



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF HETEROCYCLIC CHEMISTRY

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT 1990

It is my privilege and pleasure to greet you and wish you a fruitful 1991 in heterocyclic chemistry! The roots of heterocyclic chemistry continue to be in evidence in a multitude of current activities, e.g. in synthetic work related to HIV substances; like vintage wines, heterocycles offer surprises in modern settings, e.g. molecular recognition; the chameleon character of heterocyclic compounds is ever evident, e.g. asymmetric synthesis, and will undoubtedly be a major driving force in this field in this decade.

In the continuation of my presidency, I wish to reaffirm my dedication towards achieving and hopefully enhancing the goals of our Society which, stated in different terms, is to fulfill the collective interest of you, the membership of the ISHC. It is also collectively, together with equally dedicated efforts of Executive/Advisory Committee Members, PHC Editors, and Fund Raisers whose names are given below, that we are able to advance the aims of our Society.

In these tasks, we are guided by you, the individual Member. Your decision to become a Member reflects your strong support of the Society in its role as an international body to promote the multi-impact field of heterocyclic chemistry among all nationalities, in teaching, industry, and government environments. In today's world, this role has taken on an added significance. The strength of our Society is the direct consequence of your input. Therefore, on behalf of the Executive/Advisory Committees, I welcome your input on any aspects of the current or future activities of the ISHC. I assure you that your thoughts and proposals will always receive careful attention.

1. Membership, Membership Dues, and a New Subtreasury

Ludwig Bauer, who continues to provide outstanding service as Treasurer, reports that our Society is at a healthy 500 Membership and looks forward to increasing this figure as we approach the 13 ICHC (see item 2) and the PHC series, already receiving acclaim (see item 3), becomes further established. Professor Ninomiya, a long-standing and relentless contributor to the aims of our Society, has most graciously volunteered to become our new subtreasury in order to facilitate the membership fee transactions for Japanese heterocyclists.

New Members! Yes, we always need them. Please take a few minutes to impress upon your colleagues (whom you see daily or only at meetings and other conferences) that membership in the ISHC has important advantages. This requires no sales-pitch on your part; rather, ask yourself two questions: a) would you miss the ICHC events which biannually allow you to obtain an overview of the impact of heterocyclic chemistry on the science as well as provide you the opportunity to highlight your own contribution and b) could you do without the already acclaimed PHC series (see item 3), received **gratis** by all Members, which prevents the literature from burying you and gives you Accounts-like gems in timely areas? Many altruistic chemists work hard in providing the ICHCs, the PHCs, and other services to you; surely \$ US 25/yr is well spent to support such dedicated efforts.

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2. **The 13th ICHC, Corvallis, Oregon, August 11-16, 1991**

Chairman Jim White and his twelve-person organizing committee at Oregon State University have put together what will undoubtedly be a most stimulating scientific, cultural, and social event. Many of you have already indicated that you intend to participate (Jim White has received an unprecedented 650 responses to the 1st Announcement). As I type, the 2nd Announcement and Call for Papers is being mailed to you wherein you may examine in detail the outstanding Plenary Lecture and Special Symposia program which has been organized. Registration prior to May 15, 1991 is encouraged in order to take advantage of considerable reduction both as a result of being early and being an ISHC Member! The deadline for submission of abstracts is April 1, 1991.

It is not too early to begin plans to attend the 13th ICHC, to submit your most recent work either as an oral or poster presentation, and to encourage your colleagues to do likewise! The 13th ICHC promises to be the meeting of 1991! I look forward to renewing acquaintances and meeting new faces in Corvallis in August.

3. **Progress in Heterocyclic Chemistry (PHC)**

Launched at the 12th ICHC in Jerusalem in 1989, the PHC series is rapidly establishing itself as an indispensable bench and office reference work in heterocyclic chemistry. The Society is most grateful to the Editors, Hans Suschitzky and Eric Scriven, the expert contributors of reviews and accounts, and the distinguished Editorial Board who have nurtured and guided the PHC venture which has been so enthusiastically received by the chemical community. Volumes 1 and 2 are undoubtedly on a shelf close to your desk or lab bench; Volume 3 of PHC is currently in preparation and will evidently be ready for the 13th ICHC. Your input regarding new topics and authors will be gratefully received by the Editors! Volumes 1 and 2 are still available at \$ US 25 to current and new members. Please write to Ludwig Bauer.

4. **Special Meeting of the Executive/Advisory Committee, Twente University, Enschede, The Netherlands, July 6, 1990**

Members of the Executive/Advisory Committees (Bergman, Neunhoeffer, Snieckus, and van der Plas) held a most productive one-day meeting which had an agenda of no less than twelve items ranging from Proposed Constitutional and Bylaw Revisions to a Status Report on the 14th ICHC. According to our Constitution, a number of these issues must be brought before the Membership at large for a vote at the General Meeting of the Society in Corvallis.

5. **Cooperation with Other Heterocyclic Societies**

Through the devoted efforts of Hamish McNab, Secretary, information on the ISHC and PHC reached about 1000 members of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) Heterocyclic Group. Through Dr. McNab and Dr. O. Meth-Cohn, Chairman, we now have a standing arrangement to incorporate information on our forthcoming ICHCs, PHCs, and related matters of the Society in the mailings of all RSC members and at meetings (e.g. the famous Lakehead Symposia) of this very active group of heterocyclic chemists.

Coincidentally, with the help of the always attentive Hans Suschitzky, we have been informed about the newly formed Heterocyclic Group of the Austrian Chemical Society whose founder, Prof. Dr. Friz Sauter celebrated his 60th birthday at the Inaugural Heterocyclic Symposium in Vienna on May 23, 1990. Here another link among heterocyclic chemists was established and will, with the obvious good will and enthusiasm of both sides, bring cooperation and continue long into the future for the benefit of our discipline.

May I wish all of you successful heterochemical activities and happiness and peace in your daily lives. I look forward to greeting all of you in Corvallis next August!



Victor Snieckus
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