

tion of Nanocomposite Thin Films with Organic Matrices"; Dr. Saravanan, "Physical Chemistry of Organic Molecules in Nanoporous Materials".

There were 59 applicants from 24 countries. The Prize Selection Committee comprised Members of the IUPAC Bureau with a wide range of expertise in chemistry. The Committee was chaired by Dr. Joshua Jortner, Professor of Chemistry at Tel Aviv University and Past President of IUPAC. Prof. Jortner commented on the high quality of the applications and said, "I am very happy with the results. The IUPAC Prize will constitute a significant contribution to the standards of international chemical sciences and to the image of IUPAC."

In view of the quality of many applications, the Committee decided also to give five Honorable Mention awards to Tamara V. Basova, Institute of Inorganic Chemistry, Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Science, Novosibirsk, Russia; Olivier P. Haefliger, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zürich, Switzerland (currently with Firmenich SA, Geneva, Switzerland); Harri Hakala, University of Turku, Finland; Mallela M. G. Krishna, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, India (currently at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA); and Joselito P. Quirino, Himeji Institute of Technology, Kamigori, Japan (currently at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, USA). The Honorable Mention Award winners will receive a cash prize of USD 100 and a copy of the *Compendium of Chemical Terminology*, the IUPAC "Gold Book".

The awards to the four winners of the IUPAC 2000 Prize and the winners of the IUPAC 2001 Prize will be made during the Grand Opening session of the IUPAC Congress in Brisbane, Australia. Applications for the 2002 Prize are now being solicited, as described below.

Announcement of the 2002 Prize

The IUPAC Prize for Young Chemists has been established to encourage outstanding young research scientists at the beginning of their careers. The prize will be given for the most outstanding Ph.D. thesis in the general area of the chemical sciences, as described in a 1 000-word essay.

IUPAC will award up to four prizes annually. Each prize will consist of USD 1 000 cash and travel expenses to the next IUPAC Congress. In keeping with IUPAC's status as a global organization, efforts will be made to assure fair geographic distribution of prizes.

Prizes will be presented biennially at the IUPAC Congress (next Congress: 10–15 August 2003, Ottawa, Canada). Each awardee will be invited to present a poster on his/her research and to participate in a ple-

nary award session.

Applications must be submitted, as described below, to the IUPAC Secretariat. In addition, some IUPAC National Adhering Organizations are soliciting applications in their own countries, frequently in conjunction with a national award. In such cases, applications may be submitted to the NAO or to the Secretariat (not both). A list of participating countries is given on the IUPAC web site, <http://www.iupac.org/news/prize.html>.

Applications will be judged by a committee of eminent scientists appointed by the President of IUPAC.

Procedures for the 2002 Prize

- a. Entrants must have received their Ph.D. (or equivalent) degree, or completed all Ph.D. requirements including successful defense of the doctoral thesis, during calendar 2001 in any of the 60 countries that are Members or Associate Members of IUPAC. Entrants need not be citizens or residents of one of these countries at the time the application is submitted.
- b. The research described in the entrant's thesis must be in the field of the chemical sciences, defined as "chemistry and those disciplines and technologies that make significant use of chemistry."
- c. The IUPAC Prize recognizes only work that was performed while the entrant was a graduate student.
- d. Application requires submission of a completed entry form (available on the IUPAC web site at <http://www.iupac.org/news/prize.html>), together with the material listed in items *e* and *f*. The entry form and supporting material should be submitted by e-mail whenever feasible. Additional material may be sent as needed by fax or mail.
- e. An essay must be submitted by the entrant that describes his or her thesis work and places it in perspective relative to current research in the chemical sciences. The essay must be written in English by the entrant and may not exceed 1 000 words. (For applications submitted through NAOs, a national language may be permissible, and the NAO will assist in translation to English. The announcement by the appropriate NAO should be consulted.)
- f. Two supporting letters (sent by e-mail if feasible) are required from the thesis adviser and/or chairman of the thesis committee and one additional faculty member. These letters should comment on the qualifications and accomplishments of the applicant and the significance of the thesis work.
- g. Complete applications must be received at the IUPAC Secretariat by 1 February 2002. If submitted through an IUPAC National Adhering Organization or Associate NAO, the deadline established by the NAO must be met. Early submission is strongly encouraged so that any questions may be