

IUPAC Project Progress Report

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Project Title: Conversion of OB chapter 10 to glossary format

Report:

1. Current status of project: Behind schedule, but significant recent progress on how to accomplish goals. The terms needing conversion have been identified. A wiki is being set up to allow conscripted participants to modify the "text" definitions (extracted from the OB prose for each term) to glossary using the wiki editing process with refereeing by the TGM. I am working on the wiki using mediawiki and it will be hosted on FIZ via chemspider.org ("Antony Williams" <tony@chemspider.com>). Details are still being worked out.

2. Progress relative to 'milestones': One year behind schedule.

3. Difficulties encountered (or concerns): See current status. We believe we have a path forward.

4. Projected completion date (documents ready for external review): October 2009

5. Please list all of the intended outputs and the dissemination plan for this project (viz. articles, CD, conference presentations; etc.). These may have been expanded since project approval: No additional outputs expected.

6. If your project is within 6 months of completion, how do you plan to utilise any remaining budget for this project? The TGM will need to meet to finalize the refereeing process after the wiki has completed its work.

7. Work on this project may have identified new problems, issues, challenges, emerging topics, opportunities for related projects, etc. Please indicate these here so that the Division can follow up on them:

There has already been a great deal of discussion on the best methods to update the on-line terminology sources, including the OB and the Gold Book. I'm still in favor of the next generation OB being a subset of the on-line GB, and all updates done in a systematic way to the on-line GB, as being pursued presently both in this project and IUPAC wide for adding or updating terms from published recommendations.