

## Item 15: National Adhering Organizations in Arrears

In addition to Argentina and Brazil, who are in arrears for 2005 and whose situation will be discussed below, two NAOs (Belarus and Chile) have not paid their 2006 National Subscriptions in full. These NAOs have been reminded that their delegates will not be able to vote at the Council at Torino if payment is not made.

Sanctions were approved for Argentina and Brazil by the EC at its meeting in March 2007. The guidelines were established by the EC at its meeting in 2006 and affirmed by the Bureau at its meeting in October 2006, see minute 18.6 from the Bureau meeting. According to these guidelines, the 2005 National Subscriptions became overdue on 1 January 2007. The NAOs of Argentina and Brazil were informed that the following sanctions would be applied:

- a. Members of Division and Standing Committees from Argentina/Brazil cannot receive support to attend IUPAC Meetings in their capacity as members of a Division or Standing Committee; this includes the General Assembly;
- b. Argentina/Brazil cannot submit nominations for membership of Division and Standing Committees;
- c. Members of Division and Standing Committees from Argentina/Brazil cannot be nominated for election or appointed to Division and Standing Committees.
- d. IUPAC sponsored conferences to be held in Argentina/Brazil cannot be approved.

A letter was received from the Asociacion Quimica Argentina (see following page) requesting a change in the status of the AQA from NAO to ANAO. It is proposed that the Council approve the following motions.

- (1) Council approves the resignation of the Asociacion Quimica Argentina as the National Adhering Organization of Argentina, with the understanding that if the AQA reapplies for NAO status the total National Subscription currently owed, ARS 29 970.99, payable in USD at the then current exchange rate, must be paid before Council will consider such application.
- (2) Council approves the application of the Asociacion Quimica Argentina for Associate National Adhering Organization status, to be effective when the annual fee of USD 250 is paid.

Council is also asked to approve the continuation of sanctions for Brazil until the full amount in arrears is paid.

*David Black*



## ASOCIACION QUIMICA ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires, May 23, 2007

Dr. John Jost  
Executive Secretary  
IUPAC

Dear Dr. Jost:

As anticipated in the answer to your letter of April 24 regarding the membership situation of the AQA, the matter has been extensively discussed by our Board and we have come to the following conclusions.

In the first place we consider it quite impossible to be able to get together, in the very near future, the necessary funds to maintain our condition of full NAO organization. Therefore a possible period of four years of Associated NAO, at a much lower membership fee seems to be the best solution. It will give us the badly needed time to try to revert the situation.

In the second place we are very grateful for your most generous offer to have an IUPAC officer visit us and assist in our "persuasion efforts", as you so kindly name them. Of course such an initiative requires very careful and detailed organization, especially regarding timing and scope. Consequently we feel that the best would be to combine this visit with the next National Chemistry Congress to be held in September of 2008.

This ought to give us enough time to discuss details and make adequate planning in order to achieve as much as possible. We hope that you will find this satisfactory.

As for our change of status please be so kind as to let us know how we should proceed.

Thanking you for your kind interest, assistance and valuable suggestions we look forward to your early news and instructions.

Dr. Maximo Barón  
Board Member

Dr. Carlos Azize  
President