

**THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CHEMICAL INSTITUTE INCORPORATED
ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY DIVISION**

**MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING, 30 SEPTEMBER 2007**

Meeting commenced at 11 am, Daylight Saving Time, 30 September 2007.

Online	Apologies
Professor Neil Barnett (Chair) Dr Danny Wong (Secretary) Assoc Prof Simon Lewis (Treasurer) Assoc Prof David Davey (Past Chair) Professor Bill Maher (ACT) Dr Clarrie Ng (NSW) Mr Alistair Day (WA)	Assoc Prof David Parry (NT) Dr Amy Richards (VIC) Dr Godwin Ayoko (QLD) Dr Claire Lenehan (SA) Prof Paul Haddad (TAS)

1. WELCOMES

The Committee welcomed Mr Alistair Day as the new representative of Western Australia to the Meeting.

With agreement from the Committee, Item 4 on Fiance Report was brought forward for discussion.

2. FINANCE REPORT

S.Lewis reported that, apart from some transactions associated with *In Vino Scientia* 2007, there was no other expenditure in the last few months and the balance remained essentially the same as that tabulated in the Division meeting on April 17, 2007. The final report of *In Vino Scientia* 2007 would provide detailed information on the transactions.

S.Lewis then reminded that, in the past few years, Analytical Chemistry Division contributed a sum of \$6,000 and Environmental Division \$4,000 to the annual Research and Development Topics Meeting. Environmental Division was no longer in the position to make any financial contribution. If our Division adhered to a \$6,000 contribution, there would be a severe reduction in the travel bursary for students attending the Meeting. On the other hand, the Division would be in a financially undesirable position in a few years' time if we sustained a high level of contribution.

After a lengthy discussion, the Division agreed to contribute \$8,000 to the Meeting at Flinders University in South Australia in 2007. However, the Division would revisit the matter and finalise the appropriate level of financial support for the Meeting in early 2008.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were accepted by the Committee without any amendment.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- N.Barnett outlined his ideas on organising future Division conferences. Owing to a severe financial loss in Interact 2006, the Division would not support any future analytical chemistry conferences held in an expensive venue. He proposed that the Division adopt a conference format that has a strong analytical chemistry theme (for example, the pre-2002 Analytical Chemistry conference format), with or without other participating societies. Strong sponsorships from industry organisations (particularly members of Science Industry Australia) would have to be sought to achieve these goals. N.Barnett suggested a subcommittee be set up to meet with a group of industry representatives and discuss about the possibility of committed sponsorships from them towards the conference over a number of years. The three cities, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney would take turn to host the conference.

The Committee supported N.Barnett's ideas and agreed to the setting up of a subcommittee for the tasks.

- B.Maher confirmed with Dr Graeme Batley that there would be an analytical chemistry stream in the 5th SETAC World Congress.
- As agreed, D.Wong reported that he arranged a "Call for Nominations" advertisement for both the Lloyd Smythe Medal and Robert Cattrall Medal in the June 2007 issue of "Chemistry in Australia". At this point, N.Barnett announced that Professor Justin Gooding from The University of New South Wales was the Lloyd Smythe Medallist 2007, and Dr Paul Francis from Deakin University the inaugural Robert Cattrall Medallist 2007. Both medallists would be invited to deliver a seminar at the upcoming Research and Development Topics Meeting. N.Barnett would look into seeking support for Emeritus Professor Robert Cattrall to attend the Meeting at Flinders University, during which the medals would be presented to the medallists.

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

N.Barnett had nothing further to add.

6. THE 15th RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TOPICS MEETING

N.Barnett reported that the organisation of the Meeting was proceeding smoothly. As in past years, the student committee had shown a high level of professionalism. Such a meeting was contributing an enormous service to the Division. N.Barnett encouraged Division members to attend the Meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- In an electronic mail to D.Wong, Professor Geoffrey Scollary reported that there was a small profit from *In Vino* Scientia 2007 and that Professor Scollary would provide a report for the conference.
- The Division was delighted to learn that Professor Paul Haddad was awarded the RACI H.G.Smith Medal 2007.

- B.Maher alerted the Committee that Environmental Division would soon likely to amalgamate with our Division. A request from Environmental Division was to keep the award of their Division Medal. The Committee did not perceive this as a problem.