

## IUPAC Announces Prize Winners

**O**n 30 April 2003, IUPAC announced the winners of the IUPAC Prize for Young Chemists, which is an award for the best Ph.D. thesis in the chemical sciences as described in a 1000-word essay. The winners are as follows:

- Roman Boulatov, Stanford University, CA, USA
- Gonzalo Cosa, University of Ottawa, Canada
- Martin Trent Lemaire, University of Victoria, Canada
- Christoph Schaffrath, University of St. Andrews, Scotland
- Kaihsu Tai, University of California, San Diego, CA, USA

The winners will each receive a cash prize of USD 1000 and a free trip to the IUPAC Congress, 10–15 August 2003, Ottawa, Canada. Each prize winner will also be invited to present a poster at the IUPAC Congress describing his/her award winning work. The awards to the five winners of the 2003 prize and those of 2002 will be made during the Opening Ceremony of the Congress. The essays describing the winners' theses, which can be found on the IUPAC Web site, cover a wide range of subject matter.

There were 34 applicants from 13 countries. The Prize Selection Committee was comprised of members of the IUPAC Bureau with a wide range of expertise in chemistry. The committee was chaired by Dr. Alan Hayes, IUPAC past president.

In view of the quality of many applications, the Committee decided also to give three Honorable Mention Awards:

- S. Nagendran, Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur
- Vincent Semetey, Louis Pasteur University, Strasbourg, France (currently at Harvard University, MA, USA)
- Lei Wang, University of California, Berkeley, CA, USA (currently at University of California in San Diego, CA, 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."

Applications for the 2004 Prize are now being solicited, as described at [www.iupac.org/news/prize.html](http://www.iupac.org/news/prize.html).

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## Welcome to Ottawa!

On behalf of the Organising Committee for the Meeting, I am delighted to welcome you to Ottawa to this special joint Congress of IUPAC and the Canadian Society for Chemistry.

The theme of the conference, Chemistry at the Interfaces, was chosen to showcase the interactions both between the various sub-disciplines of chemistry and the interfaces with other areas of science. I believe we have put together a very strong scientific program and an eminent list of speakers. Each morning will begin with a lecture by one of our five internationally recognized plenary lecturers. The program consists of over 50 symposia in more than 160 sessions, and is both international in scope and broad in range. One focus of the program concerns aspects of chemistry related to societal issues. There will be technical sessions on environmental quality and on green chemistry. Three symposia, open to the public, will explore the public understanding of chemistry, and examine information flow to the public through the media, from research laboratories, and by government agencies.

In addition, I am pleased to welcome 93 young scientists from 45 countries, including nine IUPAC prize winners for Ph.D. dissertations, all of whom have been awarded partial support to enable them to present their results.

A meeting of this scope, with over 2100 abstracts, requires the voluntary assistance of many people. I have been ably supported by an executive committee, representing various constituencies, that has worked extremely hard to liaise with sub-committees, symposium chairs, etc., to organize such an extensive program. It is also my pleasure to recognize the support and cooperation of both IUPAC and the Canadian Society for Chemistry.

I hope all participants will find the meeting rewarding and that there will be opportunities to experience and enjoy some of the many amenities that Ottawa has to offer.



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President of the joint 39th IUPAC Congress and 86th Conference of the Canadian Society for Chemistry

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