

International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry

137th MEETING OF Executive Committee

Istanbul, Turkey, 30 March 2008

MINUTES

Attendees: Prof. J-I. Jin, Chair, Prof. D. StC. Black, Prof. S. Chandrasekaran,
Prof. J. Corish, Prof. B. R. Henry, Prof. N. J. Moreau, Prof. E. Reichmanis

Absent: Prof. C. Bai

Guest: Dr. F. Meyers

Secretary: Dr. J. W. Jost, Executive Director

1. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND FINALIZATION OF AGENDA

Prof. Jin welcomed the members of the Executive committee to the meeting and expressed his thanks to the Turkish Chemical Society for their hospitality and for the excellent arrangements. He noted that Prof. Bai was unable to attend. There was no formal agenda for the meeting and items that had arisen during the Bureau meeting would be discussed.

2. EMERITUS FELLOW PROPOSAL

Prof. Black reviewed the proposal for the creation of a new Emeritus Fellow category. The discussion covered a number of points including the removal of the mention of reimbursement for meeting attendance, the use of Division VII as a pilot program, the need to improve the current program, and the possibility of having different levels of Honorary Fellows. The observation was made that this is really a distinguished service award for the Division. The Committee concluded that there was no need to create a new title or program and instead the Divisions and Standing Committees could award plaques for distinguished service as was done for IUPAC officers at the General Assembly.

The Committee also suggested that the Divisions and Standing Committees be informed that they can award "honorary" Fellow status to individuals who have not been members of IUPAC bodies.

Prof. Jin concluded the discussion by noting that the Fellows program should be studied to see if it could be improved by adding different grades and allowing it to be used as a more visible recognition of contributions to IUPAC.

3. INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CHEMISTRY 2011

It was noted that 2011 might see the new definition of the mole adopted by the Bureau International de Poids et Mesures. The Committee agreed that the IYC Management Committee should submit separate projects to cover the operations of the Committee for 2008-9 and the development of a logo and web site. The Management Committee was asked to plan for a Committee meeting in August adjacent to the Philadelphia ACS as Prof. Jin, Prof. Black, and Prof. Henry would be available. The suggested location of the meeting is the Secretariat office in Research Triangle Park.

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4. MALTA IV

The Committee agreed that if asked, IUPAC would agree to be the principle sponsor for the conference; however, the new Memorandum of Understanding should no longer include a clause requiring that all funds be collected and disbursed by IUPAC. It was agreed that Prof. Henry would represent IUPAC at future meetings of the Committee including those planned for the New Orleans and Philadelphia meetings of the ACS. A decision on who would represent IUPAC at the Malta IV meeting in Jordan would be made closer to the date of the meeting.

5. PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR THE STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Prof. Black reported that the Project Committee at its meeting on Friday had recommended approval of a project on “Options for IUPAC engagement in SAICM implementation” for funding from the Strategic Opportunities Fund. There was a brief discussion of the project. A motion was made to approve funding; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

6. CONTROL OF BOOK PROJECTS

Prof. Black discussed an issue that had arisen during the Project Committee meeting regarding what controls are or should be in place for IUPAC sponsored books. Dr. Jost described current practice as falling into two broad categories. The first is that of the Color Books. These are reviewed by the responsible Division and by ICTNS, as well as by outside experts as required by the procedure for approval of IUPAC Recommendations. Other books, usually multi-author volumes, are treated as would be any other such book commissioned by a publisher, that is, the volume Editor and the individual authors are responsible for the content and in general, there is no review process by the Division or by ICTNS.

After a brief discussion, the Secretary General was asked to review the situation and report to the Executive Committee meeting in October if he felt that consideration should be given to changing the current practice.