

# ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CHEMICAL INSTITUTE INCORPORATED

## ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY DIVISION

Annual General Meeting, 23 July 2002, 6:30 pm EST

University of Technology, Sydney

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (visit the RACI Inc webpage <http://www.raci.org.au> and follow the links to the Analytical Chemistry Division page, or a direct link is [http://www.chem.mq.edu.au/raci\\_acdivision/Divisional\\_minutes.html](http://www.chem.mq.edu.au/raci_acdivision/Divisional_minutes.html), to download "Minutes of Annual General Meeting 1999")
3. Matters arising from Previous Meeting
4. Report from the Treasurer
5. Report from the Chair
6. General Business
  - 6.1 Office Bearers 2002 — 2004
    - Chair
    - Past-Chair
    - Chair-Elect
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer
    - State Representatives:
      - Australian Capital Territory —
      - Northern Territory —
      - New South Wales —
      - Queensland —
      - South Australia —
      - Victoria —
      - Western Australia —
    - Research & Development Topics Meeting Adviser
  - 6.2 Proposed 17<sup>th</sup> Analytical Chemistry Conference in Brisbane, 2004
7. Other Business
8. Retiring Chair's Address

## Analytical Chemistry Division

Annual report year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2002

The Analytical Chemistry Division has continued to function as the national coordinator for analytical chemistry in Australia. The Committee with Chair, Brynn Hibbert, Secretary, Danny Wong, and Treasurer Peter Carpenter has overseen the fortunes of the Division, holding two telephone meetings this financial year.

The Division has supported its traditional events such as the Research and Development Topics Meeting, and has provided leadership in the Assembly of the RACI, Brynn Hibbert being elected one of the co-Chairs of the Branches and Divisions meeting. Brynn also serves on the Policy Committee, the Nominations Committee and the Investments Committee.

### Research and Development Topics Meeting

This annual event, organised by and for young researchers in analytical and environmental chemistry, was held at RMIT University, Melbourne from December 3<sup>rd</sup> — 6<sup>th</sup> 2001. There was a good attendance and the usual high standard of presentations and posters. Social events included a visit to the Carlton Brewery.

The 10<sup>th</sup> R&D conference is scheduled to be held at Deakin University (Warrnambool campus), Victoria, from 7 to 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2002.

### Analytical Chemistry Division Medal

The 2001 medal was awarded to Professor Philip Marriott of RMIT University. The citation is appended to this report.

### 16AC — INTERACT 2002 Conference <http://www.pco.com.au/interact2002>>

INTERACT 2002 is organised by the Analytical Chemistry Division (RACI), the Environmental Division (RACI), the Australasian Society for Ecotoxicology, and the International Chemometrics Society, with major input from the Metrology Society of Australia and the NSW Pharmaceutical Group. Co-chairs are Brynn Hibbert (Analytical Chemistry), Simon Apte (Environmental) and Michael Warne (Ecotoxicology). Those present at the AGM will be able to judge the success of such a diverse meeting, but it appears to have (a) broken even financially, (b) attracted the largest number of participants of recent AC's and provided a focus for cooperation between divisions of RACI and external organisations. Danny Wong must be congratulated for overseeing the Analytical Chemistry Stream.

It must be said that both Danny and Brynn have been exceptionally busy on the organising committee of INTERACT 2002, possibly to the detriment of wider matters on the Australian Analytical scene. It is certainly recommended that AC committees should, where ever possible, be divorced from the running of the Division.

### National Convention — Sydney 2005

The Division, through its representative Danny Wong, will take part in the National Convention in 2005. The format has yet to be decided, but a specialist meeting, perhaps with another division may be devised.

### Assembly matters

The organisational structure of the RACI (now RACI Inc.) has undergone great change. Our President, John White has driven this change with gusto, tact and perpetual charm. The RACI is now more open in its organisation and decision making, and has focussed on important big-picture issues. The Analytical Chemistry Division has supported this change and has been one of the leaders in the restructuring of the society. Reports on the Assembly meetings may be found in the minutes of Division Committee meetings.

Brynn Hibbert,

Chair, Analytical Chemistry Division

1/07/2004

**Citation Professor Philip John Marriott**

**for the 2001 Analytical Chemistry Division Medal**

Philip began his analytical chemistry research in 1977 during his BSc Honours year at La Trobe University, evaluating molecular emission spectroscopy, for the detection of certain phosphorus compounds then moved into gas chromatography for his PhD programme at the same institute. After completing a successful postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Bristol between 1980 and 1982, he took an academic position at the National University of Singapore from 1982 until 1987 whereupon he returned to Australia as a lecturer in the Department of Applied Chemistry at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT). His significant contribution to the field of chromatography was duly recognised earlier this year when he was appointed to a personal chair as ***Professor of Analytical Chemistry at RMIT***. For more than two decades, his research has focussed on both the fundamentals and innovative applications of separation science. He invented and pioneered the utilisation of longitudinal cryogenic modulation for comprehensive multi-dimensional gas chromatography. Philip has published more than seventy refereed papers, three book chapters, an international patent and presented around one hundred and fifteen conference presentations and invited lectures worldwide. He is the editor of the ***Journal of Separation Sciences*** and also serves on a further three editorial boards including the ***Journal of Chromatography***. Additionally, Philip has been heavily involved with the organisation of national and international scientific meetings including, Asian Chemical Congresses (Singapore 1985 and 1987), Asia Pacific Capillary Electrophoresis Symposium (Singapore 1996, Dalian 1998; Hong Kong 2000), Advances in Chromatography and Electrophoresis Symposium (Bayreuth 1999 and 2001), Australian International Symposium on Analytical Science (Melbourne 1999) and Asianalysis IV (Tokyo 2001). Since 1990, Philip has enthusiastically served the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI) in a variety of roles including; Victorian Analytical Chemistry Group (1990 to date), Institute Treasurer (1992 to 1997) and National Analytical Chemistry Division Standing Committee (1998 to date) of which he is currently Chair Elect. He has received citations from the RACI ***In Recognition of Contributions to the Institute and the Chemical Profession*** and the Federation of Asian Chemical Societies (of which he is a life member) for ***Contributions to the Development of Chemistry in Asia***. More recently he was honoured by the Chromatographic Society of London being awarded the ***Silver Jubilee Medal for 2000***. In summary, Philip Marriott is an outstanding analytical chemist who enjoys an international reputation and has also devoted considerable time to the advancement of his profession both here and abroad as such we believe that he is worthy and deserving of Australian recognition through the award of the Analytical Chemistry Division Medal for 2001.