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ANNOUNCEMENT

International Committee for Ion Exchange (ICIX)

At a recent international ion exchange conference, IEX2004, the International Committee for Ion Exchange was established to support and promote the science and technology of ion exchange and related technologies such as adsorption, but excluding liquid-liquid extraction that is the responsibility of the International Committee for Solvent Extraction. The current committee that will serve until 2007 consists of international representatives from academic establishments, industry and research organizations with Professor Arup SenGupta (USA) as Chairman.

The first decision of the Committee, strongly supported by delegates at IEX2004, was to coordinate the timetable for future major international ion exchange conferences. It was agreed that the next conference would be organized by the Japanese Association of Ion Exchange at Chiba (Japan) in 2007 followed by a meeting in the U.K. in 2008 (IEX2008) organized by the Society of Chemical Industry (SCI). These series of conferences will then alternate at two-year intervals.

In addition it was agreed to hold a series of Workshops in Ion Exchange, again at two-year intervals. The first of these international workshops on "Frontiers and Interfaces of Ion Exchange" will be held from June 11–15, 2006 at Hotel Porto Bello, Antalya, Turkey. Further details can be obtained from the website (<http://www.dalyatur.com/iex2006/>) or from the Secretary.

To promote ion exchange, it was agreed by the Committee and the IEX conference delegates that a database should be constructed to include persons engaged in ion exchange, for example: researcher, user, manufacturer, and suppliers of resins, equipment, etc.

It is also planned to construct a website and produce a regular newsletter, the first edition of which is now available from the Secretary.

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