

Presidents' Forum

This initiative aims to bring together the leaders of chemical societies and federations from around the world to collectively address key issues in chemistry, with the goal of fostering mutual cooperation and increasing the global impact of chemistry for the betterment of humankind and the planet.

The creation of the Presidents' Forum was one of the ideas included in the final report of the Review Group, which was approved first by IUPAC Executive Committee and then by our Bureau in 2021. [1] As stated in this document, the Presidents' Forum is an opportunity for "IUPAC to exercise its convening role in global chemistry to show leadership and coordination of international initiatives". From a more personal experience, I would say that over the years I have observed that many presidents of chemical societies regularly attend IUPAC General Assemblies but don't have a dedicated platform to interact, share projects and explore opportunities for collaboration. Therefore, this global forum is an opportunity to create a space where like-minded leaders can come together across geographical boundaries and institutional affiliations and take advantage of their presence at our General Assembly. The Presidents' Forum aims to foster a spirit of camaraderie, efficiency, and collaboration among peers who share a common passion for the advancement of chemistry.

The purpose of bringing together the presidents of chemical societies from around the world goes beyond mere formality; it is an avenue for substantive dialogue, knowledge sharing and strategic planning. At the core of this initiative is the desire to enhance the collective impact and effectiveness of the chemical societies in their quest to continue to contribute to improving human well-being while creating a more sustainable future through chemistry. The essence of the Presidents' Forum encapsulates a shared mission to promote chemistry's central role in the advancement of society.



Group picture of the participants in the inaugural Presidents' Forum during the 52nd IUPAC General Assembly in The Hague on August 22, 2023.

One of the main purposes of this forum and in particular of this online platform is to share information of common interest for the global chemistry community. These are some resources, activates, and program that you may find interesting. **

- [Global Women Breakfast:](#)

Held in conjunction with the U.N. Day of Women and Girls in Science, the goal of the GWB series is to establish an active network of people of all genders to overcome the barriers to gender equality in science. Over the last five years, more than 1500 GWB events have been held in 100 countries. We invite you to add your event to the global map.

- [Top Ten Emerging Technologies in Chemistry:](#)

The goal of this IUPAC initiative is to showcase the value of Chemistry and to inform the general public as to how the chemical sciences contribute to the well-being of society and the sustainability of Planet Earth. Since 2019, the Jury has selected emerging technologies based on those in between a new scientific discovery and a fully-commercialized technology, and those with the greatest capacity to open new opportunities in chemistry and beyond.

- [Periodic Table Challenge:](#)

This is an online challenge about the Periodic Table of the Elements which was aimed at a global audience of young students. Since then, the Challenge has been played more than 130 000 times from 160+ countries and every continent, including Antarctica. The IUPAC Periodic Table Challenge is available in all official languages of the United Nations and everyone is invited to join!

List of chemical societies and federations which are members of the Presidents' Forum. *

[Chemical Society of Botswana](#)
[The South African Chemical Institute](#)
[Moroccan Society of Analytical Chemistry](#)
[Federation of African Chemical Societies](#)
[Indian Chemical Society](#)
[Iraqi Chemical Society](#)
[Institut Kimia Malaysia](#)
[Finnish Chemical Society](#)
[Royal Netherlands Chemical Society](#)
[Spanish Royal Society of Chemistry](#)
[German Chemical Society](#)
[Soci t  Chimique de France](#)

[Società Chimica Italiana](#)
[Czech Chemical Society](#)
[Royal Society of Chemistry](#)
[Magyar Kémikusok Egyesülete](#)
[Societatea de Chimie din Romania](#)
[Association of Greek Chemists](#)
[Polish Chemical Society](#)
[Mauritanian Chemical Society](#)
[Lithuania Chemical Society](#)
[Chemical Society Located in Taipei](#)
[Norwegian Chemical Society](#)
[Colegio de Químicos de Costa Rica](#)
[Belgian Chemical Society](#)
[Slovensko Kemijsko Društvo](#)
[EuChemS](#)
[Chemical Society of Thailand](#)
[Societat Catalana de Química, SCQ](#)
[American Chemical Society](#)
Order of Chemists of Angola - OQA
[New Zealand Institute of Chemistry](#)
[Asociación Brasileira de Química](#)
[Jordanian Chemical Society](#)
[Nepal Chemical Society](#)
[Hong Kong Chemical Society](#)
[Sociedade Brasileira de Química](#)
[Sociedad Colombiana de Ciencias Químicas](#)
[Sociedad Chilena de Química](#)
[Sociedad Química de México](#)
[Colegio Panameño de Químicos](#)
[Sociedad Química del Perú](#)
[Colegio de Químicos de Puerto Rico](#)
Asociación Química Dominicana
[Chemical Society of Ethiopia](#)
Chemical Society of Ghana
Chemical Society of Rwanda
[Chemical Society of Nigeria](#)
Chemical Society of West Africa
[Egyptian Society of Chemistry](#)
Senegalese Committee for Chemistry
[Chemical Society of Tunisia](#)
Egyptian Society of Analytical Chemistry
[Royal Australian Chemical Institute](#)
[Bangladesh Chemical Society](#)
[Cambodian Chemical Society](#)
[Chinese Chemical Society](#)
[Chemical Research Society of India](#)
[Himpunan Kimia Indonesia](#)
[Israel Chemical Society](#)
[Chemical Society of Japan](#)

[Korean Chemical Society](#)
[Kuwait Chemical Society](#)
Myanmar Chemical Society
[Chemical Society of Pakistan](#)
Institute of Chemistry Papua New Guinea
[Integrated Chemists of the Philippines](#)
Mendeleev Russian Chemical Society
[Saudi Chemical Society](#)
[Singapore National Institute of Chemistry](#)
Chemical Society of the South Pacific
Institute of Chemistry Ceylon
Timor-Leste Chemical Society
[Turkish Chemical Society](#)
Chemical Society of Vietnam
Brunei Darussalam Chemical Society
[Federation of Asian Chemical Societies](#)
[Federation of Latin American Chemical Societies](#)



Participants of the inaugural Presidents' Forum discuss the various issues included in the agenda's meeting.

Reference: J. Garcia-Martinez, The Presidents' Forum: Advancing Chemistry through Global Cooperation, Chemistry International, [when available]

*If your chemical society or federation is not listed and you would like to include it or if the information is not correct, please send an email to IUPAC Executive Director Greta Heydenrych GHeydenrych@iupac.org indicating the name and contact information of your organization.

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