

**Minutes of the Executive Meeting
Organic Division, Canadian Society for Chemistry**

Ottawa, August 11 2003

Present: Prabhat Arya, Francis Beaulieu, André Charette, Jim Charlton (by invitation), Stephan Horne, Vic Snieckus, Steve Withers, Mark Workentin (recorder)

1. The Minutes of the June 2, 2002 Organic Division Executive Meeting were passed after a number of typographical errors were noted.

2. Items arising from the minutes

There was a request by Éric Fillion for a \$2,000 loan to organize the next workshop Young Organic and Bioorganic workshop that will be held before the next CSC meeting in London. André tentatively agreed to provide it if sufficient resources are available. André recommended that the Division provide \$400 support to the conference, as we do for undergraduate conferences and an extra \$1,600 to be reimbursed to the Division. MSW noted that this issue was discussed at last years AGM where Brian Key commented that the \$2,000 support from the Organic Division is quite reasonable and should be provided regularly. No one objected to the support from the division at the AGM in 2002.

3. Report from the Chair (André Charette/Steve Withers):

Steve gave an overview of the finances in 2002 (Report attached). The Division is in good shape.

Some notes: For the 2002 Meeting in Vancouver: 49K was raised in sponsorship. In addition to conference expenses for registrations, travel and the banquet other funds were used to support other conferences (regional undergraduate conferences for example). A surplus of about 8.8 K was transferred to Ottawa for this year's meeting. There was no news on the value of this year's CIC grant, but we requested \$6,000.

André queried whether we keep the balance of this year to reinvest it or whether any surplus be passed on to support the London conference.

4. Report on 2003 CSC Ottawa Meeting (Prabhat Arya)

The CSC/IUPAC meeting has 11 organic symposia and 1 general symposia, each of ca. 1.5 days in length, which provides ca. 38 sessions. There are 80 invited speakers and 500 organic posters, spread over three days. There are over 800 organic participants in

the total attendance expected at 2500. There were about 160 expected for the Banquet (before the blackout).

Total fund raising to the Division amounts to ca. 54K, 30% from central support and the remainder through division based fund raising. A similar surplus to 2002 is expected and will be transferred to the MSW for the London Meeting.

5. Status report on Upcoming Conferences

a) Report on plans for 2004 CSC Conference in London (Mark Workentin).

May 29-June 1, 2004 London Convention Centre, London Ontario

MSW provided a list of symposia and their organizers for the Organic Division program (see attachment). The plan is to have only 2 parallel organic sessions, one each of a synthetic and physical organic theme. In addition, an attempt will be made to run these against only a single BM symposia. The minimization of parallel symposia in general and between Divisions is an attempt to keep participation (and attendance) high in all symposia. A joint Banquet with the Biological and Medicinal Division is also planned.

MSW noted that the dates of the conference are unusual, with the full conference schedule beginning on the Saturday morning and ending on the Tuesday. MSW's understanding was that it was in part due to delays from the National office in securing the conference site for the usual Saturday to Wed. schedule and that another conference booked the site for June 2.

b) Report on plans for 2005 PACIFICHEM (André Charette for Tom Back)

The first round of proposals for symposia is now complete and so far, 18 Organic Chemistry Symposia have been accepted. For details, please visit the Pacificchem 2005 web site at <http://www.pacificchem.org/index.htm> Several other proposals were deferred, most pending fairly straightforward adjustments, e.g., a better distribution of speakers, or a redefinition of content and/or speakers to avoid overlap with another proposal. In a few cases, we have requested that two very similar proposals be merged into one. Organizers of deferred proposals have the opportunity to modify and resubmit them by mid-September. If organizers need help or advice in fine-tuning a deferred proposal, they may contact Tom Back, the Canadian Area Coordinator for Organic Chemistry at tgback@ucalgary.ca A second round of proposals will take place with a tentative deadline of March 1, 2004. So, if anyone has ideas for symposia on subjects not yet covered, there is ample time to organize them. Check the web site for details on what is required. Many thanks to all who have already contributed proposals. We look forward to receiving more from Canadian chemists in round 2.

c) Report on plans for 2005 CSC Meeting - Saskatoon

Marek Majewski will be approached to organize the symposia for the Division. David Palmer may also be approached to co-organize.

