

**Draft** Minutes for the  
**111<sup>th</sup> IUPAC BUREAU MEETING**  
Tuesday, 22 August 2023, 14.00-16.00 CEST

**Present:** IUPAC Bureau, Mary Garson, Fabienne Meyers, Jan Reedijk. Not everyone was present throughout.

This meeting mostly served as a rehearsal for the Council Meeting. The discussion is summarised to the extent that new ideas and/or action points arose from it.

**2. Finalisation of the agenda**

Nothing was added to the agenda.

**3. Minutes of Bureau Meetings since the last Council Meeting**

**Motion:** The Bureau accepts the minutes for the [110<sup>th</sup> Bureau Meeting](#).  
The motion was **passed** by show of hands.

**4. Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings since the last Council Meeting**

Provided to the Bureau.

**5. Minutes of the 51<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting and the Special Meeting of the Council**

Provided to the Bureau.

**6. Action items from previous meetings**

Provided to the Bureau with a request to send any updates to the Secretariat.

**7. President's Report**

Javier García Martínez mentioned that one outcome of the Presidents' Forum (held on the morning of 22 August 2023) had been the establishment of a chemical societies' database on the IUPAC website. This should strengthen IUPAC's function as international chemistry organisation.

**8. Secretary General's Report**

Richard Hartshorn issued a challenge to the Council that the Council should accept suggestions for organisational simplification coming from the Science Board, which is mandated to make drastic changes where needed. One of the first tasks of the Executive Board would be to draft a new Strategic Plan for IUPAC, in view of the changing role of the Union in the scientific community. Other points raised in the discussion include:

- Review of conference endorsements, including the duties of the organisers (e.g. logo size on website, profile of plenary speakers)
- The increasing importance of digitalisation and the investments needed for that

### **9. Vice President's Critical Assessment**

Ehud Keinan emphasised the importance of IUPAC's assets (such as the GWB, InChI and others) and how to leverage this to obtain more support from industry and non-NAO countries. Creating a sound value proposition of membership in IUPAC for all membership categories must be a prime objective in the coming biennium.

### **10. Financial Matters**

Wolfram Koch provided a summary of the finance report and budget proposal.

Key points arising from discussion:

- General agreement that ringfencing of project budget is a better model for IUPAC than deferred payment, with the caveat that there should then be more checks and balances on the duration and reporting of projects.
- NAOs should be incentivised to pay their National Subscription earlier in the year.

### **11. Items for Council and Any Other Business**

Zhigang Shuai informed the Bureau that the Science Board candidate from China/Beijing, Jihong Yu, needed to withdraw her candidacy at short notice. The Council will be informed accordingly and the ballots adjusted.