N. P. Tarasova, Prof. K. Tatsumi, Prof. D. M. Templeton, Prof. M. C. E. van Dam-Mieras, Prof. Q-F. Zhou

Absentees: Prof. W. Klein, Prof. G. J. Koomen, Prof. C. K. Ober, Prof. I. Willner

Guests: Dr. F. Meyers

Secretary: Dr. T. A. Renner, Executive Director

Prof. Moreau called the meeting to order and welcomed the members of the Bureau. The first and principal item of business was the election of the three members of the Executive Committee selected from among the Elected Members of the Bureau. Prof. Black noted that of the three current Elected Members of the Executive Committee (Dr. Kallner, Prof. Reichmanis, and Prof. Tarasova), two of them (Dr. Kallner and Prof. Reichmanis) would retire at the end of 2011. He reported that the officers had discussed the possible nominees and suggested Prof. Penczek, Prof. Tarasova, and Prof. Zhou as candidates. He asked if there were any other nominations. When there were no other candidates proposed, the three recommended nominees were elected by acclamation.

Mr. Humphris raised the issue of how to follow up on the proposed action items resulting from the WCLM meeting, with the intent of having significant impact at the UN-sponsored Rio+20 meeting on sustainable development to be held in June of 2012. He proposed forming a small workgroup to begin to address this issue. Prof. Senesi suggested that IUPAC form a permanent advisory task group to be responsible for outreach and better communication with external groups and the public in general. Prof. Black responded that this matter would be an agenda item for the October 2011 meeting of the Executive Committee. Much discussion and planning would be required before making a final decision on the best mode of implementation.

Prof. Black indicated that the existing members of the Executive Committee, all of the new officers, and the two newly-elected members of the Executive Committee would be invited to attend the next meeting of the Executive Committee in October 2011. Dr. Renner was asked to send out relevant information to all invited participants as soon as possible. All suggested that the important matter of improved communications be included on the agenda for the meeting of the Executive Committee.

Dr. Renner announced that the location of the next Bureau meeting was still under negotiation but would likely be in the Netherlands on 13-15 April 2012. Possible locations for the Executive Committee meeting in 2012 were also being sought.

With no additional business being raised, Prof. Moreau adjourned the meeting.