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De Gruyter and the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) to Launch Chemistry Standards Database

Berlin, 5 August 2015 – Available starting in 2016, the IUPAC Standards Online database will make standards and recommendations in the field of chemistry quickly and easily accessible to internet users. De Gruyter is developing the database together with the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), the organization responsible for establishing internationally binding standards for scientists working in research and industry, for patent lawyers and other legal professionals, as well as for environmental scientists and toxicologists.

A beta version of the database will be presented at the 45th World Chemistry Congress, which is taking place in August in Busan, South Korea.

"The tremendous benefit of this database is that it will bring all standards and recommendations previously published in the journal of *Pure and Applied Chemistry* into the digital era, making it easily available from a central location," says Karin Sora, Senior Editorial Director for Science & Technology at De Gruyter.

With over 60 National Adhering Organizations, over 100 adhering organizations, and 5,000 affiliate members, IUPAC is the world authority on chemical nomenclature, terminology, standardized methods for measurement, atomic weights, and many other critically evaluated data.

Dr. Mark Cesa, President of IUPAC, views the annual updating of the database as a particular strength: "In 2013 alone there were 1,000 new standards. Having this information easily available from a central source will make the work of chemistry professionals around the world much easier."

The IUPAC Standards Online database will be showcased in South Korea on Tuesday, 11 August 2015 at 7 p.m. during a "Meet the Editor" session with Hugh Burrows, the editor of *Pure and Applied Chemistry*.

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