

## **Teamwork**

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### ***New members of the Division Committee***

In this first edition of 'Teamwork' we welcome our Associate Members (AM) and new National Representatives (NR) to the team that makes up the Analytical Chemistry Division Committee (ACDC):

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It is particularly pleasing to have members from countries that have not recently been represented on the Division Committee.

Each of you brings a wealth of knowledge and experience of analytical chemistry. That is really important to us. Each of us as members of the Division Committee has experience in a different facet of analytical chemistry and its practice, perhaps in industry, research, education, administration or government.

Together we make up a team. Collectively we have the responsibility of serving the analytical chemistry community with timely attention to technical issues, method validation, critical reviews of data, quality assurance, nomenclature and terminology, and assessment of emerging techniques.

### ***The new face of IUPAC***

We are all aware that IUPAC has undergone a metamorphosis in the last few months. Commencing 2002, all of the long established Commissions have been disbanded. The Commission-driven system was one in which the partly-funded Commissions had the responsibility of initiating and completing Projects. There were advantages and disadvantages in this system. One of the great advantages was from working together in 'teams' whose membership rolled over rather slowly.

We now have in place a Project-driven system, one in which the Projects can be proposed by any qualified task group in the chemistry community. The funding originally used to support the Commissions will now be available to those task groups on a competitive basis. The stringent review processes used to ensure quality publications will still be applied. The responsibility for soliciting and initiating the projects now rests with the Division Committee, as does the publication review process.

Thus the Division Committee has much more responsibility than in the past. However, it has the advantage of being able to regularly review the relative needs of all fields within analytical chemistry and can thus prioritise the selection of Projects to be funded.

### ***New responsibilities for DC members***

The Analytical Division Committee is determined to utilise the skills and experience of all its members. Thus, AM and NR have full voting rights on the Division Committee. When key decisions are required during the year, all members will be asked to contribute to the process. For example, approval of Projects will now be considered twice yearly, and for each pool of applications a contestable process will be used. This will involve all members.

In the past the Commissions have been a source of expertise that could be used in the review processes. More of this responsibility now falls on the Division membership and we will try to involve everyone in this.

### ***Tuebingen***

This was a superb venue for our Division Committee meeting in February. Our hotel was in the 'old town' and we could absorb the wonderful atmosphere with the imposing castle overlooking a tree-lined river, the market squares, the cobbled streets, etc. We thank Guenter Gauglitz for his wonderful hospitality in hosting this meeting at the University of Tuebingen.

The Minutes of this meeting have been distributed to all members of the Division Committee. If they did not reach you then there is an e-mail problem, so please advise the secretary, Ryszard Lobinsky: [ryszard.lobinski@univ-pau.fr](mailto:ryszard.lobinski@univ-pau.fr). Please read them carefully to see what decisions were made, particularly those that affect you!

**ACD web site.** The web site is currently being developed but you may view it at the non-public url. On this site you will find the Terms of Reference of the ACD. These outline the aspects of chemistry that are the responsibility of the Division. In a new development, this site also summarises the responsibility of each member of the Division Committee. Look there to see what we will expect from you!

**Advisor groups.** To assist them in monitoring the needs of their field, and in formulating and soliciting possible projects, the TM will all have a group of Advisors with whom they will maintain an active communication. All AM and NR, if they do not have another specific responsibility, will be working as an Advisor with one of the TM.

**Orange Book.** The Compendium of Analytical Nomenclature is a 'cornerstone' publication for the Analytical Division. David Moore has put in a tremendous amount of work to prepare the on-line version. Many of us have been asked to check one or more chapters that can be accessed on the non-public URL.

Let's all try and complete this task in a timely manner! You may discover that much of the Orange Book needs to be updated, but that will be Stage II of the process once the web version is in place.

### ***Looking ahead***

**Teamwork** will periodically update you on the activities of IUPAC and your Division. **Teamwork** could be a vehicle for you to share concerns or interesting news items. Do let me have your contributions!

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