

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF HETEROCYCLIC CHEMISTRY

A Message from the President

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TO: Members of the International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry

The Executive and Advisory Committees of the Society met on April 8 in St. Louis, Missouri to decide the plenary lecturer program (from over 175 nominations) and symposia topics for the 10th International Congress of Heterocyclic Chemistry to be held August 11-16, 1985 at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. You will hear more on these deliberations from Victor Snieckus, the Congress President, as he receives acceptances from the lecturers and finalizes the symposia topics. Hopefully, by mid-summer he will be in a position to circulate a brochure on the Congress with all the details regarding the scientific program, the non-technical program, housing, etc. Victor is a marvelous organizer who has surrounded himself with willing and energetic co-workers. This, together with outstanding cooperation from his University, can only produce a very rewarding Congress for all in attendance. I look forward to seeing you next summer in Waterloo for a delightful week of chemistry and social interaction.

Another item of discussion in St. Louis was the need to offer benefits to Society members in addition to a discount in Congress registration fees and the receipt of a copy of the Congress abstract book for those not attending. It was felt that further benefits were necessary to, particularly, attract new members into the Society. (Incidentally, there are currently 449 members in the Society.) One possibility considered was to provide each member of the Society with a copy of Lectures in Heterocyclic Chemistry as soon as possible after each Congress. These would be available to the Society for distribution at cost from HeteroCorporation. It was concluded that this idea was not currently feasible without raising the dues since the monetary demands for 10th Congress were not clearly established. I would appreciate your comments on the Lectures possibility as well as other items that you believe should be considered as Society membership benefits. I am not sure the Society is ready to produce an Annual Reports in Heterocyclic Chemistry but it may be worth pondering for the future.

I was also pleased to announce at the St. Louis meeting that Dr. Joseph G. Lombardino of Pfizer has replaced Ed Elslager of Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis as the industrial fund raiser for the 10th Congress. It was also with gratitude that we recognized Ed's commitment to the Congresses and the Society for the last 17 years. I will have more on that later but we all owe Ed a great deal for his help and leadership over the years.

You may be interested in knowing that Raymond Castle is

writing the history of the Society and its Congresses. Hopefully, this will be available to distribute at the Waterloo Congress.

In closing, I hope to keep in contact with Society members by a letter such as this one and hope to hear from you with any suggestions you may have on how we can improve the Society.

With best wishes,



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