NB: Next CSC conferences:

2004 (London): Mark Workentin

2005 (Saskatoon): Marek Majewski or David Palmer (now

Soledae Pedras)

2006 (Halifax): pending

2007 (Winnipeg): pending

2008 (Toronto): pending

6. Report from CSC Board Meeting (André Charette for John McIntosh)

John McIntosh, CSC Representative will be unable to attend the CSC Board Meetings in Ottawa, but would like to emphasize one particular point that was raised at the October Board meeting:

At the request of John Vederas and others, JM was part of a committee directed to look into ways the size of the Board could be reduced. The operation of such a large Board for an organization, which is financially strapped, seems inappropriate. The Board has come up with a proposal which will reduce the Board to a little over half of its current size. This will be accomplished, under the proposal, by having one Director represent all Divisions, and the members will be more directed to their Board tasks than they are now. John Vederas is very hopeful it will receive approval at the Wednesday meeting. There certainly will be some controversy about it because many Divisions, which are not as strong as the Organic one, will feel they are being shut out. Personally, JM thinks it has to be done in order for the organization to survive.

7. CIC/CSC Awards (André Charette)

a) Ichikazaki Awards.

There were only 5 applications this year, and AC recommended only 3 of these, since one application was incomplete and one did not fall under the terms of reference. The number of applicants is dropping which does not make sense since the number of junior faculty members in universities is increasing.

b) Lemieux Award

Robert McClelland is this year's recipient and will receive his award following this meeting.

c) *Student Awards (Prabhat)*

Because of the large number of student presentations and posters, Prabhat has recommended that there be awards for each symposia (or posters related to such), to be administered by the organizer.

d) *General Comments*

There is still an obvious lack of visibility for these awards. This comment arises every year and some effort needs to be made to increase the applications for awards, including Ichikazaki, the Lemieux, the undergraduate Bader Award and other Division CSC awards. We should strive to advertise these better both through the National office on their web site, and through the list server.

8. Proposed slate of the New Executive for 2004
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| Chair | Steve Withers |
| Vice Chair | Prabhat Arya |
| Treasurer/Program Chair | Mark Workentin |
| Secretary | Marek Majewski or David Palmer (Soledade Pedras) |
| Past Chair | André Charette |
| CSC Representative | John McIntosh |
| ACS Representative | Victor Snieckus |
| Member-at-large | Stephen Horne |
| Member-at-large | Francis Beaulieu |

9. Any other business

Vic Snieckus presented prior to the meeting by e-mail to the executive the following items for discussion. (See pasted message below from our ACS Representative Vic Snieckus.) Vic is anxious for the Division the comment on many of these initiatives. If we agree with them, then some measure of support from the Chair needs to be made soon.

a) The IAC interactive committee to promote relations between Eastern Europe, USA and Canada

>>ACS International Activities Committee (IAC) (I have been a member for >>over 8 yrs)

>>This organization seeded the first BOS conference in >> Vilnius. It continues to fund, via the International Initiatives >> Program (Chair: Ernest Eliel "Ernest Eliel" <eliel@email.unc.edu>), >> visitors from Eastern Europe, among which have been the Baltic States, >> to American universities. Would it be possible to receive funding from >> the CSC so as to have some of these chemists also visit Canadian >> universtities? I have suggested this to the IAC, there has been >> support, and it has asked me to pursue this initiative. The bridge >> between Eastern Europe and the ACS-CSC would be further strengthened.

>> CSC is very keen to expand international activities and contacts. However, >>the CSC is planning on a lean year and a small deficit budget because of >>increasing expenses and less anticipated income from the CSC Conference in >>Ottawa (held jointly with IUPAC) due to contract arrangements with NRC >>which is running the show. Hence, I believe that CSC will probably NOT be >>able to support chemists from Eastern Europe to visit Canada in the coming >>18-24 month period. In the event that money is available, what size of >>budget were you proposing for CSC contribution?

