Item 22: Review of Associated Organizations

Council is asked to approve the continuation of membership of all current Associated Organizations, subject to payment of annual \$50 service fees.

Background. Statute 11 permits IUPAC "to associate with existing international organizations whose aims and activities are in harmony with those of the Union." Bylaw 5.5 requires that "the continuation of membership of each Associated Organization shall be reviewed by the Council every four years beginning in 1993."

Current Status. There are currently 32 Associated Organizations [AOs], as listed on the following page. No applications for formal association with the Union have been received during the last two years. Two AOs are currently more than two years in arrears on the payment of their Associated Organization fees.

General information about the Union is routinely sent to all AOs, and each is invited to send a representative to the General Assembly. Specific information is frequently exchanged between IUPAC and given AOs. We have been closely involved with some AOs, such as the European, Asian and African regional chemistry organizations, and they will be represented at the World Chemistry Leadership meeting following the General Assembly. We have continuing close relations and have sponsored joint projects with other interdisciplinary AOs, such as the Chemical Heritage Foundation and the International Organization for Chemical Sciences in Development. Still others interact primarily with counterpart bodies in IUPAC – for example, the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Eurachem [EURopean Analytical CHEMistry] – and IUPAC often sponsors international conferences organized by other AOs. The IUPAC web site includes links to all AOs for which we have URLs. Thus far, one AO has accepted an offer from the Executive Director to provide space for a home page on the IUPAC site for AOs that do not have their own sites.

Future Plans. With the full conversion of IUPAC's scientific work to a project-driven system, there will be more opportunities to take advantage of the expertise and interest of AOs in specific branches of chemistry to help develop ideas for IUPAC projects and perhaps to co-sponsor such projects. Those AOs with large individual memberships can become a useful channel for dissemination of information about IUPAC. Those AOs that exist primarily to organize conferences may be able to highlight relevant IUPAC initiatives at their meetings. In short, the AOs represent a largely underutilized mechanism for two-way communication about the Union's activities. During the next biennium, we plan, through the Secretariat, to take a more active role in developing relations with AOs and in encouraging individual IUPAC Divisions and Operational Committees to enhance their interactions with counterpart AOs.

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African Association of Pure and Applied Chemistry

AOAC International

Calorimetry Conference

Chemical Heritage Foundation

Eurachem

European Federation of Biotechnology

European Federation of Chemical Engineering

European Federation of Corrosion

European Photochemistry Association

Federation of Asian Chemical Societies

Federation of European Chemical Societies

International Association of Catalysis Societies

International Association of Colloid and Interface Scientists

International Association of Geochemistry and Cosmochemistry

International Carbohydrate Organization

International Board on Applications of the Mössbauer Effect

International Committee on Science of Photography

International Confederation for Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry

International Conferences on Coordination Chemistry

International Conferences on Organometallic Chemistry

International Conferences on Solution Chemistry

International Federation of Clinical Chemistry

International Group for Correlation Analysis in Chemistry

International Mechanochemical Association

International Organization for Biotechnology and Bioengineering

International Organization for Chemical Sciences in Development

International Organization of Crystal Growth

International Society of Electrochemistry

International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry

International Society of Magnetic Resonance

International Water Association

International Zeolite Association