

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ORGANIZED IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF IUPAC

In accordance with one of IUPAC's goals, to be more global in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and as a continuation of the effort by IUPAC to support the development of chemistry in Asia, Latin America, Africa and elsewhere, it is proposed that IUPAC provide financial support for international conferences organized by developing countries.

This concept was endorsed enthusiastically by the Executive Committee and is being submitted to the Bureau and Council for action. In the preparation of a detailed proposal, two issues arose:

- Should eligibility be limited to full Members of IUPAC? Depending on the outcome of discussions in Council of the concept of "Associated NAOs" [Agenda Item 19], it may be desirable to broaden eligibility.
- How are "developing countries" to be defined? The list of developing countries published by UNESCO was prepared for other purposes and does not appear to recognize current economic circumstances that are relevant to support of scientific conferences. It is proposed not to try to list eligible countries by name but rather to consider each application on the basis of scientific quality and relevant economic circumstances, including exchange rates.

### 1) THE AIM

It is very important to have international conferences in developing countries in order to stimulate the scientific activities of developing countries and to encourage young scientists who rarely have the opportunity to attend international conferences in countries far from their own countries. Nevertheless, many developing countries do organize international conferences under difficult financial circumstances, which is admirable.

IUPAC wishes to financially support international conferences organized by developing countries. This support will help the activation of chemistry in developing countries. It is expected that young scientists in developing countries will specially benefit by the opportunity to meet and discuss with scientists from other countries.

### 2) DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

IUPAC has not attempted to define the term "developing countries". During the process of selection of applications for support, the economic situations of applicant countries will be carefully taken into consideration.

### 3) THE AMOUNT OF THE SUPPORT

For one international conference the maximum support will be USD 10 000. The amount to be granted will be decided by evaluation of the application form, the total budget of the conference, scientific program, and other factors. IUPAC will support a maximum of THREE international conferences in one year.

### 4) APPLICATION DEADLINE

Application must be made by the deadline. The deadline should be January 1 of the year preceding the conference.

### 5) SELECTION COMMITTEE

The selection of the application will be made by a Selection Committee, consisting of the Vice President, Secretary General, two Executive Committee Members and two Bureau Members, taking into account a good geographic distribution. The geographic distribution of the applicants will be considered when making selections for support.

### 6) APPLICANTS

National Adhering Organizations can apply for support to IUPAC. The NAO must have been a member of IUPAC for at least 3 years, and cannot step-down to observer status or retire from NAO status for 3 years after

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the conference. The application must be made by filling out both a special APPLICATION FORM and the AIQ for Conference Sponsorship. The Application for support must be signed both by the chairman of the conference and an authorized representative of the NAO.

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APPLICATION FORM FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM IUPAC FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF AN  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN 2003  
(DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: JANUARY 1, 2002)

Date of Application:	
1) Name of the Chairman	
2) Address of the Chairman	
	Tel.:
	Fax:
	E-mail:
3) Country/National Adhering Organization	
4) Category of Membership	National Adhering Organization
	Associate National Adhering Organization
5) Name of the Conference	
6) Dates of the Conference	From: _____ TO: _____ ( _____ Days)
7) Conference Location	
8) Outline and Scope of the Conference	Attach Completed Advance Information Questionnaire (and conference circular if available)
9) Method of Publication of the Results of the Conference	
10) Organizing Committee (Name, Title, Affiliation)	See AIQ
11) Expected Number of Participants and their Countries	
12) Total Amount of Support Requested (USD)	
13) Detailed budget (Items and Amounts to covered from IUPAC Support requested)	
13) Overall Budget of the Conference	
14) List of Plenary Lecturers and Invited Speakers	See AIQ
Signature of Chairman	
Name, Title & Signature of NAO Representative	