

IUPAC DIVISION-III Committee Meeting (contd)

Venue: Antalya - Eurasia Conference

Date: Monday September 11th 17.00

Agenda Items carried forward and continued from Merida Meeting, June 13th 2006.

1. Present: Professor Minoru Isobe (President), Professors Mike Blackburn (acting Secretary), Vadim Ivanov, Md Mosihuzzaman, Torbjorn Norin, Upendra Pandit, Bilge Sener, Leiv Sydnes.
2. Apologies - Prof G.J.Koomen.
3. President's remarks: (i) Jeannine Cossy had been appointed member of COCI.
(ii) MI summarised agenda items 3 & 4a from Merida Meeting.
4. (b) Biomolecular Chem S/C.
 - (i) 6th Biodiversity/26th Natural Products Meeting to be Chaired by Prof Russell Kerr, Prince Edward Island, Canada 2008. Possible venue might be Halifax Nova Scotia. ACTION G.J.Koomen/G.M.Blackburn
 - (ii) Discussion of full merging of Biodiversity with natural Products; AGREED to recommend discussion of this possibility at next Biomolecular Chem. S/C (Torino 2007) and report back to Division-III. ACTION G.M.Blackburn
 - (iii) Brief report on Kyoto Meeting (July 23-28, 2006), highly successful (about 1300 participants, 300 from overseas).

(e) Structural & Mechanistic Chem S/C. Brief report on ICPOC-18 (Warszawa, August 20-25th, 2006) from GMB (IUPAC Representative). Identified (a) need to appoint a new Chairman of this S/C and (b) possible need to rebrand name of this meeting, which has become focused on structural and mechanistic aspects of chemistry. Not much classical POC in evidence. Organisation of ICPOC-19 in Santiago (Spain) well in hand. ACTION M.Isobe

(f) Biotechnology S/C. GMB gave short report on activities of Chairman (Francesco Nicotra): reshaping membership of S/C, organising 1st Biotech meeting within framework of 41st Congress (Torino 2007) and in close partnership with ISBOC-8 (organised by Mary Garson & Krishna Ganesh). Nicotra has established working relationship with Prof. G. Della Gatta (Torino) and other senior Italian chemists.
5. Existing Projects.
 - (a) G.J.Koomen – OK.
 - (b) M.Isobe – seeking to link his Project to JSPS and like funding agencies in Korea, China, Taiwan. 1st Meeting in Okinawa October 2006 will have over 150 top organic chemists. Is encouraging IUPAC workshop to embrace Malaysia and possibly Vietnam. Questions on possible overlap with other non-IUPAV organisations, Isobe said his smaller meeting (only 4 countries) would give better scope for younger participants.
6. New Project Proposal
 - (a) Torbjorn Norin “Chemistry for Biology” – is seeking an overview of what

activities there are within IUPAC. Had positive response from many Division – but very weak on follow-up. Intends to write a progress report. Exploring possibilities of collaboration with kindred organisations (e.g. IUB – Prof. George Kenyon).

(b) A CERC initiative was reported by Torbjorn Norin, who will provide further information in due course.

7. 41st General Assembly and Congress, Torino 2007. Prof. Leiv Sydnes outlined historic stance of IUPAC to independence of activity of the local organisers of Congress. Gave summary of interactions with Torino organisation (Della Gatta) since summer 2005. Local organising committee established November 2005: 14 persons including Prof. Paolo Venturello for Organic Chemistry. Hoped-for co-ordination with Divisions did not materialise. Meeting planned for April 2006 cancelled; July 2006 meeting showed no fund raising, little planning, etc. Della Gatta unable to provide information on the programme for Organic Chemistry so LS demanded urgent action. Suggestion to incorporate Green Chemistry negated by Della Gatta so Pietro Tundo (Venezia) was alerted and has established liaison with Torino organisation. Congress now 11 months ahead and no plenary lecturers confirmed, though names available in handout.

A discussion of funding arrangements uncovered proposals to donate honoraria to lecturers – not supported by IUPAC. In Merida meeting in June, Francesco Nicotra confirmed that no new progress in the Torino organisation was evident. Professor Francesco de Angelis (President, Italian Chemical Society) has now been given some responsibilities

Leiv Sydnes asked for urgent action from appropriate S/Cs to develop sessions within the overall framework of the Congress and full information to be put in his hands ASAP. Mike Blackburn gave favourable report on activities of Nicotra and Garson in planning a 4 day session integrated into the Organic Section of the Congress. Profs George Whitesides and Robert Huber have been proposed as Plenaries for this session.

8. Mosihuzzaman reported on progress in the Dhakka Centre for Int. Nat. Prod. Research – as agreed in Beijing in 2005. IUPAC funding has been allocated. Workshop held in Dhakka June 2006, 1.5 days, to bring views of Bangladeshi and International chemists together. Task group of invited members and local members to have 2.5 day session on planning. Should lead to 4 groups tasked to write summary reports which can be expanded into a larger volume to be published. Deadline of September 30th 2006 for these MSS. Zaman will co-ordinate and make ready for publication, scheduled for March 2007. (Zaman will enlarge on this report if required).
9. Date and time of next Meeting: GA Torino, August 2007.
10. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19.10.

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Acting Secretary
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