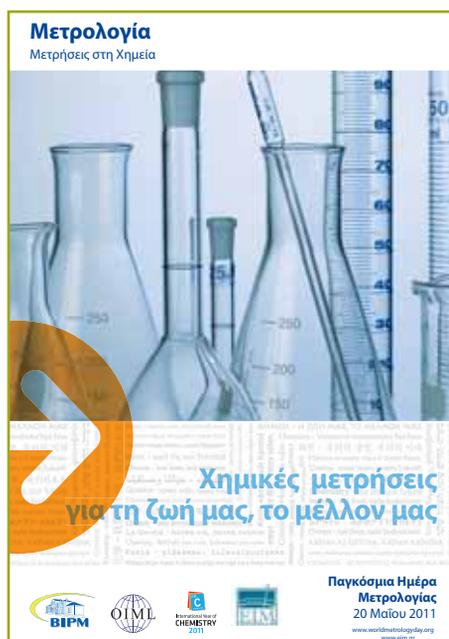


On 20 May, Celebrate World Metrology Day

World Metrology Day celebrates the signature by representatives of seventeen nations of the Metre Convention on 20 May 1875. The convention set the framework for global collaboration in the science of measurement and in its industrial, commercial, and societal application. The original aim of the Metre Convention—the worldwide uniformity of measurement—remains as important today, in 2011, as it was in 1875.

Both the International Organization of Legal Metrology and the International Bureau of Weights and Measures are deeply involved in the improvement of chemical measurements. For this reason, the two international metrology organizations have decided to join IYC2011 and have chemical measurements as the theme for this year's World Metrology Day.



Special posters have been designed, and events will take place all over the world. Judging from the success of previous years, it is expected that the 2011 World Metrology Day will again attract thousands of visitors to the website and a vast number of international celebrations across the planet. Visit the website and learn why metrology, the science of measurement, goes hand in hand with chemistry in 2011.

 www.worldmetrologyday.org

Election of IUPAC Officers and Bureau Members—Call for Nominations

At its assembly in San Juan, Puerto Rico, 3–4 August 2011, the IUPAC Council will be asked to elect a vice president, a secretary general, and members of the Bureau to fill the vacancies created by retiring members. IUPAC National Adhering Organizations are invited to submit nominations no later than **3 June 2011**.

On 1 January 2012 Kazuyuki Tatsumi (Japan), vice president and president-elect of IUPAC, will become president. Nicole Moreau (France), current president, will become past president and remain an officer and a member of the Bureau for a period of two years, while Jung-Il Jin (Korea), current past president, will retire. Secretary General David StC. Black (Australia) will also retire after completing a second and final four-year term. Treasurer John Corish (Ireland), who was elected for a four-year term 2007–2011, will become eligible for a second four-year term commencing in 2012.

In addition, this year there are four vacancies for Elected Members of the Bureau. Members are elected to a four-year term and are eligible for reelection 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 IUPAC Statutes.

Elected Members whose terms expire at the end of 2011:

- Anders Kallner (Sweden) (2004–2007, 2008–2011)
- Werner Klein (Germany) (2004–2007, 2008–2011)
- Ram Lamba (Puerto Rico) (2008–2011), eligible for nomination
- Natalia Tarasova (Russia) (2008–2011), eligible for nomination

Elected Members whose terms continue to the end of 2013:

- Colin Humphris (UK) (2010–2013)
- Stanislaw Penczek (Poland) (2006–2009, 2010–2013)
- Elsa Reichmanis (USA) (2006–2009, 2010–2013)
- Maria Van Dam-Mieras (Netherlands) (2006–2009, 2010–2013)
- Itamar Willner (Israel) (2010–2013)
- Qi-Feng Zhou (China) (2010–2013)

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In addition to the 5 officers and the 10 Elected Members, the Bureau also includes the eight Division Presidents (each elected by each individual Division), and three ex officio members representing the Operational Standing Committees (i.e., the Committee on Chemistry Education, on Chemistry and Industry, and CHEMRAWN, the CHEMical Research Applied to World Needs Committee).

IUPAC National Adhering Organizations are invited to submit nominations to the Secretary General at <secretariat@iupac.org> **no later than 3 June 2011**.

To maintain a vibrant organization it is important that all vacant positions be 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.

Medicinal Chemistry and Drug Development Meeting

The report and minutes from the IUPAC Subcommittee on Medicinal Chemistry and Drug Development meeting held in Brussels from 3–4 September 2010 are available on the subcommittee webpage (address below).



Robin Ganellin (left) presents the Division Emeritus Fellowship to Professor Camille-Georges Wermuth in recognition of his many outstanding contributions to the Medicinal Chemistry Section.

The meeting was held during the European Federation for Medicinal Chemistry meeting, during which Professor Gosh delivered his 2010 Richter Prize lecture. In celebration of the International Year of Chemistry, the subcommittee has invited former

winners of the prize to share their experiences in a video interview. The first installment, featuring Ghosh, is accessible at <www.chemistry2011.org/participate/activities/show?id=840>.

 www.iupac.org/web/ins/703

Third *Polymer International*–IUPAC Award 2012—Call for Nominations

The Executive Editorial Board of *Polymer International* and the IUPAC Polymer Division are pleased to announce the third award for creativity in applied polymer science or polymer technology. This award celebrates the achievements of young researchers in the polymer community.

The 2012 Award will be presented at the IUPAC World Polymer Congress—MACRO 2012, 24–29 June 2012, Blacksburg, VA, USA. The winner will be awarded USD 5000 plus travel and hotel accommodation expenses to attend MACRO 2012, where he/she will present a keynote lecture.

The winner will be selected by the Scientific Committee representing *Polymer International* and the IUPAC Polymer Division after 30 November 2011.

Nominations should be sent by e-mail to *Polymer International* at polyint@wiley.com before 31 October 2011. Nominees must be less than 40 years old on 31 December 2012 and must be available to present a keynote lecture at MACRO 2012.

Include the following information with your nomination:

1. Your name and address
2. Full name and date of birth of nominee
3. Business address of nominee
4. Nominee's academic background and education
5. Nominee's employment history (position, organization, duties, dates)
6. Nominee's publications, patents, unpublished reports, papers presented at meetings
7. Nominee's honors and awards
8. Scientific achievements for which the candidate is nominated for this award

Self-nominations will not be accepted.

 www.interscience.wiley.com/polymerinternational and click on "News."