**ACS Committee on International Activities (IAC)**

**(Joint with Board)**

Councilor Colleagues; Madam President,

At its meeting in Washington, DC on Saturday, August 19, 2017 and through the volunteer time, energy, talents and networks of its members and its partners, the Committee on International Activities (IAC) continued to advance a pathway forward for ACS. We work to refine ways for ACS to be more welcoming of chemists, chemical engineers and chemistry educators with international interests and for connecting our members with the global practice of chemistry.

The Committee welcomed dignitaries from our sister societies and partners from Australia, Germany, South Korea, and the UK, as well as leadership of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), the Federation of Asian Chemical Societies, the European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences, and ACS Chemical Sciences International Chapters, and International Student Chapters.

At our luncheon, the Committee welcomed the ACS President Elect who – referring to the Society’s constitutional principles on international engagement (slide #1) - challenged the Committee to think about what ACS will look like in ten years in terms of its global presence and member service. The guiding questions are presented on the following two slides We have also shared these questions with our member-leader colleagues representing ACS committees. IAC requests and welcomes input from our ACS Councilor colleagues to help inform IAC strategic planning and ‘futuring’ efforts. (slides 3 & 4; Pause). Please visit our website found in the slide footer to share your ideas and learn more about ACS International Activities.

The Committee heard reports on its key programs and activities, including the ACS International Center, our work with the US Department of State for early career scientist training in chemical security and responsible conduct, our Global Innovation Initiative programs, the ACS National Science Foundation (NSF) Chemical Sciences and Society Symposia, and the IAC’s grants programs.

IAC welcomed the S&T Attaché from the German Embassy who addressed the Committee on “Science Diplomacy: Opportunities for Cooperation with Professional / Learned Societies”.

The Committee heard an update on the ACS Asian Pacific International Chapters Conference, November 5-8, 2017 in Jeju, South Korea. We are pleased to announce the participation of the 2017 ACS President and a Nobel Laureate (slide #5). Registration and abstract submission remain open. Please do plan to join us for this meeting organized jointly by ten ACS International Chapters in the region.

At our Sunday IAC Welcome Reception, we hosted over 500 international meeting attendees. We also organized a pre-reception networking event for conference attendees and science attaches representing foreign embassies.

IAC collaborated with the ACS Divisions of Agricultural and Food Chemistry and Professional Relations to contribute technical content to the DC National Meeting. With EUCHEMS, IAC organized a Sunday symposium on “Preparing for Employment in a Global Workforce”.

Finally, IAC received with appreciation annual reports from our 19 ACS International Chapters and awarded three Chemluminary Global Engagement Awards to the Greater Beijing ACS Chapter, the Agricultural and Food Chemistry Division, and the Midland Local Section.

Madam President, this concludes my report.