

International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry

Decisions

Council, Bureau and the Executive Committee, since August 2021

Council Meetings

51st Council Meeting, 5 & 13-15 August 2021; Montréal, online

- Council approved the Minutes of 50th Council Meeting held in Paris, France. 144/0
- All decisions taken by the Bureau and Executive Committee through calendar year 2020, since those approved by the Council at Paris, France (Minute 3, 50th Meeting), were ratified by Council delegations. 144/0
- Council approved the application from Kazakhstan: Republican public association “B.A. Beremzhanov Kazakhstan Chemical Society (RPA “KChS”) as a National Adhering Organization, effective 1 January 2022.
- Council approved the recommended 2022-2023 Budget.
- Council approved the future appointment of the Centenary Endowment Fund Board of Directors, including external Directors, by the Executive Committee. Council also gave approval to the Executive Committee to progress the formation of the fund and its guiding documents.
- Council approved the bid from Canada for hosting the 51st World Chemistry Congress and 54th General Assembly in Montréal, Canada.
- Council approved the proposed modification to the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Interdivisional Committee for Green Chemistry for Sustainable Development to allow up to eight National Representatives to their membership.
- Council approved the Composition and ToR of the Centenary Endowment Board.
- Council approved the Composition and ToR of the Committee on Ethics, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
- Council formally adopted the Recommendations approved by the Interdivisional Committee on Terminology, Nomenclature and Symbols (ICTNS) and published, or scheduled to be published, in *Pure and Applied Chemistry* from August 2019 to August 2021.
- Council unanimously approved the results from elections of Division Committee Officers.
- Council received the results from elections of Titular Members of the Division Committees.
- Council reauthorized the Commission on Physicochemical Symbols, Terminology and Units, the Commission on Isotopic Abundances and Atomic Weights, and the IUBMB – IUPAC Joint Commission on Biochemical Nomenclature (JCBN).
- Council approved that the one language in which the official records of the meeting of the Council, Bureau and Executive Committee shall be kept and published will be English for the period of 2022-2025.

Special Meeting of the Council, 4 June 2022, online

- Council approved the proposal from Bureau for a revised version of the IUPAC Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders relating to changes to the IUPAC organizational structure. The motion was approved by 137 votes out of 162, which is over the two-thirds majority required by Statute 16.3.

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Bureau Meetings

106th Bureau Meeting, 1 September 2021; online

- Two of the elected members of the Bureau were elected to the Executive Committee by majority of the votes cast: Laura McConnell and Zhigang Shuai.
- An extraordinary meeting of the Bureau, with current and incoming Bureau members present, was agreed upon to vote on the proposed revisions to the Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders to reflect the replacement of the Bureau and the Executive Committee with a Science Board and an Executive Board.

107th Bureau Meeting, 20 November 2021; online

- The Bureau approved submission of the revised Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders to the Secretary General, to enable the Council to discuss and deliberate on them as soon as possible.
- A special Meeting of Council has been convened by the President, under the provisions of IUPAC Statute 5.2, to discussion and vote on the proposal from Bureau for a revised version of the IUPAC Statutes, Bylaws and Standing Orders relating to changes to the IUPAC organizational structure.

108th Bureau Meeting, 20 November 2021; online

- Bureau approved the 108th Agenda
- Bureau approved the minutes of the 105th-107th meetings held in April, September and November 2021.
- Bureau approved the draft minutes of the 51st Council meeting.
- Bureau approved the request for continued support of the Distinguished Women in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering award.
- Bureau approved the Conference Endorsements as of 9 April 2022.
- The Science Advisory Board (SAB) of the OPCW will hold a thematic workshop with IUPAC this year on AI-assisted chemistry. The President proposed the following IUPAC volunteers to participate: Russell J. Boyd, Hemda Garelick, Jeremy Frey, Jonathan Forman, Matteo Guidotti
- It was decided that the next Bureau meeting should be in person.

109th Bureau Meeting, 5 & 6 November 2022; Frankfurt am Main, Germany, hybrid

No decisions.

110th Bureau Meeting, 24 April 2023; online

- The Bureau agreed that poster presentations should replace the usual oral presentation.
- The Bureau approved the IUPAC Social Media Policy and the IUPAC Guidelines.
- The Bureau supports the incorporation of IYCN into IUPAC under their own name and with their own, independent external communication. The Science Board will decide on the boundary conditions, especially around membership, of the IYCN within IUPAC.

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Executive Committee Meetings

160th Executive Committee Meeting, 6 November 2021; online

- The Executive Committee approved the draft of the Statutes and Bylaws that was presented at this meeting, pending minor changes not affecting the factual content.
- The Executive Committee endorses appointing a subset of the EC as responsible for IUPAC's digital strategy in liaison with CPCDS and others within IUPAC who are working on related projects. Richard Hartshorn, Wolfram Koch and a yet-to-be-determined third person will be the members of this group.
- The Executive Committee approved the rosters for the Division Committees and Standing Committees. The roster for the Committee on Chemical Education, the Centenary Endowment Board and the Interdivisional Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols.
- The Executive Committee approved the rosters for the Bureau Committees for 2022-2023.
- The Executive Committee approved the IUPAC representatives at other organisations.

161st Executive Committee Meeting, 16 February and 6 March 2023; online

- The Executive Committee agreed to changing "National Adhering Organisation" to "Council Member Organisation" throughout, and making wider use of "country/region" to allow more flexibility regarding the kinds of membership representation that may be possible (and are already in place).
- The Executive Committee agreed to changing Statute 9.2. to make clear that the Union shall be under no obligation to financially support the activities of individuals whose NAO is in arrears in order to safeguard its income and to ensure that those NAOs that do pay their dues on time can be supported as agreed.
- The Executive Committee agreed to changing Bylaw 1 such that newly admitted countries may already vote at that Council meeting
- The Executive Committee agreed that the IYCN should be integrated within IUPAC.

162nd Executive Committee Meeting, 27 March 2023; online

- The Executive Committee decided that voting at the 2023 Council Meeting will be electronic and that we would use the same system as in 2021.
- As there are no clear and consistent legal ways for Russia to pay their National Subscriptions or for IUPAC, nor for IUPAC to refund their participants, the Executive Committee decided that refunding for events taking place during the period of sanctions can happen once sanctions are lifted, for the time that Russia is still a member. De facto, this would apply in 2023 only. The Russian NAO has been informed accordingly.
- The Executive Committee decided that the divisions and standing committees should prepare posters of their activities for the GA and for the Council. These should then be easily accessible throughout the event.