

# International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry

## 2004 Newsletter

### Message from the President

As the current President of the ISHC, I am writing to inform you of the developments of the past year, and to look ahead to 2005. The ISHC continues to evolve, but it is your enthusiasm and commitment that make for a successful Society. Please encourage your colleagues and your present and former collaborators to join us!

### The ISHC on the World Wide Web

Newsletters, ISHC Congress links, and other information concerning the ISHC are available on the Society's webpage (<http://www.ishc-web.org>). Please bookmark and use this service. E-mail is a good way to contact your President, Marco A. Ciufolini ([ciufi@chem.ubc.ca](mailto:ciufi@chem.ubc.ca)), as well as the 2005 Congress Chair, Prof. Girolamo Cirrincione ([gcirrinc@unipa.it](mailto:gcirrinc@unipa.it)). Please send us your e-mail address along with any ideas and suggestions on any aspect of the operation of the ISHC by logging into the www home page. The ISHC is grateful to Oliver Kappe for maintaining our Web page.

### The 20th ISHC Congress in Palermo, Italy



July 31 - August 5, 2005

The 20th ISHC Congress will take place in Palermo (Sicily), Italy on July 31-August 5, 2005. Professor Girolamo (Gilmo) Cirrincione, ISHC Vice-President and Congress Chair, has lined up a superb slate of plenary and invited speakers. This will surely attract a large audience. The Congress' website may be found at:

*<http://www.20ichc.palermo.it>*

You may register, submit abstracts, and make hotel reservations from this site. If for any reason you wish to contact Gilmo, his address is as follows:

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Prof. Cirrincione has selected the Hotel San Paolo Palace as the main Congress venue. I visited this splendid hotel last May and I was impressed with the excellent facilities, the courteous staff, and the thoroughness of the organization. Besides, Sicily is a magnificent land, rich with history, culture, and natural beauty. Sightseeing destinations abound in and near Palermo, making this beautiful, historic city a premier tourist site. All this, I am certain, will contribute to make our Congress a very successful one indeed. I encourage all of you to attend and present your work, and look forward to seeing all of you in Palermo. Lastly, and on behalf of the entire Society, I wish express my gratitude to Professor Cirrincione for his superb organization of this important event.

**Meeting of the Executive  
Committee of the ISHC:  
Vancouver, BC, Canada,  
August 2, 2004**

The Executive Committee held its biannual meeting on August 2, 2004, in the city of Vancouver, Canada. Marco Ciufolini, President; Steven Weinreb, Past President; Girolamo Cirrincione, Vice President; Stanley Lang, Treasurer; Martin Banwell; Johannes Froelich; and Peter Wipf attended the meeting. The following members of the Executive and Advisory Committees were excused: Margaret Brimble (President-Elect), Timothy Gallagher, Andrew Hamilton, Dieter Hoppe, Hans Neunhoeffler (Secretary).

An important item on the agenda was the selection of site of our 2007 Congress. The Committee had received an interesting proposal from Prof. David Black, of the University of New South Wales, in Sydney, Australia, to hold the 2007 Congress in Sydney. A number of officials from the Australian Government, the Government of New South Wales, the University of New South Wales, and the Royal Australian Chemical Institute strongly endorsed Prof. Black's bid, which was unanimously accepted after brief discussion.

On behalf of the ISHC, I warmly thank Prof. Black for agreeing to organize this important event and I congratulate him on his successful bid.

**The 21st ISHC Congress in Sydney, Australia  
July 15 - 17, 2007**

The 21st ISHC Congress will take place in Sydney, Australia, on July 15-17, 2007. The Congress Chair will be Professor David Black, who therefore will succeed Prof. Girolamo Cirrincione as Vice-President of the ISHC beginning in September 2005.

Please feel free to send Prof. Black your suggestions for speakers.

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## **ISHC Membership**

Stan Lang, the Society's treasurer, reported that the membership stands at 670 in 2004. Although this still represents a substantial number of members, there has been a decline in numbers in recent years. In 2004 alone, for instance, about 170 members did not renew their membership. Considering the enormous volume of research in heterocyclic chemistry being done worldwide, we believe the Society should have even more members, and it is important that we try to increase our membership. Therefore the Society must continue to actively recruit new members worldwide in the years to come, and you can help by trying to convince your colleagues, coworkers, and former collaborators that membership in the ISHC has important advantages, several of which are outlined below. Membership would be particularly advantageous for those colleagues planning to attend the Palermo Congress in 2005. Also, note that a graduate student membership is relatively inexpensive. Please encourage your students to join since this is a good way to recruit the next generation of heterocyclic chemists into the Society.

*Some Benefits Associated with Membership in the ISHC*

1. Participation in the Congress at significantly reduced registration 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 ICHC Congresses).
4. Subscribe to Heterocycles at 20% discount.
5. Receive 25% discount from Elsevier on many different books.
6. Free annual copy of Progress in Heterocyclic Chemistry (see below)

## Progress in Heterocyclic Chemistry

Membership in the Society entitles members to a free annual copy of Progress in Heterocyclic Chemistry ("PHC"). This important series is now well established, and publication of the latest volume (Vol. 16) is imminent. The Society is most grateful to the editors and the authors. We urge you to be certain that your chemistry library is subscribing to Progress in Heterocyclic Chemistry so that others in your institution can benefit from this excellent yearly review of the heterocyclic chemistry literature.

