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AUSTRALIAN CHEMICAL INSTITUTE**

Chemistry in the service of Australia

**Greetings from
The Royal Australian Chemical Institute**

As President of The Royal Australian Chemical Institute I have the honour and great pleasure to extend an invitation to IUPAC, the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, for The Royal Australian Chemical Institute to be the host of the 41st General Assembly and 38th Congress of IUPAC.

The Congress will be a unique opportunity for a generation of chemists in Australia to share expertise, ideas and experiences with the international community. The only IUPAC Congress held in Australia, in Sydney 1969, was an excellent meeting. The 2001 Congress will be in the new Convention Centre in Brisbane. This world class facility was the venue for the 17th International Conference on Organometallic Chemistry, sponsored by IUPAC, held in July 1996.

The Royal Australian Chemical Institute, founded in January 1917, is both the qualifying body in Australia for professional chemists and a learned society promoting the science and practice of chemistry in all its branches. Granted a Royal Charter in 1932, the Institute has almost 10,000 members and represents and caters for the professional needs of all chemists, providing various activities and services that encompass the profession of chemistry in Australia. The Institute has a strong commitment to adapting itself to the comprehensive needs of the profession and practice of chemistry in the twenty-first century.

The year 2001, is significant and is a very important celebration for Australia, as it is the centenary of the Federation of Australia. We became a nation in 1901, a century later in the new millennium we open the windows of opportunity, to an Australia which has confidence and optimism.

The Royal Australian Chemical Institute is offering the most respected international chemistry body, the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, to share our nation's celebration by holding the IUPAC Congress and General Assembly in Australia in 2001.

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