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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF HETEROCYCLIC CHEMISTRY

Dear member of the International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry,

It is a custom that at the end of the year the president of the ISHC directs himself to the members to inform them about some developments of the Society. I also wish to play my part in this good custom and to update you on the following:

- The organization of the XIth International Congress on Heterocyclic Chemistry at Heidelberg is in full swing. Prof. Neidlein, being the host of the Conference, together with Dr. Wendenburg of the German Chemical Society are working close together and are very active to make the Heidelberg meeting a success. Taking into account the preregistration number I think the Congress is already catching up and seems to grow to a really successful event. It is good to remind you that **January 9, 1987** is the deadline for submitting papers, so please be prompt in sending in the Abstracts of papers if you intend to present a paper or poster.
- The Awardee of the International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry to be presented at the Heidelberg Congress is Prof. Dr. R. Huisgen (München). On behalf of the Society I have congratulated him on this Award and he wrote me a letter expressing his gratitude for this honor shown by the ISHC.
- I also wish to inform you that the distribution of Heterocycles in Europe has been taken over by Elsevier. Members of the Society who live in Europe and wish to have their 20% discount of Heterocycles must order it directly from The Japan Institute of Heterocyclic Chemistry, 1-1-7-503, Motoakasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 107, Japan.
- A Nominating Committee, presided by Stew Schneller, the past-president, has now been set up and is looking for new officers for the Executive and Advisory Committee. In case you are asked to be one of the officers, please do not hesitate to react positively. It is highly appreciated when you are willing to spend a little bit of your time on serving the Society and in this way contribute to promotion of heterocyclic chemistry. The ballot forms will be mailed to you by the Secretary in March or April 1987.
- The Society has made some progress in the publication of an "Annual Report in Heterocyclic Chemistry". We have reached the point, at which the publisher asks only US \$ 15.00 for this Annual Report, provided that the ISHC is willing to buy 750 copies. So, an increase of the current membership from about 550 to 750 (or more) is necessary to make this service available to our members. Of course, an increase of the membership dues with \$ 15.00 a year is necessary, but this service can be of great value to all who work in the field of Heterocyclic Chemistry.

Before closing this letter I wish to thank everyone who participated in and contributed to the activities of the Society in 1986. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy 1987 with good health and success in work.

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