



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As President of the ISHC for the 1992-93 term, it is my privilege to greet you and to wish you continued success in Heterocyclic Chemistry. Next it is my duty to thank my immediate predecessor Victor Snieckus, who has spent much time and energy towards the evolution of the ISHC. My now finished period as his apprentice will, I am sure, prove to be most useful.

Our treasurer for twelve progressive years, Ludwig Bauer, has resigned at the turn of 1991. His service has been invaluable. I am convinced that the new treasurer, Stan Lang, will follow his traditions. It is also fortunate that I can rely upon an excellent group of Officers, PHC Editors and Fund Raisers. Their names are listed below.

Let me begin my first message by inviting you to input your ideas and suggestions on any aspects of the operation of the ISHC. In particular I would appreciate to receive ideas around the question: How shall we increase our membership?

1. Membership and Membership Dues.

Stan Lang, our new treasurer, reports that ca 500 persons have paid the 92-93 (or beyond) dues. Obviously we should and shall have more members. The best way to solicit new members is through personal contacts. Therefore, 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, which will be detailed in a brochure, that we will publish shortly. The executive committee has discussed the membership questions on several occasions and one move for advancement will be the election of a publicity chair-person.

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

This scientifically stimulating congress organized by Professor Jim White and his colleagues attracted ca 900 participants, who had the opportunity to listen to 11 excellent plenary lectures. No less than 12 symposia (such as carbohydrates as heterocycles and metallacycles) were organized. In addition 168 general oral and 160 poster presentations stimulated the participants. Again, many thanks Jim, not the least for the positive economic balance.

3. The 14th ICHC, August 1-6, 1993, Antwerp, Belgium.

You shall expect to receive the first circular in the near future from Professor Frank Alderweireldt, chairman of the 14th ICHC. At this point Frank and I myself thank you for the great number of suggestions concerning speakers, symposia etc.

4. The 15th ICHC in 1995.

This congress shall be organized in Asia, Africa or Australia and potential organizers are invited to submit applications. The proposals shall give an outline of the site and organization as well as a description of the facilities. A proposed budget is also requested. The proposals shall be submitted to the President and with copies to the President-Elect, who will be in charge of the evaluation process.

5. Call for Nominations for the ISHC Heterocyclic Chemistry Award.

We solicit your nominations for the Society's Heterocyclic Chemistry award. As you know, this is a well-known and prestigious award, won 1991 by Professor, Dr, Wolfgang Pfeleiderer (Konstanz), which recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of Heterocyclic Chemistry.

I urge you to take the time to reflect on this matter and send your nominations to our Secretary, Professor, Dr, Hans Neunhoeffer (address indicated on letterhead). **Deadline: July 31 1992.**

6. Progress in Heterocyclic Chemistry (PHC).

This important series is now well-established and volume 4 is in production. The Society is most grateful to the Editors, Hans Suschitzky and Eric Scriven, and their team of authors.

I am convinced that you have experienced how useful PHC is, not the least when you quickly will cover a new field. I was therefore extremely concerned to discover, a few months ago, that PHC is not available in any University library in the Nordic countries! This situation has since then been rectified. Hence I urge you to check that your main library is subscribing to PHC.

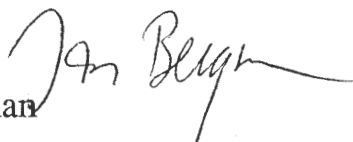
From the financial point of view PHC has given some concern. However during this year I will re-negotiate the contract with the publishers and hopefully this and other inputs to the PHC will create a somewhat brighter situation.

7. Interim Meeting of the Executive/Advisory Committee, in Noordwijkerhout, the Netherlands, July 12, 1992.

A meeting of the Executive/Advisory Committee will be held in connection with the 15th European Colloquium on Heterocyclic Chemistry.

As a member of the Society, you are invited to submit to me in writing any items, which you wish to be considered by the Executive Committee of your Society.

Jan Bergman



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