

International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry

147th Meeting of Executive Committee

Leiden, The Netherlands, 15 April 2012

MINUTES

Attendees: Prof. K. Tatsumi, Chair, Dr. M. C. Cesa, Prof. J. Corish,
Prof. R. Deplanque, Prof. N. J. Moreau, Prof. S. Penczek,
Prof. N. P. Tarasova, Prof. Q-F. Zhou

Guests: None

Secretary: Dr. T. A. Renner, Executive Director

1. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND FINALIZATION OF AGENDA

Prof. Tatsumi welcomed the members of the Executive Committee to the meeting and thanked the Royal Netherlands Chemical Society (KNCV) for their hospitality in hosting the IUPAC meeting.

There was no formal agenda for the EC meeting and items that had arisen during the course of the earlier Bureau meeting were discussed. These items were:

- The upcoming Rio+20 meeting in Brazil;
- Location of the next EC meeting in 2012;
- Location of the next Bureau meeting in 2013;
- Support for Young Scientists to attend Chemistry Olympiad.

2. RIO+20 MEETING IN BRAZIL

IUPAC's formal role, if any, in the Rio+20 Meeting in Brazil is very uncertain. The Union had previously submitted a white paper to ICSU highlight ways in which IUPAC could support the requirement for scientific expertise during this meeting. Prof. Moreau agreed to ask ICSU's leadership whether or not IUPAC may make a formal presentation during the science forum. It was felt that the area for greatest impact would be "Green Economy." The EC also expressed the consensus opinion that Prof. Tarasova would be the most suitable representative for IUPAC at this meeting, given her personal expertise in the field of global sustainability. IUPAC has been given the opportunity to participate in sidebar sessions running concurrently with other evening functions of the Rio+20 agenda. The EC was not convinced that the desired impact for IUPAC under these conditions would warrant the expense of sending a representative, especially if the Union would not be permitted to make a formal presentation during the technical sessions of the science forum. The final decision will depend upon ICSU's response to Prof. Moreau's inquiries.

3. LOCATION OF THE NEXT EC MEETING IN 2012

Due to economic circumstances around the world, it is becoming more difficult to find NAOs who are willing to host the Bureau and Executive Committee meetings each year. Dr. Renner said he will contact the Brazilian NAO to determine their interest in hosting the 2012 EC meeting. Prof. Tarasova volunteered to ask the Russian NAO if they will be willing to host the meeting. If neither of these

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options develops positively, Dr. Renner will contact Prof. Brett of Portugal as a third possibility for a host NAO.

4. LOCATION OF THE NEXT BUREAU MEETING IN 2013

At the time of this meeting a location for the meeting of the IUPAC Bureau in 2013 has not been identified. Uncertain financial conditions around the world make it impossible for some NAOs to consider hosting this meeting. Prof. García-Martínez offered to contact his NAO in Spain to determine their ability to host the 2013 meeting. In the meantime, the Secretariat will contact other NAO representatives to determine willingness to host this annual meeting. Target dates are mid- to late-April 2012.

5. SUPPORT FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS TO ATTEND CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

A group of Young Scientists has attended the closing ceremony for the IYC 2011 in Brussels, Belgium, on 1 December 2011. Coordinator of this IYC event, Dr. Paul Baekelmans has asked whether IUPAC would support the attendance of these scientists to attend the next International Chemistry Olympiad. Dr. Renner pointed out that IUPAC already supports the Olympiad activities with a grant of USD 10,000 each year and that the current budget would not allow additional support for this specific purpose. The topic was then tabled and no additional discussion occurred.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Prof. Tatsumi asked if there was any other business to be considered. When there were no responses, he adjourned the meeting at approximately noon.