

1996

**International Society for Heterocyclic Chemistry
State of the Society Report**

1. Action Item--1999 ICHC

The report from Chris Moody is now being orchestrated and it will be in my hands within the next few weeks. *This is an important issue that will require your attention. Specifically, the site recommended by Chris needs to be evaluated and approved or rejected by the Committee. I will get a copy to you as soon as it arrives from Chris.*

2. Action Item--1996 ICHC

ICHC-96 is shaping up to be an exceptional event. Tom Livinghouse is doing an outstanding job in the organization of the symposium. Thus far, commitments from all Plenary Lecturers and 36 of the approximately 45 Invited Lecturers have been received. The list of these speakers is attached for your inspection. I think you will agree that they present an exceptional group of scientists. I am confident that the scientific content along with the location of the Congress will attract a large audience.

The second flyer concerning the Bozeman conference is now being orchestrated. This is anticipated to be in the mail in early to mid-October. By that time all of the invited speakers as well as the award winners should be available.

3. Action Item--ECHET96

Al Padwa's enthusiastic encouragement and the guidance of Henry Rzepa (Imperial) and Jim Snyder (Emory) resulted in the Electronic Conference on Heterocyclic Chemistry (ECHET96) sponsored by The Royal Society of Chemistry and the International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry. The conference was held June 24 to July 22 and highlighted 110 contributors, including 15 keynote contributions. There were over 200 registered conferees and many have expressed their delight in participating in this unusual conference. The symposium was advertised in Chem. Comm. and J. Org. Chem. and attempts are now being made to get C & E News to orchestrate a post-symposium interview with both Henry Rzepa and Jim Snyder.

Al and I both agree the ISHC should sponsor this conference again in another two years. If we do, we will have to find a symposium organizer. I am seeking your input on both of these points, i.e., should we continue to organize the off-year electron symposium and, if so, who do you think would be willing and able to do the job. Also, your advice on ways to improve the symposium are encouraged. For example, I feel that the quality of the symposium could be improved if we were to invite rather than solicit the contributors.

*** 4. Action Item--Election of Officers and Members of the Advisory Committee**

This year we need to elect the President-Elect, Secretary, Publicity Chairperson and five new members of the Advisory Committee. The protocol for this is for me to establish a Nominating Committee and for all of us to suggest names of candidates. It would not be appropriate for us to place an individual's name in nomination unless they agree to serve if elected. I will orchestrate contact with potential candidates as soon as I have a list. The Nomination Committee will need to provide a slate of

candidates to Hans Neunhoeffer by February 15, 1997. *I need your input on the following two items: 1) Please provide me with names of individuals who you think would be willing and able to serve on the Nominating Committee; 2) Please provide me with the names of individuals who you think are potential candidates for the above noted offices.*

* 5. **Action Item--Fund Raising**

I have no significant new information on fund raising successes. I do, however, need your help in one aspect of this chore. I will soon be writing to industrial leaders asking for their financial assistance in underwriting some of the expenses of the Bozeman meeting next summer. I would very much appreciate it if you could suggest names of individuals to whom I should write. I think the Bozeman meeting will be attended by a large number of industrial colleagues and support from their organizations would be most helpful. *Please give this some thought and advise me appropriately.*

6. **ISHC Awards**

The ISHC now sponsors two international awards to be given at the biannual meeting. In addition to the International Award in Heterocyclic Chemistry, a new award, the Alan Katritzky Award, has been established and will be presented for the first time at the Bozeman meeting. I have invited Professor Katritzky to attend the meeting and to present the award.

Nominations for both of these awards closed on August 1, 1996. The Nominations Committee as well as the Selection Committee have been established and Hans Neunhoeffer will be forwarding the nominations forthwith. The final selections should be in hand by around the middle of October. The nominees are exceptional individuals.

7. **Web Site**

Al Padwa has taken an important role in establishing the web site for ISHC. This has been very successful. For example, 300-400 logins each week for the past 12 months (ca 15,000/year) have been arranged. This is an excellent way to get our message across to the membership as well as to potential new members. Files can easily be downloaded (membership application, information regarding Bozeman meeting, ECHET96, etc.). Certainly the Society should continue to maintain the web site. Al has generously volunteered to continue to "manage" the site until a suitable replacement can be found.

Many internet links to the ISHC home page were created which allows individuals to discover who we are and what is available from the ISHC. In this regard, ISHC has promoted co-sponsorship of a home page with the Royal Society group from the UK. Continuation of this effort is encouraged since it works well for both organizations.

8. **Society Membership**

Stan Lang notes that the membership of the Society is holding steady. The current membership is 764 compared to a total of 769 in 1995. However, it is a good comparative total when one takes into account the fact that this is not a Congress year

and that there were a number of new Taiwanese members in 1995 who did not renew. To date, 121 members in 1995 have not renewed. By comparison, the membership in 1994 was 739 with 113 members not renewing. The membership in 1993 was 684 and in 1992 about 610. If you are interested I am sure Stan could provide you with the membership list for 1996 in an MSWord file and FileMakerPro file. He also has a the list of 1995 members who have not renewed, so if you know any of them you can give them a hard time. Let either Stan or I know if you can use either of these lists.

9. **Progress in Heterocyclic Chemistry**

I am told that Progress in Heterocyclic Chemistry , Vol. 8 has just been published and copies should now be in the mail.

Confirmed Invited Lecturers

1. J.-E. Bäckvall
2. Wes Bentrude
3. Dale Boger
- 4.. Margaret Brimble
5. Erick Carreira
6. A. Dondoni
7. Ben Feringa
8. Tim Gallagher
9. Bernd Giese
10. Paul Grieco
11. Yong Hae Kim
12. Lou Hegedus
13. Reinhard Hoffman
14. V. Jäger
15. Mike Jung
16. Kyongtae Kim
17. R. Larock
18. Rai-Shung Liu
19. Eun Lenn
20. Dennis Liotta
21. Tim McDonald
22. E. Peter Kundig
23. Paul Reider
24. T. V. RajanBabu
25. Scott Rychnovsky
26. R. R. Schmidt
27. Jon Sessler
28. C.-K. Sha
29. Takayuki Shioiri
30. Mukund Sibi
31. Amos Smith
32. E. C. Taylor
33. Masahiro Toyota
34. Pierre Vogel
35. Harry Wasserman
36. Peter Wipf