

# International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry

## 1998 Newsletter

### Message from the President

As the President of the ISHC, I write to inform you of the developments that occurred during this past year, and look ahead to 1999. Next year is a "Congress year", and the 17th International Congress on Heterocyclic Chemistry (IHC) will be held in Vienna (see below). The ISHC continues to evolve, but it is the enthusiasm and commitment of members that make for a successful society. Please encourage your colleagues to join us!

### The ISHC on the World Wide Web

(<http://euch6f.chem.emory.edu/hetsoc.html>)

The ISHC's World Wide Web home page has been integrated with the way the society does business. Newsletters, meeting registration forms, and other information will always be available in this way - please use this service. E-mail is a good way to contact your President as well as the 1999 Congress Chairperson. Please send us your E-mail address along with any of your ideas and suggestions on any aspect of the operation of the ISHC by logging into the www home page. Once again the ISHC is grateful to Al Padwa for maintaining our Web page.

### ECHET98

Our main scientific event of 1998 was the Second Electronic Conference on Heterocyclic Chemistry (ECHET98). Again this was masterminded on our behalf by Henry Rzepa at Imperial College, London, ably assisted by Oliver Kappe who acted as scientific editor. The ISHC is extremely grateful to Henry and his colleagues at Imperial College, and to Oliver for their efforts. The "conference" ran from 29 June through 24 July. Keynote presentations were given by a distinguished group of heterocyclic chemists from the USA, Japan, Europe, and Australia: Alan Katritzky, Shuji Kanemasa, Tom Livinghouse, Al Padwa, Yasuyuki Kita, Will Pearson, Ron Warrener, Peter Kuendig, and Johannes Froehlich. The conference was organized into the following topics:

Synthesis and Methodology

Biologically Active Heterocycles/Target Oriented Synthesis

Computational Heterocyclic Chemistry

Mechanistic Studies/Physical Properties

And a total of about 75 contributions were presented. A prize was awarded for the contribution which in the opinion of the organizers was the best combination of good science making full use of web-based features. We congratulate the winners from the Université J. Fourier in Grenoble for their contribution:

*Enantioselective binding of an acridine substituted Troeger's base to calf thymus DNA* by A. Tatibouet, M. Demeunynck, J. Lhomme, M.-L. Dheu-Andries, D. Charapoff, and P. Votton,

We thank the sponsors of the event; in addition to support from the ISHC itself, we are very grateful for financial support from the following organizations:

Cherwell Scientific (Oxford, UK)

Daylight Information Systems (San Diego)

HyperWave

MDL and ChemWeb.com (UK)

Molecular Simulations Inc. (Cambridge, UK)



Merck Sharp & Dohme (Harlow, UK)  
Novartis (Switzerland)  
Pfizer (Sandwich, UK)  
The Royal Society of Chemistry (Cambridge, UK)  
Zeneca (UK)

Finally if you didn't catch up with the conference during June/July, why not check it out now? The complete conference is still mounted at the following website: <http://www.ch.ic.ac.uk/ectoc/echet98/>

## Elections

The current **Executive Committee of the ISHC** comprises:

**President:** Chris Moody  
**Vice-President:** Fritz Sauter  
**President Elect:** Yoshinori Yamamoto  
**Secretary:** Hans Neunhoeffer  
**Treasurer:** Stan Lang  
**Publicity Chair:** Richard Glass  
**Past President:** David St. C. Black

Shortly nominations will be sought for the following posts: President-Elect, Treasurer, Publicity Chair. Please give this matter some consideration.

## The 17th ICHC in Vienna, Austria - August 1 - 6, 1999

Enjoy incomparable opportunities to interact with colleagues at the biannual International Congress of Heterocyclic Chemistry to be held in Vienna, Austria in August of 1999. The initial details are available - send your request in now to ensure receipt of the subsequent circular. If you don't have a form, please write to the Symposium Chairperson - Fritz Sauter, Institute of Organic Chemistry, Vienna University of Technology, Getreidemarkt 9, A-1060, Vienna, Austria; Fax +43-1-5866931 or +43-1-58801-5002; E-mail: [fsauter@pop.tuwien.ac.at](mailto:fsauter@pop.tuwien.ac.at). Alternatively, you can register your interest using the internet: <http://www.ioc.tuwien.ac.at/ichc/>

