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IUPAC DivV report to the Bureau
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Division V Vision:

Division V provides objective scientific expertise and develops essential tools of analytical chemistry that enable IUPAC to accomplish its mission in sustainable development, creating and promoting a common language, providing evaluated data and advocating free scientific exchange, in collaboration with others.

Division V Goals:

- Provide the highest level of unbiased analytical chemical science expertise
 - Publishing technical reports
 - Publishing recommendations on terminology
 - Evaluating of chemical data
 - Making its products available in modern digital forms
 - Contributing to international standard development
 - Providing scientific expertise and advice to relevant international organizations

- Promote and foster the growth of analytical chemistry as a scientific discipline
 - Reinforcing divisional relationships with other IUPAC bodies
 - Organizing / sponsoring international scientific events
 - Contribute to issues related to analytical chemistry education
 - Awarding outstanding contributions towards IUPAC Analytical Chemistry Division's vision

- Ensure the vitality of the Division
 - Evaluating Divisional outputs and setting associated targets
 - Engaging with stakeholder communities that can benefit from, and contribute to, the work of the division
 - Leveraging external resources to enhance divisional activities

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Evaluating of chemical data

Making its products available in modern digital forms

Div V operates two subcommittees dedicated exclusively to chemical data evaluation. Detailed descriptions and latest updates could be found under the links below

- [Subcommittee on Solubility and Equilibrium Data](#)
- [Interdivisional Subcommittee on Critical Evaluation of Data](#)

Contributing to international standard development

Providing scientific expertise and advice to relevant international organizations

Division V contributes to standardization efforts world wide specifically:

International Committee on Weights and Measures/Consultative Committee on the Amount of Substance (CIPM/CCQM)

ISO-Committee on Reference Materials (ISO/REMCO)

CITAC

Joint Committee for Guides in Metrology (JCGM)

EuChemS (European Chemical Society)

EURACHEM

CODATA

Organizing / sponsoring international scientific events

Div V has sponsored/co-organized two scientific conferences in the analytical chemistry domain.

Colloquium Spectroscopicum Internationale XLI (CSIXLI) and first Latin-American Meeting on Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy was held in Mexico City in June 2019 with IUPAC presentation in keynote lecture format.

15th Rio Symposium on Atomic Spectrometry, Mendoza, October 2019, high profile conference
300+ attendants
<https://www.15riosymposium.com/>

Contribute to issues related to analytical chemistry education

Because of the perceived loss of knowledge, research and teaching capacity in the analytical chemistry domain Div V has launched a major project on documenting and current status of analytical chemistry education world wide, along with a needs analysis from educators, students and industry

Project # 2019-039-3-500

A Review of Current Status of Analytical Chemistry Education There is plenty of anecdotal evidence for the erosion of analytical chemistry as a discipline. This is impacted by faculty appointments, funding structures and perception of the field as being a service function. Additionally, as instruments become easier to use there is a mistaken belief in some industrial organisations that there is a reduced need for highly trained analytical specialists. There have been warning signs that the current, university chemistry curriculum, often with a does not address the needs of chemistry graduates and future employers and does not enable analytical practitioners to maximise the value of their work. The project will reflect on the interdisciplinary curriculum development efforts which has been the trend in many universities worldwide. This is a significant economic cost, considering that in many economies the most used practical skills of graduates is actually related to chemical analysis. A deep and fundamental understanding of analytical chemistry is required to foster the next generation of analytical scientists who have the insight and capacity to contribute to fundamental new developments in this field as well as the generation of new disruptive technologies.

The project will document the status quo in various regions of the world regarding the health of the discipline, proportion of professorships, funding and quality of analytical chemistry

Awarding outstanding contributions towards IUPAC Analytical Chemistry Division's vision

Analytical chemistry has no high profile international prize. Division V has decided to create one along with an early career innovation award. It is envisioned that the award will be co-sponsored by analytical industry.

Charter of the award is currently being drafted. Making this a “named” award is also being considered.

This item might require Bureau endorsement/ approval??

Engaging with stakeholder communities that can benefit from, and contribute to, the work of the division

Leveraging external resources to enhance divisional activities

Analytical industry is not present at IUPAC at any level. The division has started a planning and outreach and establishing an industry sub group within the division to provide a space for industry input. Also it is expected this group would take a leading role in driving non academic project development / selection and funding process. It is expected that by Montreal we will have new sub committee in place.