Would be useful to consider support by CSC for chemists from Eastern Europe in the future years. The ACS Internat Act Comm (IAC) usually gives U.S. \$3-4.5 K. Tom's idea of spreading this around to each of the Divisions is a very good one. I will place this in front of the CSC DOC for discussion in Ottawa, if this is agreeable?

VS comment: there has not been any further action. Could we discuss this?

>> At the New Orleans IAC Executive meeting on March 22 or 23, 2003, >> I shall also propose that an Eastern European Task Force be set up in >> order to stimulate bringing together chemical societies of those >> countries with the ACS. Would there be an interest by the CSC to become >> involved as well? From the effect of this type of task force on Latin >> American countries (championed by Ernest Eliel), a positive influence in >> bringing chemists from various societies together has occurred.

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>I believe the CSC would be very interested in possible participation.
>Please specify exactly what CSC would need to do and any associated costs.

With your blessing, I will propose this to the ACS IAC at the N. Orleans meeting, end March 03. Costs should be available then also. Tom suggests that this can happen when CSC exec members are in the vicinity of a given country. This would be a great way to initiate it. Hence, I can give you contacts in the three Baltic States, Czechoslovakian Republic, Poland who would welcome you with open arms and take care of all of your local expenses and accommodation, of course. The inverse is difficult, of course but it can be worked on.

VS Comment: Would it be feasible to have matched support from Org Div and CSC Head office?

>>A final point of the IAC: under another program, Global Instruments Partners Program, the IAC has been able to have American chemists participate in purveying analytical instrument services to countries without such instrumentation, e.g. MS, NMR and other more sophisticate spectroscopic services have been given gratis to chemists in countries who completely lack such instrumentation. The result has been collaboration, appearance of both collaborators' names on papers, and further good will. Attached is the pertinent announcement on this program from the Latin American perspective. According to the notice, "North American" participation is encouraged; hence, Canadian chemists are in already if they wishes to be so. Would this be of interest to CSC for encouragement of its members to participate and provide some financial assistance for travel of scientists from underdeveloped countries?

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>I believe that this is a very worthwhile initiative and is something I have been doing on my own for over 15 years with selected colleagues in other countries (e.g. Dr. Paul Reese at the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica). I believe that the CSC could join/promote this effort with one caveat. For reasons mentioned above for the first point, financial limitations would probably not allow the CSC to support visits by the foreign scientists (see also attachment).

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>Again, possible for a future year. I will indicate CSC interest at the ACS IAC, N. Orleans and heed Tom's comment re no funds.
>>VS Comment: Again, my point of view is that a grass roots start, i.e. via Org Div, may stimulate action by the CSC.

b) ACS-CSC Divisions of Organic Chemistry (DOC) Graduate Fellowships

>> After about 15 years of pursuit, it appears that the ability to designate some of the fellowships (see one of the last issues of C & EN for list of the 2003 awardees, all American students) for Canadian graduate students will become a reality. I have had agreement on this from the major Canadian pharmaceutical companies (ie Merck Frosst, AZ, BI, Shire, BMS) and smaller ones (Branford Chem., Dalton Chemicals), some with great encouragement; however, the movement of the bureaucracies are slow. In the interim period, while we wait for the full commitment from pharma, the DOC subcommittee, composed of Peter Wipf as Chair and including Marek Majewski, will be also evaluating Canadian graduate student applicants for awards for 2004. Marek, as Chair of CSC DOC, and I will keep you informed.

VS Comment: This is still in progress. Agreement was achieved from one or two companies, Merck Frosst and AstraZeneca but it is an uphill battle and the corporate wheels have turned slowly. I am happy to continue to pursue this but need help.

c) CSC Short Courses

>> This discussion occurred between Sundar, Dr. (? not Paul) Anderson, and Jim Charlton.

