

Item 17: Proposals Formally Received from National Adhering Organizations

UK NAO MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION AT IUPAC COUNCIL IN OTTAWA

One of the most important issues for the future of chemistry and the long-term success and sustainability of the chemical industry, and therefore worldwide economic stability, is the decline in the number of young people being attracted into the subject. The importance of this issue has already been recognised by industry, trade associations, learned societies and academe. To address the problem, IUPAC should encourage and facilitate the coordination of the variety of initiatives proposed, with a view to enhancing the importance of chemical education at all levels, and to utilize younger chemists to promote the subject and its achievements. It is recommended that IUPAC collaborate with all these bodies to discuss how best to achieve these aims and, if considered appropriate, to solicit new financial resources to achieve them.