Present: Prof. A.J. Bard (Chairman), Prof. A. Björkman, Prof. G. den Boef, Dr. Mary L. Good, Prof. S. Itô, Prof. Y.P. Jeannin, Prof. K.I. Zamaraev

Absent: Prof. H.A. Staab

In Attendance: Prof. J.M. Ward (Treasurer from 92.01.01), Dr. M. Williams (Executive Secretary)

16/91 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND FINALIZATION OF AGENDA

The President welcomed the newly elected Officers of the Union and Member of the Committee to their first meeting. Prof. Staab had apologized for his non-attendance, having already arranged, prior to his election as Vice-President, to leave Hamburg immediately following the Council meeting.

Several items were added to the agenda, tabled by the Executive Secretary, for consideration under Any Other Business.

17/91 DATES AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

(i) The President had approved the recommendation to accept the invitation to meet at Trinity College, Dublin (Minute 14/91, 116th Executive Committee – Pretoria). It was agreed to meet on Saturday-Sunday, 23rd-24th May 1992. Because there were three new Officers of the Union, it was also decided that the full Executive Committee should meet at Dublin, and to consider later whether only the Officers should meet in Spring 1993.

(ii) Dr. Good issued a provisional invitation for the Executive Committee to meet in Spring 1993 at Pleasantdale Farm, the training centre of Allied-Signal Inc., which was situated near to Newark international airport. Hopefully, local travel and accommodation costs might be met by Allied-Signal. Profs. Bard and Itô indicated a preference to hold the meeting in mid- to late-April.

18/91 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18.1/91 National Committee of Soviet Chemists Fund

Prof. Zamaraev was concerned at the unstable financial situation in USSR. Therefore, he requested the Union to accept DEM 30 000 in cash at Hamburg for inclusion in the IUPAC bank account at Zürich. It should be earmarked as a National Committee of Soviet Chemists Fund to cover expenditures associated with approved IUPAC activities in 1992-3 (e.g., USSR national subscription, on behalf of the National Committee of Soviet Chemists
CHEMRAWN VIII, attendance of Soviet Associate Members of IUPAC bodies at a General Assembly). The Executive Committee approved the request, and it was agreed that payments from the Fund should require approval by the Chairman of the National Committee of Soviet Chemists and by the Treasurer of IUPAC. Prof. Zamarayev suggested that overpayments in the USSR national subscription for the periods 1981-5 and 1986-1990 might also be included in the Fund.

The Executive Secretary drew attention to the dangers of his being required to carry large amounts of cash in person for various purposes. The Executive Committee agreed that this should only be required in exceptional circumstances.

18.2/91 Restructuring of IUPAC

Bearing in mind the many diverse discussions at Hamburg, the Secretary General felt that it was important to prepare good documentation prior to the next meeting, in order to facilitate further consideration of restructuring of IUPAC by the Executive Committee. Prof. Bard and Jeannin agreed to draft such documentation, for finalization by Prof. den Boef well in advance of Dublin.

18.3/91 Duties Of Secretary General

Prof. den Boef asked for information about his IUPAC representation duties as Secretary General. In principle, he was ready to succeed Prof. T.S. West on the ICSU General Committee, and to attend its meeting at Oslo during 91.09.25-27. In order to familiarize himself with the IUPAC Secretariat, the Executive Committee agreed that he should visit Oxford in late September/early October 1991. The Treasurer indicated that he also planned to visit Oxford at about the same time, but it was now not considered necessary for the Officers to meet there on 91.11.02 to decide the final budget allocation for 1992-3, which would be done by correspondence.

18.4/91 Internal Audit of IUPAC Accounts

Further to the Bureau decision at Hamburg (Item 12.2, 60th Meeting) that an internal audit should be carried out as an experiment during the next two years, with the outcome to be reviewed at Lisbon, the Bureau accepted the suggestion of Prof. Björkman for Dr. S.S. Brown to undertake the audit for the 1991 and 1992 IUPAC accounts.

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CHAIRMAN: [Signature]

DATE: May 23, 1992