

## IUPAC CENTENARY ENDOWMENT STATUS UPDATE

Council approved the proposal to establish the Fund and its terms of reference as agreed with the Finance Committee.

As a reminder:

The purpose of the Centenary Endowment Fund will be to finance IUPAC projects and activities in support of:

- The establishment of IUPAC nomenclature and standards in the digital domain to enable advances in Big Data relevant to chemistry and chemistry related research and development,
- IUPAC's unique international role in the critical evaluation of chemical data and establishment of standards that will be necessary to underpin the achievement of Sustainable Development and the UN millennium goals,
- Chemistry Education and Capacity Building in less developed countries to promote their economic development whilst helping to ensure the safe and environmentally sensitive application of chemical technologies in these countries.

The Centenary Endowment Fund will provide a mechanism through which Fund Donors can support and engage in IUPAC's international work into its second century of existence.

The initial objective of the Fund is to provide endowment investment earnings of at least \$100,000 per annum for IUPAC activities consistent with the Fund Mission, net of the operational costs of the fund, including those of the Centenary Endowment Board. The Fund will be self-financing.

As a result of the IUPAC Organizational Review the Composition and Terms of Office, and the Terms of Reference now read:

### **CENTENARY ENDOWMENT BOARD (CEB)**

#### **Composition and Terms of Office**

1. There shall be a Centenary Endowment Fund that will provide a mechanism through which Fund Donors can support and engage in IUPAC's international work into its second century of existence.
2. There shall be a standing Centenary Endowment Board, comprised of three externally recruited members, and a member from the IUPAC Finance Committee. In addition, the IUPAC Treasurer or alternate IUPAC Officer and Executive Director (to act as Secretary) shall be *ex officio* members but without voting power.
3. The Centenary Endowment Board will report to the IUPAC **Executive Board** with reference to the discharge of the Board's duties and any recommendations it may have.
4. The Centenary Endowment Board shall be responsible for and shall administer IUPAC's funds solicitation efforts and the development of the Fund and recommending disbursement in accordance with the Fund Mission and, where relevant, specific designations by Donors.
5. It shall recommend to the **Executive Board** policies for accepting, receiving, and investing permanent funds and endowments from Fund Donors that are consistent with IUPAC's charitable status and international standing.
6. The Centenary Endowment Board shall also review the Fund Policies as needed and recommend modifications and/or amendments to the Executive **Board** for their approval, after consultation with the Finance Committee.
7. The Centenary Endowment Board may recommend to the **Executive Board** specific goals and/or projects for which funding is available.
8. The Centenary Endowment Board will consider the current investment policies of the Finance Committee to ensure these have an acceptable risk profile based on goals for the Fund and may

require the Finance Committee to manage the invested Fund investments accordingly. The Fund will bear the additional investment costs that may arise from changes in the investment risk profile.

#### Terms of Reference

1. The Board Members shall be appointed by the **Executive Board**. Centenary Endowment Board Members shall serve for a term of three years on a rotating basis, such that one Board Member will rotate off each year. (Inaugural members may be appointed to two, three and four years to effectuate this requirement.) Centenary Endowment Board Members may be reappointed to serve up to four consecutive terms.
2. Centenary Endowment Board Members may be removed by the **Executive Board** only for actions or activities inconsistent with IUPAC's charitable status and values or that are inconsistent with the Fund Mission.
3. Any vacancies created by the resignation, removal or death of a Centenary Endowment Board Member shall be filled **by appointment by the Executive Board**, which member shall complete the term of the vacating member.
4. The Centenary Endowment Board shall meet at least quarterly.
5. The members of the Centenary Endowment Board shall annually elect a Chair from among the external Board Members, by majority vote. The Chair may be elected to consecutive terms, without limit, **as long as they are** a member of the Board. The Chair's responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to, convening and presiding at meetings, serving as the Centenary Endowment Board's liaison to the **Executive Board**, and ensuring donor questions/inquiries regarding the status of a gift or bequest are addressed by the IUPAC Secretariat.

In addition to its current roles, the Finance Committee will ensure the management of the investment portfolio derived for Centenary Endowment Fund in accordance with the investment policies agreed with the Centenary Endowment Board. Otherwise, the Composition, Terms of Office and Terms of Reference of the Finance Committee remain as those approved by Council.

The pressing need now is to identify and appoint suitable external Directors and the Finance Committee is invited to make recommendations.