

Item 16.3: Resolution from UK National Committee

The National Adhering Organization of the United Kingdom, the Royal Society of Chemistry, has offered the following resolution for consideration by the Council.

RESOLUTION TO THE BRISBANE COUNCIL MEETING OF IUPAC, JULY 2001, FROM THE UK NATIONAL ADHERING ORGANISATION

Following the decisions made at the 1999 IUPAC Council meeting in Berlin, the UK National Adhering Organisation (Royal Society of Chemistry) fully accepts the move towards a carefully selected project-driven system, and towards the funding and organisational power being directed, in the main, through the IUPAC Division Committees.

However, following the disbanding of the Commissions at the end of 2001, an obvious source of members to serve on the Divisions and other working groups will be lost. Steps should be taken to ensure that the expertise of such persons is used to best effect and especially to enable such skills and experience to be transferred to a younger generation.

In addition, we are concerned that ideas for future projects should not only emanate from Divisions, but from as wide a cross-section of the IUPAC family as possible. To this end, the UK NAO requests that Council deem it incumbent upon all National Adhering Organisations, Associate NAOs and associated organisations to feed through ideas, especially those of a multi- or cross-disciplinary nature. It must be recognised that the needs and aspirations of younger chemists might drive some of these ideas. In addition, the Secretariat should ensure that sufficient resources are made available in order to facilitate such contributions to the work of the Union.