>>My input:

>>Professional Courses

>>For the past decade or more, I have taught short courses in synthetic organic chemistry to pharmaceutical and agrochemical scientists by

>>a) in house course at their sites; b) at major conference, e.g. RSC and

>>specialized meetings, as an adjunct; and c) specially arranged small group

>>training sessions arranged by special organizations, eg Trevor Laird's

>>Scientific Update.

>>I attach course description and table of contents of the three

>>current offerings for your interest. I would be happy, as is done at the

>>ACS meetings, to give such short courses at CSC National meetings.

>>Jim Charlton response:

>>The topic of short courses has been a regular discussion topic at the Board

>>meetings and I am sure that it will come up again during discussions on

>>strategic directions. The board fully supports the idea of giving short

>>courses and is in negotiations with agencies that provide such courses

>>on a contract basis. One of the problems with short courses is that they

>>are often under subscribed and have to be cancelled. This happened in

>>Calgary.

>>We need a much better system of providing information about the courses and

>>giving educational credits (that employers recognize) for having completed

>>the courses. Volunteers are always welcome to give courses and we all agree

>>that

>>there is a need for such courses. We just have to find a way to present them

>>that will end up with lots of people taking them.

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>>It may be that there is NO interest and that the ACS Short Courses, being

>>of high professional calibre attract Canadian chemists from the

>>pharmaceutical industry (at high \$\$). Although I have no knowledge of

>>what failed (reference to Jim's email above) but I am wondering if a

>>judicious choice of topics would change this situation.

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>I am still not very familiar with the short course situation and will ask
>the CSC executive for more input.

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>VS Comment: again possibly we could organize a mixed topics course on

>various kinds of chemistries and get good attendance by Canadian

>pharmaceutical chemists. Matching funds from CSC head office could also

>be requested.

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d) ACS - GDCh Young Chemists Meetings

>>These have been very successful first in Germany and then in New

>> Hampshire. A Gordon Conference atmosphere for the upcoming chemists in

>> various areas. Here was my proposal to Sundar:

>>The International Activities Committee (IAC) of the ACS on which I

>>sit supports and organizes, with the help of the GDCh, an American- German

>>symposium of young organic chemists (Gordon Conference type environment)

>>which has been very successful in two years running. I have proposed at

>>the last IAC meeting (and could spearhead it again at the Orlando meeting

>>on the Saturday before) that young Canadian organic chemists be also

>>included in this group. No action, to my knowledge, has been taken. This

>>meeting is of clear advantage to us. I realize that a similar event

>>occurs sponsored by the CSC but broader arena would be more favorable. It

>>could become an ongoing event whereby Canada could act as host as well.

>>Contact: Secretary to the IAC: John Malin j_malin@acs.org

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>What should be done now, in your opinion, to make this happen and what

>would it cost in terms of cash and time etc?

>My job at the N. Orleans meeting would be to convince IAC that CSC becomes

>part of the triumvirate and of course include Canadian speakers (suggested

>this too late for the last conf in N.H.) I will get costs which were

>covered mainly by industry in Germany and U.S. We could work similarly,
>i.e. give travel fellowships to young CDN chemists... and we should host
>one! If these comments find agreement with you, I will champion them at
>the N. Orleans IACS exec meeting.
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>>It could be an extension or addition to the biannual (?) meeting that the
>>CSC sponsors for young Canadian organic chemists.
>>Questions that arise are: a) can the CSC be involved in a triumvirate
>>type meeting with the ACS and the GDCh? b) could it host such a meeting
>>in Canada?
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>What should be done now, in your opinion, to make this happen and what
>would it cost in terms of cash and time etc?
>see above.
>VS Comment: I proposed this at the New Orleans IAC meeting and received
>agreement that I should pursue it with you. This would be an encouraging
>element for young Canadian chemists.

Appendix 1. Financial Report for 2002.

