

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PURE AND APPLIED CHEMISTRY
MINUTES OF LXIst MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE PALAIS DES CONGRES, MONTE CARLO

on

MONDAY, 28th OCTOBER, 1968 at 11.00

PRESENT:

Prof. V.N. Kondratiev	-	President, in the Chair
Dr. A.L.G. Rees	-	Vice-President
Prof. W. Klemm	-	Past President
Dr. R. Morf	-	Secretary General
Prof. John C. Bailar Jr.	-	Treasurer
Prof. J. Lecomte		
Sir Harold Thompson		
Prof. O. Wichterle		

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. M. Williams	-	Executive Secretary
Mr. R.J.M. Ratcliffe	-	Assistant Secretary

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INTRODUCTION

Prof. Kondratiev welcomed the members to the meeting of the Executive Committee, the main purpose of which was to discuss some of the items from the agenda of the Bureau meeting on 29-30th October. The reasons for needing to discuss these items were outlined by the Secretary General.

Minute 398

MINUTES OF LXth MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minute 371 - At the suggestion of Prof. Bailar it was agreed to change "before" (page 1, paragraph 2, line 5) to "for".

Minute 379 - It was Resolved:

that the resolution included in the draft Minutes, but omitted from the printed Minutes, be included in the approved Minutes.

The relevant wording is:

"After a paper vote (6 in favour, 2 against), it was Resolved:

that the Executive Committee considers it undesirable in future for any Division President to be an Elected Member of the Bureau at the same time, and the Statutes be changed accordingly."

(Note: Unfortunately, there was no time available for this matter to be discussed by the Bureau on 29-30th October. The course of action to be taken will need to be considered by the Executive Committee at its next meeting after Monte Carlo.)

Minute 388 - At the suggestion of Prof. Bailar, it was agreed to change "the two Secretariats" (page 10, paragraph 3, line 2) to "the office of the Secretary General in Zurich and the Secretariat in Oxford". It was confirmed that IUPAC has only one Secretariat, namely that in Oxford.

Minute 396(i) - At the suggestion of Prof. Bailar, it was agreed to change "Reducation" (page 12, paragraph 1, line 3) to "Reduction".

It was Resolved:

that with the above amendments, the Minutes of the LXth meeting of the Executive Committee be approved.

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Minute 399

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LXth MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minute 377 - It was agreed that the name "Macromolecular Division" be accepted.

Minute 386 - It was agreed that the 1969 International Symposium on Natural Products (Steroids and Terpenes) in Mexico be termed "VIth International Symposium on Chemistry of Natural Products". The 1970 Symposium on Natural Products in Riga therefore becomes the "VIIth International Symposium on Chemistry of Natural Products".

In future, it was decided always to use Roman numerals to designate series-type symposia.

In view of recent national deliberations about escalation in the number of international symposia, Sir Harold Thompson raised the question whether IUPAC should continue indefinitely to sponsor series-type symposia. It was agreed that, in general, providing the scientific standard of such symposia was maintained, sponsorship should be granted under the IUPAC rules. Symposia on new and important areas of chemical development should receive preference for financial subvention from IUPAC.

Minute 389 - The Secretary General reported that, due to pressure of work, he had not yet taken any steps to remove the residue of IUPAC archives material from Paris to Switzerland.

Minute 396(iv) - Prof. Kondratiev had appointed Dr. Morf and Dr. G. Aulin-Erdtman (Sweden) as the two IUPAC representatives to collaborate with the Local Organizing Committee for future Congresses. Their work would start with the preparation of the 1971 IUPAC Congress in U.S.A.

Minute 396(vii) - Prof. Kondratiev had received two cables from the International Federation on Pharmacy which read as follows:

"Have read announcement IUPAC symposium on pharmaceutical chemistry Munster 1968, Federation Internationale Pharmaceutique founded in 1912 organises each year scientific symposia through its Scientific Section among subjects dealt with also pharmaceutical chemistry For example Hamburg 1968 theme of symposium therapeutic action of pharmaceutical = page 2/67 = polypeptides Members of FIP are very interested in subjects on pharmaceutical chemistry We must avoid situation where 2 organizations organize overlapping programmes Contact would be useful to define field of activity of each organization Moscow being very far suggest that

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Professor Steiger President Scientific Section FIP
and myself meet General Secretary of IUPAC Dr. Morf in
Basel to talk things over

Winters President FIP Alexanderstraat 11 The Hague"

"In answer to my telegram of 7 February you replied
IUPAC was to convene in February Question of cooperation
with FIP would be discussed at this meeting Is there
possibility my making appointment with Dr. Morf and
yourself in near future

Winters President FIP"

Prof. Kondratiev had, therefore requested the Secretary General of
IUPAC to discuss the matter of cooperation with the Officers of FIP.
Consequently, a meeting was convened in Basle between the President and
the Secretary of FIP and the Secretary General, Dr. W.G. Stall, who
was in part-time attendance.

