

## Item 15      NAOs in Arrears

Three NAOs are seriously in arrears, Argentina, Brazil, and Chile. Argentina has not paid their National subscription for 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004; Chile has made a partial payment for 2002 and has not paid the National Subscriptions for 2003 and 2004. Brazil recently paid the National Subscriptions for 2002 and 2003 and is still in arrears for 2004. Egypt has made a partial payment of the 2003 National Subscription and has not paid for 2004. Pakistan and Portugal have not paid their 2004 National Subscriptions and have been informed that they will not be allowed to vote at Council at Beijing if payment is not received before 1 August 2005. Both Egypt and Portugal expect to be able to pay their arrears with the start of the new fiscal year in July.

The Executive Committee has sanctioned Argentina, Brazil, and Chile by preventing any of the members of Committees from these NAOs receiving IUPAC support to attend meetings or to be considered for election or appointment to any IUPAC Committee until the amounts in arrears have been paid. The Chairman of the Brazilian Chemistry Committee for IUPAC has informed the Treasurer that efforts are being made to obtain the necessary funds from non-governmental sources. There has also been correspondence on this subject with other interested groups and individuals in Brazil. The NAO for Argentina has informed the Secretariat that they expect to be able to pay the National Subscriptions in arrears by 1 July but payment has not been received as of 27 June. The Chilean NAO has informed us that there is an as yet unknown problem with the government agency responsible for payment of the National Subscription. They have not been able to resolve this problem

The EC has recommended to Bureau and Council at Beijing that all those NAOs still in arrears for 2003 and earlier by the end of 2005 be suspended from NAO status until payment in full is received. The Finance Committee supported this recommendation at its meeting in February.

*Motion: Council approves the suspension of NAO status for those NAOs who have not paid their 2003 and earlier National Subscriptions by 31 December 2005 until such time as the 2003 and earlier National Subscriptions are paid.*