**ACS Joint Board-Council Committee on**

**International Activities (IAC)**

Council Report

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Madam President and Councilor Colleagues:

The 2015 International Activities Committee, together with the ACS Office of International Activities, remains strongly committed to advancing the Society’s 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.”

Through our committee’s volunteer efforts for 2015 and beyond (Slide 2), we are working in six key areas.

* Build the IAC International Younger Chemists Network.
* Provide continuing support for student exchanges and programs.
* Continue to help with scientific mobility issues.
* Continue to interact and collaborate with sister chemical societies.
* Continue to support developing countries.
* 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 on pages 84 and 85. At its gathering in Denver, the Committee received, reviewed and approved annual reports from ACS international chapters in Hong Kong, Hungary, Malaysia, Romania, Saudi Arabia and Shanghai.  In addition, the Committee reviewed and approved new chapter applications initiated by ACS members in Brazil, Nigeria, Peru and the United Arab Emirates.  We look forward to reporting to the Council on these applications at its future gatherings. We also received updates on a number of activities including:

1. the ACS International Center, a curated, virtual resource for chemists, chemical engineers and chemistry students interested in international exchange and collaboration;
2. the ACS International Research Experiences for Undergraduate program which places US students in laboratories abroad for 10-week periods each summer;
3. the ACS Festival de Quimica series which reached over 10,000 teachers, students, and the general public last year in Chile, China, Colombia, Peru, and Puerto Rico;
4. and, the Chemical Sciences and Society Summit (CS3) which brings together prominent chemists and chemical engineers from China, Japan, Germany, the UK and the US to jointly explore chemistry’s solutions to global challenges associated with food, energy and water.

IAC is pleased to receive two applications to establish International Chapters, respectively in India and Taiwan. Geographically the newly proposed chapters are in the fast-growing Asia Pacific region. Both applications have strong local champions and support of their national chemical societies.

With the concurrence of CPC, IAC respectfully moves that Council approve the establishment of an ACS International Chemical Sciences Chapters in India. (Slide 3).

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Madam President, this concludes my report.