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INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PURE AND APPLIED CHEMISTRY  
MINUTES OF THE XX<sup>ist</sup>. MEETING OF THE BUREAU - PRAGUE

28th August, 1967, 10.00 - 12.00

Attendance:

Prof. W. Klemm	-	in the chair
Lord Todd	-	Past-President
Prof. V. N. Kondratiev	-	Vice-President
Dr. R. Morf	-	Secretary General
Prof. J. C. Bailar	-	Treasurer

Prof. V. Deulofeu	)	
Dr. C. O. Gabrielson	)	
Dr. T. R. Govindachari	)	
Prof. J. Lecomte	)	
Prof. H. Malissa	)	
Prof. L. Marion	)	Elected Members
Prof. W. Mizushima	)	
Dr. A. L. G. Rees	)	
Prof. H. W. Thompson	)	
Prof. P. Verkade	)	
Prof. O. Wichterle	)	

Sir Harry Melville	)	
Prof. J. de Boer	)	
Prof. F. Weygand	)	
Prof. W. M. Sperry	)	Division Presidents
Prof. P. W. West	)	
Prof. R. Truhaut	)	

## BUREAU

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President Klemm opened the meeting with the welcome to the members and with thanks to the organizers in Prague. The purpose of this meeting was to prepare the Council meeting to be held on the 29th of August. The meeting was conducted in the sequence of the topics treated in the President's Report on the state of the Union. At the Council meeting the agenda will have to be finalized with the view of the amendment proposed by the U.S. delegation.

1. The Minutes of the Council meeting in Paris and of the Bureau meeting in Frankfurt, previously circularized among all the Bureau Members for comments, were approved.
2. Change of category. The applications made by the Adhering Organizations of Canada, France and Italy for the higher category A2 were considered and

Resolved: that a proposal be made to Council to vote according to the statutes by ballots.

3. Luxemburg is five years in arrears in payment of dues, and has not replied to repeated reminders sent by registered mail. It was

Resolved: that following proposals of a resolution be made to Council:

"That a registered letter be sent to the Adhering Organization in Luxemburg, stating that unless the full amount of the arrears accumulated during the last five years is paid by December 31st, 1967 at the latest, Luxemburg will automatically cease to be a member of IUPAC."  
(statutes 9.2, page 5)

4. Elections: Prof. Malissa withdrew his nomination as a candidate for the post of Vice-President (original written letter as an annex).

With regard to the election procedure, the statutes and by-laws prescribe exactly the procedure for election of the officers, whereas they leave it to the Bureau to decide the procedure for electing the Elected Members of the Bureau. After long discussion it was

Resolved: that the simplest procedure be adopted which will need only one ballot in writing and as prepared in printed form by the Secretary General and as distributed in form of "not valid" specimens well in advance to all Adhering Organizations and the members of the Bureau. The simple plurality of votes received will decide. Only in the case of an equal number of votes, a second ballot might be necessary. This voting procedure will be communicated to the Council under item 5. The number of vacancies can be decided only after the Vice-President has been elected.

5. Number of Elected Members. The pros and cons of increasing the number of the Elected Members of the Bureau were discussed at great length.

Resolved: to propose to Council that the number of Elected Members of the Bureau be maintained at twelve.

6. Bureau meetings in even years. The question as to whether the high cost of convening a Bureau meeting was out of proportion to the work achieved at such meetings, gave rise to a long discussion. The two years' period between two conferences is perhaps the main reason why some IUPAC institutions are not as efficient as they should be. The Bureau, acting on behalf of the Council in the intermediate period, must meet if sustained activity of IUPAC is to be guaranteed. An appropriate estimation of expenditure priorities should make an annual meeting of the Bureau possible.
7. Staffing the Secretariat. Due to the uncertainty about the future location of the General Secretariat it has been impossible to hire the necessary staff. In particular it was difficult to find an executive secretary and the specialist for dealing with the urgent tasks demanded by the C.E.E. authorities in Brussels. The two candidates who might have been suitable as executive secretaries demanded a salary which would have been much higher than that considered as possible by the Executive Committee.

Resolved: that the Executive Committee be asked to see immediately that appropriate assistance be obtained for the Secretary General.

8. Memorandum made by Prof. Kondratiev. At a request of the President, Prof. Kondratiev opened the discussion on the Memorandum which had been distributed previously. Reference was made to the explanation given at the Division President's meeting. A full discussion was held and in an unanimous decision it was

Resolved: that the Council be invited to request the new Bureau and the Divisions to act in view of putting the ideas of Prof. Kondratiev into operation.

9. Afternoon Meeting 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

New Division on Macromolecular Chemistry. At the request of the Executive Committee, Prof. Wichterle had explored the best way of co-ordinating the activity in the field of macromolecular science which cuts across all classical disciplines. Two appropriate memoranda are in the files of the delegates to Council. The advantages of a proposed new Division were described at the meeting of the Division Presidents. Having introduced the subject, Prof. Wichterle asked for comments and it was

Resolved: that Council be invited to create a new Division on Macromolecular Chemistry and that the new Bureau be requested to take the necessary steps to enable the new Division to start work immediately and make contacts with neighbouring disciplines. The members of the new Division must be elected by Council.