Full agreement was achieved and the Secretary General of IUPAC
will regularly inform FIP on IUPAC activities in future by sending
the IUPAC Information Bulletin to the President and Secretary of FIP.
FIP will inform IUPAC on a reciprocal basis.

Minute 400

MATTER ARISING FROM MINUTES OF DIVISION PRESIDENTS' MEETING
(30th-31st MAY, 1968)

Item 3 - With regard to the second resolution, the Treasurer agreed
that, in principle, a definite sum of money be assigned annually to
each Division President for allocation by him according to his
assessment of the non-administrative needs within his Division,
including provision of a contingency fund.

The Treasurer was asked to compile data for the past 2-3 years on
travel expenses/subsistence of Officers, of Division Presidents,
and of other categories of IUPAC membership. This data should be
submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee at its next
meeting after Monte Carlo.

Minute 401

ACTIVITY OF IUPAC SECRETARIAT

Dr. Rees reported that, as a result of the recent visit of Prof.
Bailar and himself to Oxford, they had drawn up a proposed new
statement of the division of responsibilities between the Secretariat
in Oxford and the office of the Secretary General in Zurich. This

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statement was an expansion of the original "Rules for Good Housekeeping" for the Secretariat.

In order to allow all members sufficient time to digest the contents, it was agreed that the Executive Committee should discuss the statement in detail at a special meeting to be convened on 29th October.

Minute 402

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

In February 1968, Dr. Morf selected and proposed to the Finance Committee the two shares for IUPAC's investment. The Finance Committee approved this proposal and some \$4,000 were invested accordingly. These selected stocks, since February, increased in value to an extraordinary degree. Dr. Morf, therefore, in August invited the Officers to study the possibilities and opportunities of selling such stocks.

It was Resolved:

that the question whether IUPAC should capitalize on its investments be referred to the Finance Committee for their recommendation of action - Treasurer to act.

Minute 403

SPONSORSHIP

Principles and Policy - With regard to requests for symposia sponsorship by IUPAC, Sir Harold Thompson regretted that the Editorial Board was not being consulted in all cases.

Prof. Wichterle emphasized that in the absence of a request for financial subvention, the two main decisions needed in matters of sponsorship were by

- (a) The Editorial Board re publication
- (b) The relevant Division(s) re scientific level

These two decisions should be obtained simultaneously via the Secretariat.

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Dr. Rees pointed out that once favourable decisions had been reached these should be circulated by the Secretariat to the Executive Committee. If no objection was received from the Executive Committee within two weeks then sponsorship should be granted. Sir Harold Thompson asked that when a final decision had been reached, this be communicated to the Editorial Board as well as to the symposium organizers. The general rule was reconfirmed that pre-advice of two years was preferable when requesting sponsorship, exceptions to be judged on their merits.

In the case of symposia requesting financial subvention from IUPAC, Prof. Wichterle suggested that, in general, decisions should not be reached by correspondence but only at a meeting of the Executive Committee. Dr. Rees emphasized that an outline but realistic budget must be provided by the symposium organizers for consideration by the Executive Committee.

Sir Harold Thompson emphasised that, in view of the legal obligation of the publication contract with Messrs. Butterworths, IUPAC must have the right of publication in the case of requests for symposia sponsorship, even if this right was not exercised.

In the case of an inadequately completed symposium questionnaire submitted to IUPAC, the Secretariat is to return it to the symposium organizers to add all the necessary information.

Sir Harold Thompson emphasized that the list of IUPAC-sponsored symposia published in the Information Bulletin needed more careful preparation. Sponsorship should only be indicated for symposia on which a final decision had been reached, and not if it was still under consideration.

VIIth International Congress of Clinical Chemistry - The Congress Organizers had already decided to publish the proceedings with Th. Karger (Basel/New York).