For your information, the Editorial Advisory Board for PHC for Volume 16 is shown below. I would welcome suggestions for future members of the Board, or for specific research topics that might be considered for inclusion in future volumes.

- M. Brimble, University of Auckland, New Zealand  
M. A. Ciufolini, University of British Columbia,  
Canada  
T. Fukuyama, University of Tokyo, Japan  
A. Fürstner, Max-Planck-Institut – Mülheim,  
Germany  
R. Grigg, University of Leeds, UK  
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Netherlands  
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Technology, USA  
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L. Tietze, University of Göttingen, Germany  
S. M. Weinreb, Pennsylvania State University, USA  
P. Wipf, University of Pittsburgh, USA

### Society Finances

The financial condition of the Society is reasonably solid, thanks also to the increase in membership dues imposed in 2003 (the first such increase in seven years). No further increase will be necessary in the coming year. The 2005 membership dues will thus remain the same level as in 2004: US \$45.00 for regular members and US \$20.00 for student members. We will try to hold dues at this level for as long as possible.

### Membership Dues

Please notify us of any address changes or

corrections when you submit your 2005 dues to our treasurer, Stan Lang, who also maintains the membership roster. Please also provide him with your E-mail address if you have not already done so. Membership information and methods of payment can be found on the ISHC web site:

<http://www.ishc-web.org>.

Once again, the annual dues are US \$45.00 (active member) and US \$20.00 (certified predoctoral student member). Multiple year membership 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 Stan Lang. Please note that Stan has recently changed addresses so please utilize the address listed below. You can also contact Dr. Lang by email for direct wire transfer or credit card use or for additional information.

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Alternatively, send the equivalent *in Euros only* 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.

For long-standing members of 10 years of continuous membership, there is the opportunity to become a Life Member of the Society: the dues for life membership are 10-times the current annual dues. An individual must apply for this status and the application must be approved by the Executive Committee. This honor is generally reserved for individuals who have made key or long standing contributions to the Society.

Hundreds of heterocyclic chemists are doing active research in Russia, but due to currency exchange/transfer problems it is not easy for them to join the Society. The Society has therefore decided that Russian members may pay their dues in Rubles, equivalent to US \$22.50 (active member) or US \$ 10.00 (certified predoctoral student member). This amount should be sent directly to Professor Eugene Babaev, Chemistry Department, Moscow State University, Moscow 119899. Since the dues mentioned above are only half of the usual dues of the Society, members paying this way will not receive the free annual copy of *Progress in Heterocyclic Chemistry*, but will be entitled to the other benefits associated with membership (see above items 1-5). Of course, Russian chemists who pay full membership dues either in Rubles or in US dollars will receive all the benefit options (see items 1-6). Payment details (in Russian) are given on the webpage <http://org.chem.msu.su/~babaev/ishc/> and you can send your requests for details to [babaev@org.chem.msu.su](mailto:babaev@org.chem.msu.su). Those who wish to pay the ordinary dues in US dollars directly to the Treasurer of the Society should send their dues to Stan Lang (see above).

### **Fellows of the Society**

The Constitution of the Society indicates that up to two Fellows can be appointed at each ISHC Congress. Professor Albert Padwa was elected a

Fellow of the Society and received a plaque at the 2003 Fort Collins Congress. Previously appointed Fellows are Raymond Castle, Alan Katritzky, Thomas Kappe, Henk van der Plas and Charles W. Rees.

I would like to remind you that any ISHC member can make nominations for new Fellows of the Society. The nominee must have been a member of the Society for at least 5 years, and must have made outstanding contributions to the Society and/or to the field of heterocyclic chemistry. Nominations can be sent to the President at any time. Please provide both a letter of nomination and a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae.

### **Closing Remarks**

First of all, I would like to thank all of you for your support, and again, I am very much looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our 20th ISHC Congress next Summer. I also take this opportunity to wish you a happy holiday season and a happy and productive 2005.

May the New Year bring you continuing success in all your endeavors.

Marco A. Ciufolini  
President, ISHC  
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  
December, 2004

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### ***The Governance of the International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry, 2004-2005***

Members of the Executive Committee:

<i>President:</i>	Marco Ciufolini
<i>Vice-President:</i>	Girolamo Cirrincione
<i>President Elect:</i>	Margaret Brimble
<i>Secretary:</i>	Hans Neunhoffer
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Stan Lang
<i>Publicity Chair:</i>	C. Oliver Kappe
<i>Past President:</i>	Steven Weinreb

Members of the Advisory Committee:

Martin Banwell, Johannes Froehlich, Timothy Gallagher,  
Andrew Hamilton, Dieter Hoppe, Peter Wipf.