**Council Oral Report**

**Boston**

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

**(Joint with Board)**

Councilor Colleagues; Mr. President,

At its meeting in Boston on the Committee on International Activities (IAC) continued its work to serve the ACS Board and Council in elaborating and refining ACS global presence efforts.

At its luncheon, the Committee welcomed the Executive Director of the German Chemical Society (GDCh) who provided insights and perspectives on the roles and responsibilities of the globally engaged scientific and learned society.

At its subcommittee and Open meetings, the Committee welcomed dignitaries from our sister societies and partners from Australia, Canada, China, Germany, Mexico, and Taiwan, as well as leadership of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), and the Federation of Asian Chemical Societies whose executive committee is meeting here in Boston.

In attendance were also the volunteer leaders of ACS International Chapters in Australia, two from China, South Korea, and Peru.

For both groups discussions focused on interests and priorities for the 100th Anniversary of IUPAC and celebration of the International Year of the Periodic Table in 2019 and how ACS might improve co-alignment of activities among ACS International Chapters, International Student Chapters, and their respective national chemical societies.

The Committee reviewed an application from Pakistan to establish an ACS Chapter there and recommended it move forward for Council consideration and action in Orlando.

The Committee approved exploration of a new joint IAC Chemluminary Award with the Society Committee on Education (SOCED) recognizing successful collaboration between an ACS International Chapter and an ACS International Student Chapter and created a working group to develop a framework to advance ACS Local Section and International Chapter interactions.

At our Sunday, IAC Welcome Reception, we hosted over 600 international meeting attendees. We also organized a networking event with 150 attendees for ACS members to meet scientists from research groups in developing nations.

In recognition of the remarkable growth in ACS International Student Chapters - currently at 54 - the Committee created a working group to assure their efforts are nurtured and co-aligned with the interests of ACS International Chapters and the respective national chemical societies in their countries.

Finally, IAC seeks approval from our Councilor colleagues for the establishment of an ACS International Chapter in Colombia.  The petition can be found on page 166 of your agenda book.

This application was initiated and signed by ACS members in good standing and residing in the country. The application meets all requirements of Bylaw IX of the Society, and includes statements that the applicants are familiar with and will abide by all governing documents of the Society. The application has been reviewed and approved by the ACS Committee on International Activities,

Mr. President, IAC requests ACS Council action on the motion to establish an ACS International Chapter in Colombia. (Motion slide displayed and proceedings move to Peter for vote).

Mr. President, with recognition and thanks for the remarkable volunteer contributions of my IAC colleagues , this concludes my report.