10. Commission or Panel on Plasma Chemistry: Prof. Kondratiev introduced the subject and it was

Resolved: that the Divisions of Physical and Inorganic Chemistry study the matter and make proposals.

11. Biological Chemistry Division and IUB. Reference was made to Minutes (Executive Committee) and to the Minutes resp. Memorandum IUB dated London 28th April, 1967. Prof. Sperry gave a historical review on the activities of the Biological Chemistry Division. Whereas everybody present at the meeting deplored the fact that an important part of chemistry, Biological Chemistry, had disappeared from the IUPAC structure.

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The meeting was unanimous that under the present circumstances a friendly co-operation with IUB should be established. Consequently, it was proposed to put before Council, the following:

Resolution: that

- (a) Division IV be discontinued
- (b) IUB/IUPAC - Nomenclature Commission be continued and attached to Division III
- (c) Clinical Chemistry be made a Section of Division V
- (d) Co-ordination and close co-operation IUB/IUPAC be achieved by appropriate liaison officers.

This resolution be put into operation provided that IUB at its General Assembly 1967 approves in principle.

12. International Federation of Clinical Chemistry shall be given the status of an Associated Organization.

13. CITCE

It was agreed that proposal be made to the Council along the lines of the Memorandum of Prof. N. Ibl, President of CITCE (see appendix I of the Scheveningen Minutes of the Executive Committee). The Division of Physical Chemistry was asked to study the matter carefully and make detailed proposals.

14. Possible association with IUNS, CID and Congress on Catalysis were dealt with at the point.

15. Company Associates

Repercussions of the IUPAC scheme on Company Associates on the Journal, on various National Bodies and on finances in general were discussed as separate items.

16. Treasurer's Biennial Report

The Treasurer introduced his printed report by remarks on the development of IUPAC's finances in the current year.

Prof. Thompson asked that the balance sheet should contain full information and details about the assets, in the future. He also drew attention to the fact that the ICSU donation of \$8000 was not listed. Moreover, he pointed out that it was unwise to hide the real financial situation particularly towards the ICSU officers.

The detailed list of IUPAC assets is available for everybody interested; it is not printed in the Comptes Rendus only with the view to make economies in printing. The annual dues given by the Adhering Organizations are indicated in an annex to the Treasurer's Report. The Bureau resolved to propose to the Council that the Treasurer's Report be adopted.

With regard to the ICSU contribution of \$8000 out of the funds made available to ICSU, with thanks to the efforts made by Prof. Thompson, it must be noted here that this contribution was made only in 1967 and therefore this item will appear in the next bi-annual Treasurer's Report.

#### 17. Report of the Finance Committee

Mr. P. M. Arnold commented on the printed report of the Finance Committee, which is an advisory entity. In connection with this report the study offered by the U.S. Delegation (item 8) was briefly discussed as being a stimulation to consider the best means for correlating the annual subvention to the status of chemistry and chemical industries in the various countries. Following a statement by Prof. Mizushima it was pointed out by Dr. Gabrielson that IUPAC, mainly with the help of UBS, will always be able to make best use of blocked funds.

#### 18. Budget Estimates for 1968 and 1969

The budget estimates for 1968 and 1969 (the draft of this document had been multicopied in great speed by courtesy of the staff of Prof. Wichterle) were explained by the Treasurer. The Divisions and the Council in their meetings will add or drop items. The Council has to approve the amended budgets in principle and must specifically fix the minimum annual dues. An appropriate proposal to Council and a resolution to be framed.

19. Publication

On the occasion of the ten years' jubilee (1957 to 1967) Prof. Thompson in his capacity of Chairman of the Editorial Board, on behalf of Prof. Weedon, tabled a progress report on publication. He drew the Bureau's attention to complaints made through the officers of IUPAC, involving untrue statements and misinformation directed against the publishers and scientific editors. Dr. Gabrielson, Lord Todd and seconded by Prof. Truhaut and Prof. de Boer respectively, moved that the Bureau expresses admiration and thanks for the excellent achievement made by those responsible for the IUPAC journal. Contrary to the financial risk foreshadowed, IUPAC publication produced some \$40,000.- of royalties to IUPAC. It was also agreed that steps be taken to guard against unfair and uninformed criticism in the future. The Bureau unanimously decided in the sense of the motion.

20. Prof. Malissa drew attention to his correspondence with the Secretary General recommending Vienna as a possible location for the headquarters and Secretariat. The Secretary General had added to this correspondence a favourable survey on the difference of costs of living (Vienna versus Geneva). The meeting expressed appreciation of the generous offer made through the courtesy of Prof. Malissa, but it was not possible at this late date to formulate a possible proposal for Council.

The meeting closed by 6.00 p.m.

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Prof. W. Klemm



Dr. Rudolf Morf