The 1999 meeting is set to continue the tradition of its predecessors for a combination of excellent heterocyclic chemistry and hospitality. The following distinguished scientists have agreed to give plenary lectures:

Al Padwa (USA)  
Margaret Brimble (Australia)  
Laurence Harwood (UK)  
Alan Katritzky (USA)  
Andreas Pfaltz (Switzerland)  
Dan Comins (USA)  
Vic Snieckus (Canada)  
Boris Trofimov (Russia)  
Johann Mulzer (Austria)  
Yoshi Yamamoto (Japan)

## Awards

Owing to the late call for nominations, it is not yet possible to announce the winners of the ISHC Senior Award in Heterocyclic Chemistry and the ISHC Junior Katritzky Award for Heterocyclic Chemistry. However, rest assured, the Nominating and Selection Committees are in place and have started their deliberations. The award winners will be announced as soon as possible, and, of course, both awardees will present plenary lectures in Vienna.



## Progress in Heterocyclic Chemistry

Members of the Society receive gratis individual copies of PHC on an annual basis. This important series is now well established, and Volume 10 has been published in November 1998. The Society is most grateful to the editors, Gordon Gribble and Tom Gilchrist, and their team of authors. We urge you to make certain that your chemistry library is subscribing to *Progress in Heterocyclic Chemistry* so that others in your setting can benefit from this yearly review of the heterocyclic literature.

## Membership

Stan Lang, the Society's treasurer, reports that 965 persons have paid 1998 dues. Although this represents a large number of members, a Society of our stature certainly should have even more members. I thank our publicity chairperson and regional representatives for all of their hard work this past year. These officials will continue to recruit new members worldwide in the year to come. Please take a few minutes to convince your colleagues that membership (an application form is attached to this message) in the ISHC has important advantages, several of which are outlined below. You should note the recent decision by your Executive Committee to hold the 1999 dues at the same level.

## Other Benefits Associated with the Membership

1. Participation in the Congress at significantly reduced registration fee rates.
2. Obtain Congress abstracts of papers at no cost even if not in attendance.
3. Receive lectures in Heterocyclic Chemistry (complete plenary lectures of the biannual ICHCs).
4. Subscribe to *Heterocycles* at 20% discount.
5. Receive 25% discount from Elsevier on many different books.
6. Receive yearly State of the Society messages directly from the president of the ISHC.
7. Most importantly, a desire to sustain the Society for the future. Without your support we can not continue to exist. Membership dues have not been raised for many years even though the cost associated with running the Society has increased substantially over the past several years. Please help us by subscribing.

## Membership Dues

Should you have an address problem, the right opportunity to rectify this is in connection with paying the 1999 dues to our treasurer, Stan Lang, who is also in charge of the membership roster. Let me also repeat some payment details. The annual dues are US \$35.00 (active member) and US \$15.00 (certified predoctoral student member). Multiple year subscriptions are encouraged. Please forward your dues by credit card, check, or money order in US dollars made payable to The International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry, and forward to: Dr. Stan Lang, Treasurer, ISHC, Wyeth-Ayerst Research, Medical Research Division, Lederle Labs, 401 N. Middletown Road, Pearl River, New York 10965, USA. Telephone: 1-914-732-3446 (or 3447); Fax: 1-914-732-5670; E-mail: [langs@war.wyeth.com](mailto:langs@war.wyeth.com). You can also contact Dr. Lang by fax for direct wire transfer or credit card use or for additional information. Alternatively, send the equivalent (preferably in DMarks or the new Euro) to Dr. Hans Neunhoeffer, Secretary ISHC, Institute of Organic Chemistry, Darmstadt University of Technology, Petersenstrasse 22, D-64287 Darmstadt, Germany [fax number 49-6151-163278], or transfer directly to Dr. Neunhoeffer, ISHC, Volksbank Mühlthal, Account No. 20-22-044, BLZ 508 643 22. In addition, Japanese members may pay their dues in yen to Prof. Dr. Ichiya Ninomiya, Kobe Women's College of Pharmacy, 4-19-1, Motoyamakita-Machi, Higashinada-ku, Kobe 658, Japan, or by direct bank transfer to Professor Ichiya Ninomiya, Sanwa Bank Higashi-Kobe, Account No. 3,565,822.

I wish you all a happy holiday season, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in Vienna next August.

**Chris Moody**

President ISHC

Exeter, UK, November 1998.