

International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry

2022 Newsletter
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Message from the President

I write to you as ISHC president one last time, as we find ourselves near the end of 2022, a year that hopefully for many of us was the beginning of a return to more normal work and home lives. The resumption of the ISHC Congress, with a successful—if modestly sized—meeting on the beautiful campus of UCSB seems like a positive signal that there will continue to be more and more in-person interactions among chemists in the next years. I thank the executive and advisory committees for their help leading up to the congress, and 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. I wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season and the best both personally and professionally in 2023.

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. Note: the bulletin will be taken over soon by our new ISHC secretary Adrian Dobbs, and at that time you will receive emails from him and will be able to send your abstracts to his office.

Progress in Heterocyclic Chemistry (PHC) Updates

Volume 34 of Progress in Heterocyclic Chemistry covering the literature from 2021 has just been completed and will be available to members shortly via the [ISHC website](#). This volume was edited by Gordon Gribble and Alan Aitken, who has just taken over for John Joule. Gordon, who has been co-editing PHC since 1995, will remain involved through publication of Volume 35; however, he is looking to turn this over to someone new.

Seeking New Co-Editor of PHC

As described above, we are seeking a volunteer to co-edit, with Alan Aitken, the PHC series beginning with Volume 36, which will cover heterocyclic chemistry published in 2023. If you are interested, please reach out either to me (cdv@uci.edu) or to Alan Aitken (raa@st-andrews.ac.uk). Alan can certainly provide an explanation of what is involved, should you be interested in learning more.

A Successful 28th ISHC Congress in Santa Barbara, CA

With the help of my Co-Chairs, Profs. Javier Read de Alaniz and Yang Yang (both of UC Santa Barbara), we held a [very successful congress](#) on the campus of UCSB in late August of this year. Around 200 delegates were treated to outstanding lectures and posters, as well as some exceptional weather and scenery, and local attractions. We thank all of our [sponsors](#) for their support of the event, and all participants for sharing their enthusiasm for innovations in basic heterocyclic chemistry research and applications to important problems in other fields.

Obituaries

During this past year, we were sad to lose two major figures in heterocyclic chemistry:

Jan Bergman, advisory committee member 1988–89 and president of the society 1992–93 died in Stockholm on 13th December 2021 at the age of 80.

Tomáš Hudlický, advisory committee member 2008–11 and plenary lecturer at the 2005 congress in Palermo, died in May 2022 at the age of 72.

Current Committees

Executive:

President: Chris Vanderwal

Past President: Masayuki Inoue

Secretary: David Williams (outgoing), Adrian Dobbs (incoming)

Treasurer: Frederick Luzzio

Publicist: Alan Aitken

Advisory: Adrian Dobbs, Till Opatz, Simon Blakey, Christian Melander, Antonio Burtoloso, Hidetoshi Tokuyama, Jason Smith, Jeffrey Kuethe, Peter Meier

New ISHC Secretary

Adrian Dobbs, a long-time society member and for the past several years an ISHC Advisory Board Member, will be taking over for David Williams in the post of ISHC Secretary. Dave has played an integral role in the Society as Secretary since 2016, with major responsibilities involving keeping the membership rolls up-to-date and publishing the monthly society bulletin, with the assistance of Stacy Felton. We thank Dave for his tremendous dedication to the ISHC, and welcome Adrian to his new role in the society.

New ISHC Senior Fellow

We are pleased to announce that long-time ISHC member and past-president Professor Daniel Comins (ISHC President 2014–2015) has been elected as an ISHC Senior Fellow! Congratulations, Dan! This honor will be bestowed upon Dan at the next Congress in 2024.

New Co-Presidents and the 29th Congress

I am pleased to announce the co-Presidents-Elect of the ISHC, who will succeed me with the turn of the year: Professor Teresa Pinho e Melo (University of Coimbra) and Professor Artur Silva (University of Aveiro). Together, they will host the 29th Congress in 2024, in Aveiro, Portugal. Please keep your eyes open for more information from them as we get nearer to the event, and I hope to see many of you there for more fantastic heterocyclic chemistry!

Closing Remarks

This Newsletter ends my third and final year as ISHC President. I wish you all a happy holiday season, and hope that you and your loved ones remain healthy. I hope to see many of you in Portugal in 2024!

Chris Vanderwal
President, ISHC