Multiple Uses of Chemicals and the Chemical Weapons Convention" (www.iupac.org/project/2013-020-1-050)

The Finnish Institute for the Verification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (VERIFIN) has been in existence for 40 years. During that time VERIFIN has made a sustained contribution to chemical disarmament by focusing on the development and dissemination of analytical chemistry techniques and tools for the verification of the Chemical Weapons Convention. VERIFIN has been instrumental in efforts to build the capacity of laboratories around the world to provide effective and accurate analysis of CWC-related chemicals.

IUPAC has been privileged to work with the OPCW, both in contributing technical expertise to the Review Conferences of the CWC and in developing educational resources on the multiple uses of chemicals.

www.opcw.org/news/article/opcw-the-hague-award-presented-to -pioneers-of-the-chemical-weapons-convention/

IUPAC Physical Chemistry Cartoon Competition 2015

The Physical and Biophysical Chemistry Division (Division I) together with the Committee on Chemistry Education are pleased to announce the 2015 Physical Chemistry Cartoon Competition. This year's theme is "Light and Chemistry", in recognition of the UN's International Year of Light, and entries should reflect this theme.

Awards of USD 100 will go to four students whose cartoons are chosen as winning entries. Prizes of USD 100 will be given in three age groups to students aged 11 – 14, aged 15 – 18, and over 18, and one overall first-prize winner from all entries submitted.

Judging:
The cartoons will be judged by a panel with members from the IUPAC Division of Physical and Biophysical Chemistry and the Committee on Chemistry Education. Reviewing criteria (from most- to least-weighted) will include:

• Relevance to the theme of Light and Chemistry
• Creation of interest, novelty, entertainment value, etc.
• Clarity and educational content
• Presentation

Submission instructions:
Students currently in secondary (students aged 11-18) or tertiary education (up to first degree level) are invited to submit:

• a one-page (pdf or powerpoint) file containing an original cartoon
• a brief letter of endorsement from a Chemistry teacher or faculty member to verify that they are a currently enrolled student at the closing date for entries and confirming that the work is the student's own.

Entries should be submitted by email to <ChemistryCartoon@iupac.org>

Key dates:
The competition closes on Friday **29 May 2015** at 17:00 Zürich time.

http://www.iupac.org/news/news-detail/article/iupac-physical-chemis-try-cartoon-competition-2015.html

IUPAC Office move

The IUPAC Secretariat office has been located in the Research Triangle Park (RTP) since May 1997, following its relocation from Oxford, England after 29 years. The office was housed in a small building right in the center of RTP, which is one of the most prominent high-technology research and development centers in the USA, centrally located near major universities, including Duke University in Durham, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and North Carolina State University at Raleigh.

This past February, the office headed by the recently appointed Executive Director, Lynn Soby, moved 1 mile north to an improved space that is safer, more secure, and more functional. The smooth relocation included the move of about 300 boxes of paperwork, financial records, historical archives, and IUPAC's servers and equipment. It also included packing over 7000 IUPAC books for relocation to a lower cost warehouse space. The staff, including Linda Tapp and Enid Weatherwax, made the transition quite easily as their work commutes have not really changed. The office mailing address stays the same (PO Box 13757, RTP, NC 27709), but if you plan to drop by for a visit, the new office is located at 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Park Triangle, NC 27709.

While Lynn, Linda, and Enid are very busy setting up the new office space, Fabienne stays put in her remote office in the Chemistry Department at Boston University.