2002 CSC Conference Income

Balance Carried Forward from 2001:	8,575.99
CSC Divisional Grant:	5,500.00
Interest from Award Investment Funds:	0.00
Interest on account:	10.40
Conference Sponsorship:	33,668.90
Revenue from Banquet Ticket Sales:	1,175.00
Total Income:	48,930.29

2002 CSC Conference Expenditures

Prize Awards Expense:	2,500.00
Reimbursement of Symposia Speakers:	20,116.38
Organic Division Banquet:	13,716.49
<u>Newsletter Translation Expense:</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total conference expenditures:	\$36,582.87

Other Expenditures

Donation to Other Chemical Conferences:	2,452.30
<u>Bank Fees:</u>	<u>53.72</u>
Total other expenditures:	\$2,506.02

Total Expenses **\$39,088.89**

Remaining balance: 9,841.40
(to be transferred to 2003 Organic Division)

Appendix 2.

87th Canadian Chemical Conference and Exhibition
Strong Roots/New Branches
London, Ontario May 29- June 1, 2004

Organic Division Program

OR1 "Accelerating Organic Synthesis with New Chemistries and Equipment" (joint with BM1) – Organizer: Michael Organ (York) – 1 day

OR2 "Mechanistic Studies in Chemical, Biological and Medicinal Chemistry" (joint with BM2)– Organizers: J. Peter Guthrie (UWO) – 3 days (one day for each theme)

OR3 "Emerging Organic Synthesis" – Organizer: Michael Kerr (UWO)- 3 days

Confirmed speakers:

Dr. Brian M Stoltz, California Institute of Technology <http://chemistry.caltech.edu/faculty/stoltz/index.html>
 Dr. Tomislav Rovis, Colorado State University <http://franklin.chem.colostate.edu/rovis/>
 Dr. P. Andrew Evans, Indiana University <http://php.indiana.edu/~evans01/>
 Dr. Scott J. Miller, Boston College <http://chemserv.bc.edu/departments/faculty/miller/miller.html>
 Dr. Dirk Trauner, University of California at Berkeley <http://chemistry.caltech.edu/faculty/stoltz/index.html>
 Kirk L. Stevens, GlaxoSmithKline R&D North Carolina
 Dr. Patrick Harran, Univ. of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas <http://harranlab.swmed.edu/>
 Professor Timothy Jamison, MIT, <http://web.mit.edu/chemistry/www/faculty/jamison.html>
 Professor Keith Fagnou, Ottawa U
 Professor Alison Thompson, Dalhousie
 Professor Tomas Hudlicky, Brock
 Professor Eric Fillion, U of Waterloo
 Professor Peter Wilson, SFU

OR4 *"Self-Assembly and Molecular Recognition"* Organizer: James Wisner (UWO)-1 day

OR5 *"Properties and Applications of Organic Materials"* (Joint with materials and macromolecular divisions) Organizers: Robin Hicks (Victoria) and Michael Wolf (UBC)
2 days

OR6 *Organic Division Poster Session* – Organizer: Mark Workentin (UWO)

Tentative Planner

Day 1 (Saturday)	Day 2 (Sunday)	Day 3 (Monday)	Day 4 (Tuesday)
OR1/BM1	OR3	OR3	OR3
OR2/BM2	OR2/BM2	OR2/BM2	OR4
BM3	BM4	BM4	BM5

OR5 will be scheduled for either Day1,2 or 3,4

Biological/Medicinal Division

BM3 Carbohydrate Chemistry and Glycobiology (1 -1.5 days) Organizer: Frances Isabelle Auzanneau (Guelph)
 BM4 Frontiers of Nucleic Acid Chemistry (2 days) Organizer: R. H. E. Hudson (UWO)
 BM5/PH? Proteomics in Drug Discovery (1-1.5 days) Organizers: G. Lajoie (UWO) and P.Mayer (Ottawa)
 BM6 Biological and Medicinal Division Poster Session R. Hudson and J. Wisner (UWO)

Banquet, with the BM Division:

Tentatively: Monday, May 31, 2004 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Great Hall, The University of Western Ontario