

Election of IUPAC Officers and Bureau Members – Call for Nominations

At its General Assembly in Busan, Korea, on Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 August 2015, the IUPAC Council will be asked to elect a Vice President, a Secretary General, a Treasurer, and members of the Bureau to fulfill the vacancies created by retiring members. IUPAC National Adhering Organizations are invited to submit nominations no later than 12 June 2015.

On 1 January 2016 Natalia Tarasova (Russia), Vice President and President-Elect of IUPAC, will become President. Mark Cesa (USA), current President, will become Past President and remain an officer and a member of the Bureau for a period of two years, while Kazuyuki Tatum (Japan), current Past President, will retire. Acting Secretary General Colin Humphris (UK) was elected by the Bureau in April 2014 to fulfill the vacancy only till the end of the biennium and will retire. Treasurer John Corish (Ireland) will also retire after completing a second and final four-year term.

In addition, there are three vacancies for Elected Members of the Bureau this year. Elected Members serve a four-year term, and are eligible for re-election to a second four-year term. No National Adhering Organization shall have more than one Elected Member on the Bureau, and the principle of fair geographical representation of Members shall be taken into account, as stipulated in the IUPAC Statutes. Elected Members whose terms expire at the end of 2015 are:

- Prof. Christopher M. A. Brett (Portugal) (2012-2015), eligible for nomination
- Prof. Javier García-Martínez (Spain) (2012-2015), eli-

gible for nomination

- Prof. Ram Lamba (Puerto Rico) (2008-2011, 2012-2015)

The following are Members whose terms continue to the end of 2017:

- Prof. Russell J. Boyd (Canada) (2014-2017)
- Prof. Tavarekere K. Chandrashekar (India) (2014-2017)
- Prof. Richard Hartshorn (New Zealand) (2014-2017)
- Mr. Colin Humphris (UK) (2010-2013, 2014-2017)
- Prof. Christopher K. Ober (USA) (2014-2017)
- Prof. Kaoru Yamanouchi (Japan) (2014-2017)
- Prof. Qi-Feng Zhou (China) (2010-2013, 2014-2017)

In addition to the five officers and the ten Elected Members, the Bureau also includes eight Division Presidents (each elected by an individual Division), and five ex officio members representing the following Standing Committees: the Committee on Chemistry Education (CCE), the Committee on Chemistry and Industry (COCI), the Committee on CHEMical Research Applied to World Needs (CHEMRAWN), the Interdivisional Committee on Terminology, Nomenclature and Symbols (ICTNS), and the Committee on Publications and Cheminformatics Data Standards (CPCDS).

IUPAC National Adhering Organizations are invited to submit nominations for Vice President, Secretary General, Treasurer, and Elected Members to the Secretary General <secretariat@iupac.org> no later than **12 June 2015**.

It is important for a vibrant organization that all vacant positions are filled after a fair and vigorous election process, so all nominations are encouraged. To make your voice heard, contact your National Adhering Organization and get involved.

What Is the Bureau?

The Bureau is established by the Council to act for the Union during the intervals between meetings of the Council. It consists of the officers (president, vice president, secretary general, treasurer, immediate past president), the division presidents, and the chairs of the operational standing committees, as well as 10 other members elected by the Council.

What Does the Bureau Do?

The Bureau normally meets once a year, ensuring continuity between Council meetings. The principal duties of the Bureau are as follows:

- to ensure the strict observance of Statutes and Bylaws
- to prepare the agenda for Council meetings and in particular to make provisions for elections
- to make recommendations to the Council and attend Council meetings
- to implement the decisions of the Council and execute the program of the Union as directed by the Council
- to take steps to ensure that international congresses of pure and applied chemistry are held
- to take decisions about the holding of scientific meetings as proposed by the division committees
- to take all other steps necessary for the good conduct of the affairs of the Union

See the Statutes and Bylaws for details.