

International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry

2021 Newsletter
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Message from the President

As we near the end of an interesting 2021, I write to you as ISHC president to wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season, with my second annual expression of hope for a return to relative normalcy in the New Year. I thank the executive and advisory committees for keeping things in the society running smoothly. I also take this opportunity to ask that you renew your membership at the appropriate time, and that you suggest to your colleagues working in heterocyclic chemistry, broadly defined, that they, too, become ISHC members.

Heterocyclic Chemistry at Its Best: The ISHC Bulletin

Thanks to the ISHC secretary David Williams and to Stacy Felton, you can enjoy monthly abstracts of the latest published research results from ISHC members. Please contribute by sending abstracts of published, peer reviewed papers (no ASAPs or *in press*) that have appeared in the last four months to drwishc@indiana.edu. If you are a member and are not receiving the bulletin, please drop them a note, too.

Progress in Heterocyclic Chemistry Updates

Volume 33 of Progress in Heterocyclic Chemistry covering the literature from 2020 has just been published and is available to members via the [ISHC website](#). This volume is the last featuring John Joule as Joint Editor (with Gordon Gribble), who has been involved since Volume 17 (2005). Alan Aitken, the ISHC Publicity Chair who has also been a major contributing author to the series since its inception, has taken over for John starting with Volume 34. Of course, we thank Gordon for his continued dedication to PHC.

The 28th ISHC Congress Planned for 2022 in Santa Barbara, CA

As you are all hopefully already aware, the 28th ISHC Congress, originally planned for late summer 2021 in Portland, Oregon, USA, was postponed to 2022 because of the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, various aspects of the venue in Portland necessitated a change of setting, and we will be returning to the beautiful campus of UC Santa Barbara, the site of the 25th Congress in 2015. The dates will be 28 August to 2 September 2022, and more information will be available shortly via the [ISHC website](#).

ISHC Awards Call for Nominations

As the ISHC Awards (E. C. Taylor Senior Award, A. R. Katritzky Junior Award, and ISHC Industrial Award) are tied to award lectures at the (normally) biennial congress, the nomination and selection processes were delayed. Information about the nomination process for the 2022 set of awards has been sent to the membership and is available on our website. Note that nomination packages are due no later than 14 January 2022. The award lectures will then be held at the 28th Congress in Santa Barbara.

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Obituaries

During 2021 we were sad to lose some figures in heterocyclic chemistry, who had been important contributors to the ISHC:

Ronald Grigg, Plenary Lecturer both at the 1993 Congress in Antwerp and the 2001 Congress in Yokohama, died on 10th January at the age of 85.

Manfred Regitz, Plenary Lecturer at the 1993 congress in Antwerp, died in Kaiserslautern on 19th January at the age of 85.

Closing Remarks

This Newsletter ends my second year as ISHC President, a year that has seemed somewhat more hopeful than the one before. In the upcoming year, as we hopefully finally emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, I look forward to planning the next Congress with the help of my Co-Chairs, Profs. Javier Read de Alaniz and Yang Yang (both of UC Santa Barbara) and members of the Executive and Advisory Committees. I really hope to see many of you in sunny Santa Barbara for this meeting. In the meantime, I wish you all a happy holiday season, and hope that you and your loved ones remain healthy.

Chris Vanderwal
President, ISHC