**Council Oral Report**

**New Orleans**

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

**(Joint with Board)**

Councilor Colleagues; Mr. President,

At its meeting in New Orleans on Saturday, March 17, 2018 the Committee on International Activities (IAC) worked as a community of dedicated, globally connected volunteers *to advance the broader chemistry enterprise and its practitioners for the benefit of Earth and its people.*

IAC began the day with presentations from its members, associates, and consultants sharing their global networks, scientific interests, and their aspirations for elaborating and refining ACS global presence.

At its Open Meeting, the Committee welcomed dignitaries from our sister societies and partners from Canada, Germany, Hungary, Nigeria, the UK, as well as leadership of the US National Committee of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), and the Federation of African Societies of Chemistry.

Notably, the Committee welcomed and heard prepared remarks from the Director General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons who in 2013 received the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of the organization.

At our luncheon, the Committee welcomed the 2019 ACS President Elect who provided an overview of her emerging presidential interests and priorities and asked the Committee to share and discuss their ideas and insights in furthering ACS global presence and stature.

The Committee heard a final report on the ACS Asian Pacific International Chapters Conference, held November 2017 in Jeju, South Korea. It is increasingly evident that there are enhanced capacities of our ACS International Chemical Sciences Chapters to organize and deliver regional meetings with global impact.

The US National Committee of IUPAC also shared their planning interests and priorities for the 100th Anniversary of IUPAC and celebration of the International Year of the Periodic Table in 2019.

At our Sunday, IAC Welcome Reception, we hosted over 600 international meeting attendees. We also organized a networking event for international post-docs.

In recognition of the remarkable growth in ACS International Student Chapters - currently at 50 - the Committee created a working group to assure their efforts are nurtured and co-aligned with the interests of ACS International Chemical Sciences Chapters and the national chemical societies in their respective countries.

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

Finally, IAC seeks approval from our Councilor colleagues for the establishment of ACS International Chemical Sciences Chapters in Jordan and Qatar.  The petitions can be found on page 90 of your agenda book. Please note that a typo in the first paragraph of the second petition has been identified and corrected; the country name has been changed to Qatar.

The applications were initiated and signed by ACS members in good standing and residing in the respective countries. The applications meet all requirements of Bylaw IX of the Society, and include statements that the applicants are familiar with and will abide by all governing documents of the Society. The applications have 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 Chemical Sciences Chapter in Jordan. (Motion slide displayed and proceedings move to Peter for vote).

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

Mr. President, this concludes my report.