It was Resolved:

that sponsorship should not be granted because of the legal obligation to offer the right of publication of IUPAC-sponsored symposia to Messrs. Butterworths. However, the Congress Organizers may refer to "collaboration with the IUPAC Section of Clinical Chemistry".

The Executive Secretary is to prepare, for signature by the Secretary General, appropriate letters to the Congress Organizers, Section of Clinical Chemistry and International Federation of Clinical Chemistry.

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Ist International Conference on Calorimetry and Thermodynamics - The Polish Academy of Sciences wished to publish the entire proceedings.

It was Resolved:

that sponsorship should not be granted because of the legal obligation to offer the right of publication of IUPAC-sponsored symposia to Messrs. Butterworths.

The Executive Secretary is to prepare, for signature by the Secretary General, appropriate letters to the Conference Organizers, Physical Chemistry Division and Commission on Thermodynamics and Thermochemistry.

Minute 404

INSTRUCTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN OF EDITORIAL BOARD RE IUPAC PUBLICATIONS

The Executive Committee approved Sir Harold Thompson's recommendation that three volumes of Pure and Applied Chemistry be published in 1969. This would enable the backlog of material to be cleared and the publication programme brought up-to-date.

The Editorial Board was asked to keep under consideration a possible change in the cover and format of the journal, and Messrs. Butterworths to mention these matters on their subscription renewal invoices for 1969.

Minute 405

MOTION OF U.S. DELEGATION RE STUDIES OF DUES STRUCTURE

It was decided to await further comments from the National Adhering Organizations to the recently circulated Working Document prepared by Drs. Morf and Paul. These comments would be considered by the Executive Committee at its next meeting after Monte Carlo.

Minute 406

ESTABLISHMENT OF PHYSICAL PROPERTY TASK GROUP (COMMISSION I.4)

In the spirit of his Memorandum on Activity of Commissions, Prof. Kondratiev thought that the exact area of participation should be stated for each proposed member of the Task Group. Also, the length of time needed for the Task Group to produce a report should be indicated.

The views of the Physical Chemistry Division on establishment of the Task Group would be sought at the Bureau meeting on 29th-30th October. It was suggested that should the Task Group be approved, Commission I.4 should inform the CODATA Committee of ICSU of the work

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to be undertaken. In addition, the Commission should liaise with the International Bureau of Weights and Measures in Paris.

Minute 407

ASSOCIATION BETWEEN IUPAC AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON CRYSTAL GROWTH

On the suggestion of Dr. Rees, it was agreed to recommend to the Bureau that an ad-hoc committee of three persons be appointed to study the question of relationships of IUPAC on inter-disciplinary matters with other international organizations, particularly as regards matters of publication and sponsorship.

Sir Harold Thompson suggested that the ad-hoc committee might give consideration to new growth area subjects in chemistry and to any appropriate organizations which might become associated with IUPAC, e.g. International Conferences on Crystal Growth, International Congresses on Catalysis, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance.

(Note: Unfortunately, there was no time available for the Bureau on 29-30th October to consider this recommendation. The course of action to be taken will need to be considered by the Executive Committee at its next meeting after Monte Carlo.)

Minute 408

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEACHING OF CHEMISTRY

It was agreed to recommend to the Bureau that:

- (i) Prof. R.W. Parry (University of Michigan, USA) be appointed the new Chairman of the Committee and that Sir Ronald Nyholm be consulted as to the best time for Prof. Parry to take over this office.
- (ii) Consideration of replacements and further appointments to the Committee be deferred until a new programme of work had been prepared.
- (iii) IUPAC should contribute \$200 in 1968 and in 1969 to the CIES Committee of ICSU without prejudice to further annual commitments.
- (iv) The Committee should recommend to the Executive Committee who should be the IUPAC Representative on CIES.

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Minute 409

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) ICSU Abstracting Board - It was Resolved:

that Dr. Byron Riegel (USA) become the IUPAC representative on the ICSU Abstracting Board from January 1969 and the IUPAC-nominated candidate for election to its Executive Committee.

(ii) Travel Expenses and Subsistence for Home Affairs - It was agreed that any requests for such expenses be considered by the Treasurer on their merits.

The meeting closed at 18.30.

CHAIRMAN: *V. K. ...*
DATE: *14.11.1969*
