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Dear Prof. Jortner,

**CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT  
OF IUPAC'S SCIENTIFIC WORK**

Your circular letter and attachments dated 26 October 1998 were discussed by our National Committee for IUPAC at its recent meeting held on 2 December 1998. The Committee supported the recommendations made in Prof. Steyn's letter of 7 August 1998 (copy attached for easy reference) and had no further comments to add.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Dr Jost,

**IUPAC: REPORT BY THE SDIC - IUPAC STRATEGIC PLAN - 1998**

The letter of 21 April 1998 from Prof. Joshua Jortner, the IUPAC President, refers.

Members of the South African National Committee for IUPAC met with Prof. Jortner and Dr Ted Becker on 7 July 1998 in Durban during the 7<sup>th</sup> ICCA meeting. At the meeting the events leading to the development of the new strategy for IUPAC, the new strategy and the implementation thereof, were discussed in detail.

We propose that special attention should be directed to the following aspects:

- (i) The soliciting of projects in the NEW IUPAC.
- (ii) Effective project management in the NEW IUPAC.
- (iii) The election, composition and function of the new Divisional Committees.
- (iv) The role of National Representatives in the NEW IUPAC. National Representatives serve as an effective mechanism for ensuring the involvement of smaller countries in the scientific affairs of IUPAC.
- (v) The retention of the loyalty and commitment of IUPAC "chemists" – all voluntary workers – during the process of change. Many current projects still need to be completed!
- (vi) Mechanisms for attracting top quality chemists to serve on the new task groups and task teams.

In summary: We support the change process undertaken by IUPAC, the strategy for the NEW IUPAC as well as its effective implementation. IUPAC is destined to play a major role in the development of Chemistry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Yours sincerely,

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