

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CHEMICAL INSTITUTE INCORPORATED

ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY DIVISION

Telephone Meeting, 6 November 2002, 3:00 pm EST

1. Apologies; Welcome of the new South Australian representative, Dr Gunter Klass.
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting on April 24, 2002 (previously distributed and can be downloaded from the RACI Inc. Analytical Chemistry Division webpage; a more direct route is: http://www.chem.mq.edu.au/raci_acdivision/Divisional_minutes.html).
3. Matters arising from Previous Meeting:
 - In acknowledging the 1st Alan Walsh bursary, A/Professor D.Davey was to provide the addressee's details and Professor B.Hibbert was to prepare a letter to be sent to University of South Australia.
4. Report on Finances – Dr Peter Carpenter [A spreadsheet will be distributed prior to the meeting.]
5. Report from the Chair – Professor Philip Marriott
6. Division Medallist 2002 – Dr Danny Wong
7. Final Report from Interact 2002 – Professor Brynn Hibbert
8. Report on 11th National Convention – Dr Danny Wong
9. Progress report on preparation for The 10th Research & Development Topics Meeting – Associate Professor Neil Barnett
10. Progress report on preparation for the 17th Analytical Chemistry Conference – Mr Stewart Carswell
11. Support for Pacificchem 2005 – please see Attachment I.
12. Visiting Lecturer (Professor Jed Harrison) – Professor Philip Marriott
13. RACI Special Project – please see Attachment II
14. Invitation to participate in the Southern and Eastern Africa Network of Analytical Chemists (SEANAC) – please see Attachment III
15. Other business

8 September 2002

(This letter is adapted from that of Professor Mike Blades, UBC, Canada)

Dear Analytical Chemistry Colleague,

Re: International Chemical Congress of Pacific Basin Societies - Pacificchem 2005

The International Chemical Congress of Pacific Basin Societies, is a chemical conference established to disseminate recent research results in the chemical sciences among chemists of the Pacific Rim countries, thereby fostering industrial development, improve local and global environments, and the material well-being of their peoples. It is held every five years, and the next conference will be held in Hawaii Thursday, Dec 15 to Tuesday, Dec 20, 2005.

To facilitate organisation of the conference I have been asked to coordinate the analytical chemistry symposia for the RACI. At this time I am writing to you asking you to consider submitting a symposium proposal. Symposium Proposals will be accepted starting September 1st, 2002 and the deadline for submission of the first round of proposals is February 15th, 2003. Early submission of proposals is encouraged due to space limitations. The subject matter should be representative of important developments in analytical chemistry and related fields. Proposals of symposia to be considered may be submitted by members of any of the sponsoring or participating societies (Australia, Canada, Korea, New Zealand, USA, and Japan). Co-organisers of a symposium should be from these participating societies, so if you intend to arrange a symposium, contact your colleagues in these countries and put forward a joint proposal.

The following information is required for each symposium.

1. Identification of all organisers, their contact information, and the countries they represent.
2. Specification of the title of the symposium, and a brief (max 250 word) summary of the aims and objectives of the symposium.
3. Indication of the number of half-day sessions required for invited and contributed papers. Organisers are encouraged to incorporate contributed oral papers.
4. Provision of a selection of potential invited speakers (names and addresses) who could be called upon to participate. The invitation of speakers from a spectrum of countries, both inside and outside the Pacific Rim, is encouraged. Final approval of the symposium will be given by the Congress Subcommittee on Scientific Programming. (Note that there is specific funding provided by the conference organisers for invited speakers).

Further information on symposia proposals and a procedure for on-line submission can be obtained at the conference web site (<http://www.pacificchem.org>). If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely;

Philip Marriott
Professor of Separation Science, RMIT University

Attachment II

>>> Scott Kable <kable_s@chem.usyd.edu.au> 27/09/02 11:12:49 >>>

Dear Branch Presidents and Division Chairs,

Earlier this week I wrote to each of you requesting an expression of interest for an RACI/ARC project to improve the teaching in chemistry laboratories throughout Australia. Mark Buntine, Ian Jamie and I are submitting the Special Project application this afternoon and we were just after an idea of whether we might expect widespread support. To those who replied - thank you. The response was very positive. However, the number of responses we have had so far has been limited (4/8 Branches and 3/13 Divisions). We are not after a commitment, just an indication from you (not your whole committee), as to whether you think the idea has merit. If so, we feel more comfortable in spending the large amount of time this application will take. I repeat that we seek no commitment, not even a response representing your Branch/Division – just a response from you personally.

We need this by this afternoon if possible.

Thanks very much

Cheers

-Scott Kable

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Attachment III

Date: Mon, 07 Oct 2002 09:58:56 +0200
From: Nelson Torto <torton@mopipi.ub.bw>
Reply-To: torton@mopipi.ub.bw
Organization: University of Botswana
Subject: Participation by Australian Analytical Chemists

Dear Prof. Philip Merriott and Dr Danny Wong,

The recently formed southern and eastern africa network of analytical chemists (SEANAC) will be hosting its inaugural conference in July 2003, in Botswana. Due to the historic nature of this event, the organising committee of the Inaugural conference would like to have participants from nations all over the globe, particularly those that have really established a tradition of Analytical Chemistry. Interaction of such Analytical chemists with those in Africa will not only result in some possible linkages, but will also expose the less privileged scientists to the recent trends in Analytical Chemistry.

With this e-mail, I would like to inquire about any opportunities that exist that could enable support of 2-3 Australian key analytical chemists to participate in the SEANAC symposium. As a show of our appreciation, the RACI, Analytical Chemistry division will be acknowledged and also a full page in the book of abstracts will be reserved for any information that the Division might want published.

The announcement for the symposium can be found on this page:
<http://www.ub.bw/departments/science/seanac.pdf>

Sincerely

Nelson Torto, Ph.D.
SEANAC Secretary General