**Council Oral Report**

**Orlando**

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

**(Joint with Board)**

Councilor Colleagues; Madam President,

At its meeting in Orlando, 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 ACS President-Elect Luis Echegoyen who gave a presentation on his international priorities for his tenure in ACS leadership.

At its subcommittee and Open meetings, the Committee welcomed dignitaries from our sister societies and partners from Brazil, Israel, and the European Chemical Society (EuChemS), as well as representatives from the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

In attendance were also the volunteer leaders of ACS International Chapters in Australia, Hungary, and Qatar.

For both groups discussions focused on how ACS might improve co-alignment of activities among ACS International Chapters and other ACS entities.

At the IAC Open Meeting, the Committee reviewed an application from the Republic of Georgia to establish an ACS Chapter and recommended it move forward for Council consideration and action in San Diego. The IAC also welcomed presentations from several ACS member groups on their international programs and events, including DivCHED, LSAC, YCC, SOCED, and MAC. IAC welcomes any additional connections with ACS groups that have activities around the world.

At the Sunday IAC International Welcome Reception, we hosted several hundred national meeting attendees. This gathering also served as a celebratory event for the International Year of the Periodic Table of Elements (IYPT2019), and included posters featuring selected elements constructed by members of the ACS International Chapter in Hungary and which have been already translated into more than 10 different languages.

Finally, IAC seeks approval from our Councilor colleagues for the establishment of an ACS International Chapter in Pakistan.  The petition can be found on page 149 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.

Madam President, IAC requests ACS Council action on this application. CPC concurs and I so move. (Motion slide displayed and proceedings move to Bonnie for vote).

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