**ACS Joint Board-Council Committee on**

**International Activities (IAC)**

Council Report

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Mr. President and Councilor Colleagues:

The 2014 International Activities Committee, together with the ACS Office of International Activities, continue to work hard to further the obligations (Slide 1) expressed in the ACS Constitution, “the SOCIETY shall cooperate with scientists internationally and shall be concerned with the worldwide application of chemistry to the needs of humanity.”

In Indianapolis, IAC held a Retreat with all members, associates, and staff and identified six high-priority and high-impact activities for 2014 and beyond (Slide 2).

1. Build International Younger Chemists Network

2. Provide continuing support for student exchanges and programs

3. Continue to help with scientific mobility issues

4. Continue to interact and collaborate with sister chemical societies

5. Continue to support developing countries

6. Increase awareness of chemistry in the world

The Committee is currently engaged in a large number of activities as shown in the Council Agenda Book. The Committee received, reviewed and approved five-year reports from our international chapters in Hong Kong, Hungary, and Saudi Arabia.  In addition, at Dallas IAC heard a report on the outcome of joint conference organized by the ACS Agricultural and Food Chemistry Division and ACS International Chapter in Thailand two weeks ago.  This was the first ever joint ACS technical division and international chapter event and was a notable success. Certainly the 300 students and researchers who attended the conference learned a lot about food bioactives and health, food safety, dairy products, and flavor chemistry.

As we know, we have 186 local sections in the ACS, but only 6 international chapters. IAC is pleased to receive two applications to establish International Chapters, respectively in South Korea and Malaysia. Geographically the newly proposed chapters are in the fast growing Asia Pacific region. Both applications have strong local champions and strong support of their national chemical societies. IAC supports these applications and respectfully moves that Council approve the establishment of ACS International Chemical Sciences Chapters in South Korea and Malaysia. (Slides 3,4).

Mr. President, this concludes my report.