

IUBMB-IUPAC Joint Commission on Biochemical Nomenclature (JCBN)

In accordance with the Divisions' review during 1999-2001 of their current activities and planning for new activities, IUPAC will discuss with IUBMB whether this Joint Commission should be continued after 2001 or the important activities carried out in some other way. Meanwhile, the Council is requested to continue JCBN until the end of 2001, with the following minor changes in composition and Terms of Reference, as already approved by IUBMB:

Composition and Terms of Office

(i) There shall be a standing IUBMB-IUPAC Joint Commission on Biochemical Nomenclature, composed of eight Titular Members, one of whom shall serve as the Chairman and one as the Secretary, and up to eight Associate Members.

(ii) The Chairman and the Secretary shall each be appointed for a term of ~~three~~ four years by the Presidents of the two Unions, subject to whatever ratification is imposed by Union Statutes and Bylaws. JCBN may propose names of persons suitably qualified for appointment.

(iii) Four of the Titular Members shall be appointed by IUBMB and four by IUPAC. ~~One of the four IUBMB Titular Members shall be an Officer of the IUBMB Committee of Editors of Biochemical Journals (CEBJ). Four of the Associate Members shall be appointed by IUBMB and four by IUPAC.~~ JCBN may itself appoint Associate Members.

(iv) The Titular Members appointed by IUBMB shall also be Members of the Nomenclature Committee of IUBMB (NC-IUBMB).

(v) Candidates for Membership may be proposed by the Commission and shall be appointed by the respective Unions.

(vi) The periods of service of the Titular Members and of the Associate Members shall be in accordance with the Statutes and Bylaws of the appointing Union. The sum of the years of service as a Titular Member and as the Chairman or the Secretary shall not exceed ten years.

Terms of Reference

(i) To consider the nomenclature and symbolic representation of natural products and related compounds including synthetic analogues and, where appropriate, to make recommendations in conformity with those issued by other nomenclature Commissions of IUBMB and IUPAC.

(ii) Before recommending any material for publication as an IUBMB-IUPAC document, to ensure that the fullest possible consultations have taken place and the widest possible consensus has been reached with the appropriate bodies of the two Unions. For IUPAC, these are

the Interdivisional Committee on Nomenclature and Symbols (IDCNS), or, through IDCNS, the appropriate divisional nomenclature Commissions. For IUBMB, these are NC-IUBMB and ~~CEBJ~~ journal editors.

(iii) Approval to publish any material as an IUBMB-IUPAC document is to be obtained, in the case of IUPAC from IDCNS, and in the case of IUBMB from the Executive Committee of IUBMB.

(iv) The Commission shall normally hold an annual meeting, concurrently with NC-IUBMB, and with the approval of the President of IUPAC and the Executive Committee of IUBMB.

(v) Associate Members will receive all documents of the Commission and their opinion will be sought by correspondence. An Associate Member may attend any meeting of the Commission, but his expenses will not be defrayed by the respective Executive Committee unless he has been invited as an observer under item (vi).

(vi) The Commission shall be entitled to invite observers from other Commissions and experts in special fields to attend the meeting. The respective Executive Committee shall be asked in advance to defray any expenses that would arise from such an invitation.