

International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry

139th MEETING OF Executive Committee

Bratislava, Slovakia, 19 April 2009

MINUTES

Attendees: Prof. J-I. Jin, Chair, Prof. C. Bai, Prof. D. StC. Black,
Prof. S. Chandrasekaran, Prof. J. Corish, Prof. B. R. Henry, Prof. N. J.
Moreau
Absent: Prof. E. Reichmanis
Guest: Dr. F. Meyers
Secretary: Dr. J. W. Jost, Executive Director

1. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND FINALIZATION OF AGENDA

Prof. Jin welcomed the members of the Executive Committee to the meeting and expressed his thanks to the Slovak Chemical Society for their hospitality and for the excellent arrangements. He noted that Prof. Reichmanis was unable to attend. There was no formal agenda for the meeting and items that had arisen during the Bureau meeting would be discussed.

2. DISCOVERY AND NAMING OF NEW ELEMENTS

Prof. Black reported that the Joint Working Party had completed its report. The report had been extensively reviewed and was now being submitted for approval by the Executive Committee and by the Executive Board of IUPAP. A motion was made and seconded that the report of the JWP be approved as submitted. After a brief discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

3. APPROVAL OF SAICM-ICCM PROJECT

Prof. Black briefly reviewed the material in the Project submission form. This project would organize a conference on scientific aspects of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management. He noted that there had been a discussion of this project during the Bureau meeting. He also commented that the major funding for this project would come from sources other than IUPAC. A motion was made and seconded to approve the requested funding from the Strategic Opportunities Fund. During the discussion it was noted that the Task Group would need to be careful not to commit to any major expenses for the planned conference in advance of funding commitments for the full amount necessary to run the conference. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. PROPOSAL TO CHANGE DATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Prof. Black reported that Prof. Rossi in his report to the Bureau had suggested that the General Assembly be held earlier in the year. This would have the advantage of allowing the Division Committees to meet well in advance of the end of the biennium and thus be in a better position to make decisions on the current work of the Division. During the discussion it was noted that this proposal depended on how one saw the management of the work of the Division being done. The proposal assumes that it is important to have an opportunity to provide guidance from the Division Committee

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well before the end of the biennium for the ongoing work of the Division. The current system assumes that the planning of the work of the Division for the biennium is done at the so-called off-year meeting, usually early in the biennium, and the meeting at the General Assembly is to prepare for the completion of work and to begin the organization of the work of the next biennium. The Executive Committee thanked Prof. Rossi for his thought provoking suggestion but decided to continue the current arrangement.

5. RESPONSE TO CZECH NATIONAL ADHERING ORGANIZATION REGARDING A PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BYLAWS

Prof. Black reported that the Czech National Adhering organization had asked that the Bylaw regarding the composition of Division Committees be changed to allow an unlimited number of National Representatives. This request had come well after the statutory deadline had passed for receipt of proposed changes to the Bylaws. Prof. Black reported that he had informed the Czech NAO that it was no longer possible to consider changes to the Bylaws and that they would have to submit any proposed changes by the deadline for the meeting of the Council in 2011.

6. FUND RAISING

Prof. Jin discussed the reasons for seeking to increase the outside funding of IUPAC. The main reason is that the resources available to the Union are constrained by the ability of the NAOs to pay their National Subscriptions and the difficulty of increasing publications income in the face of a general decline in journal subscriptions. He then proposed two ambitious targets, an increase in the IUPAC endowment of USD 20 000 000 by the end of 2011 and of USD 50 000 000 by the end of 2019, the 100th anniversary of the founding of IUPAC. He then noted that a fund raising effort of this magnitude would almost certainly require the use of a professional fund raiser.

During the brief discussion of this subject it was noted that an increase of IUPAC's endowment of this size could change the nature of the Union. If these goals were met, the Union could carry out its current program without the need for contributions from the NAOs.

Prof. Jin concluded the discussion by noting that this was too complex a subject to be decided at one meeting. He asked that the members send him their thoughts by e-mail before the General Assembly