International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry



November 2009 Newsletter

Dear Colleagues:

It is time for biannual elections of officers for the ISHC. Please fill out the attached ballot and return it to me no later than December 15 (see the ballot for directions).

It is also time to renew your subscription and a dues invoice for 2010 is appended for your convenience. Please note that dues for 2010 will be \$55/year. One of the goals of the society for the next year is to recruit as many heterocyclic chemists as possible. In this spirit, please encourage a colleague to join the Society. We are especially interested in increasing the number of industrial chemists in the society to reflect the important heterocyclic chemistry that takes place in the private sector.

A major benefit of your ISHC membership is receiving *Progress in Heterocyclic Chemistry*, ably edited by Profs. John Joule and Gordon Gribble. The 2009 edition has just been mailed. Keep an eye out for some upcoming changes that will make this excellent resource even more valuable.

I welcome your comments and suggestions. Please provide me with any updated contact information (especially your email address).

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Please be sure that my name is prominently noted on the communication.

Message from the President

Last summer, many of us gathered in St. John's, Newfoundland, for the 22nd International Congress on Heterocyclic Chemistry (ICHC-22). We enjoyed beautiful weather and scenery in the one of the most welcoming and congenial cities in North America truly a treat under any circumstances. However, the real highlight was a week of spectacular science and camaraderie. It is impossible in this small space to cite all of the highlights of the week, but I would be remiss to not mention the festivities held in honor of Prof. Victor Snieckus and the address of the 2009 Katritzky Junior Awardee, Prof. John Wood of Colorado State University. On behalf of the entire ISHC, I'd like to thank Prof. Mohsen Daneshtelab and all of the St. John's organizing committee, hosts, speakers, and conferees for their part in making the 2009 conference an undeniable scientific success (go to www.ichc2009.ca for details and a ton of photos). The baton has now been passed to the Prof. Colin Suckling, who is already hard at work on the conference to be held in Glasgow, Scotland between July 30 – August 5, 2011: mark your calendars and bookmark the site for breaking information (www.ichc2011.com/).

As 2009 comes to an end, I am more convinced than ever in the potential of ISHC members to make a difference in the world. I know each of you join me in congratulating Prof. Richard Taylor as he takes the reins as the new president to the ISHC.

Thanks to all for the opportunity to serve the ISHC as its president, and best wishes to all for a happy and productive 2010.

Jeffrey Aubé, ISHC President

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