

### ICSU to Merge with ISSC

**A**t an extraordinary General Assembly of the International Council for Science (ICSU) and General Assembly of the International Social Science Council (ISSC), held in Oslo on 24 October 2016, members voted overwhelmingly that the two organizations should merge. This in-principle decision followed a recommendation by the two organizations' executives, setting the two councils on a trajectory to become one by October 2018.

For the plans to go ahead, the majority of both councils' voting members needed to vote in favour. 76% of ICSU members and 87% of ISSC members voted in favour of a merger of the two organizations, thereby setting the merger process in motion.

Gordon McBean, President of ICSU, said: "ICSU has long been a champion for excellence in both disciplinary and transdisciplinary science, and seeks to bring that excellence together to address global challenges. Today's vote confirms support for this approach and I want to thank our Unions and National Members for their support. As a unified body, we will be in a stronger position to confront the challenges of the twenty-first century. With a broadened membership base the new organization will be the inclusive global voice of science that we want it to be."

The vote is an *in-principle* agreement to merge the two councils, and to establish a Transition Task Force to develop detailed transition plans, including legal requirements, new statutes, and governance structures for the merged organization. The Task Force proposal will be put to a vote during a joint meeting of ICSU and ISSC Members in October 2017 at the 32nd ICSU General Assembly in Taipei. If the two organizations' members endorse these plans in 2017, the transition will be implemented and overseen by the ISSC and ICSU executives, with a founding General Assembly of the new organization tentatively planned for October 2018.

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### Remembering Peter Greaves Taylor Fogg (1929-2016)

**A**s a young man, Peter Fogg won an open scholarship to Trinity College, Oxford, where he read chemistry. After gaining a first class degree, he went on to do a doctorate under the supervision of J.D. Lambert. His thesis was on Ultrasonic Dispersion in Gases.



*Peter and Heather at a 1996 IUPAC conference in Hungary*

From 1954-1955 Peter worked as a Scientific Officer at The Atomic Energy Research Establishment in Harwell, Oxfordshire, where he worked on the chemistry of plutonium. He was an assistant lecturer at Queen's University, Belfast from 1956 to 1958 and worked as a research chemist for Monsanto Chemicals, Ltd. between 1958 and 1962. In 1962 he became a lecturer at Flintshire Technical College in North Wales.

Peter taught at the University (formerly Polytechnic) of North London from 1965 until 1986. His undergraduate teaching was primarily concerned with Physical Chemistry and was much appreciated by his students, who found him especially helpful in both practical sessions and tutorials. At the University, Peter supervised the PhD/postgraduate work of several students and gained their gratitude and respect. When joining the University, Peter was active in the research of fast reaction kinetics and then, in collaboration with colleague John Charalambous, on the development of metal complexes for scintillation counting applications, leading to publication in *Polyhedron*.

He was a very active member of the IUPAC Solubility Data Commission V.8 of the Analytical Chemistry Division from its early years, and contributed to the shaping of its successor, the Subcommittee on Solubility and Equilibrium Data. The Solubility Data Project benefited greatly from his expertise in, and passion for, the field of gas solubilities in liquids and solutions. Between 1983 and 2013, Peter was compiler, evaluator, and editor for seven volumes (numbers: 21, 32, 42, 50, 70, 76 and 97) of the IUPAC Solubility Data Series.

Peter was also Chair of Subcommittee V.8.1 (Gases in Liquids) from 1992 to 2000 and was a Titular Member of Commission V.8 in 1987-1989 and again in 1995-1997.

He also actively participated in the International Symposia on Solubility Phenomena (ISSP). He was Co-Chair of the 3rd ISSP (1988, Guildford, University of Surrey) and was Guest Editor for the plenary and invited lectures of the 7th (Leoben, Austria, 1996), 8th (Niigata, Japan, 1998) and 9th (Hammamet, Tunisia, 2000) ISSPs, published in *Pure and Applied Chemistry*.

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