

**Canadian Society for Chemistry – Organic Division  
Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 30, 2018 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Salon 12

The Shaw Conference Centre  
9797 Jasper Avenue  
Edmonton, AB

	<b>member</b>	<b>attendance</b>	<b>voting</b>	<b>division role</b>	<b>affiliation</b>
<b>LB</b>	Louis Barriault	<i>regrets</i>		past chair	University of Ottawa
<b>MG</b>	Michel Gravel			member	University of Saskatchewan
<b>BG</b>	Bruce Grindley	<i>regrets</i>		administrator of investment account	Dalhousie University
<b>VS</b>	Victor Snieckus			executive committee member-at-large	Queen's University
<b>AT</b>	Alison Thompson		non	chair	Dalhousie University
<b>FW</b>	Frederick West			treasurer/program chair	University of Alberta
<b>TW</b>	Tabitha Wood			secretary	University of Winnipeg
<b>AY</b>	Andrei Yudin			vice chair	University of Toronto
<b>ZZ</b>	Zhongxin Zhou			executive committee member-at-large	Gilead

AT called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda (AT)

- **Motion:** To approve the agenda for today's meeting.

**CARRIED**

2. Items arising from the 2017 Executive Committee meeting and report from the chair (AT)

a) Partnership with EuCheMs Organic Division

- The CSC OR Division has selected Christoff Sparr from the University of Basel to participate at the 2018 CYIW (Canadian Young Investigators Workshop) meeting.
- In return, the EuCheMs Organic Division annually has selected Rylan Lundgren to attend the 2018 EuCheMS Organic Division Young Investigators Workshop.

b) Conference support

- The CSC OR Division has funded the Western Canadian Undergraduate Chemistry Conference (WCUCC), the Southern Ontario Undergraduate Student Chemistry Conference (SOUSCC), the Colloque annuel des étudiantes et étudiants de 1er cycle en chimie de l'Université de Sherbrooke, and the Science Atlantic Chemistry Conference (ChemCon) with contributions of \$500 each.
- The CSC OR Division has regularly funded the CYIW with a contribution of \$3,500 biannually.

c) Division equity

- The CIC/CSC would like equity for each subject division to be around 150-175% of the yearly operating funds. The CSC OR Division 2017 yearly operating funds are about \$45,000, which doesn't include investments used to create endowments.

- The CSC OR Division currently has \$50,754 in investments, managed by our administrator of investment accounts, Bruce Grindley.
- d) Bernard Belleau Award
  - This award has previously been supported financially by Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc., but they no longer provide financial support for this award.
  - Paraza Pharma Inc. has agreed to sponsor the 2018 Belleau award with \$2,000.
  - **Motion:** That the CSC OR Division will contribute \$15,000 to match the CSC Biological and Medicinal Chemistry Division in creating an endowment for the Bernard Belleau Award.

**FW/AY**

**CARRIED**

- e) Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity
  - The CSC Chemistry Education Division has organized many valuable activities to discuss and promote the ideas of equity, diversity, and inclusivity in the Canadian chemistry community.
  - **Motion:** That the CSC OR Division will contribute \$1,000 in 2018 to the CSC CE Division to support equity, diversity, and inclusivity across the chemistry community.

**AT/MG**

**CARRIED**

- f) IntelliSyn Pharma Research Excellence Award
  - IntelliSyn RD continues to annually support this award with \$2,500.
- g) Alfred Bader Award
  - Moneys donated to the CSC by Dr. Bader have financed this award annually, but the amount in the endowment no longer supports the cost of the prize. To address this, the prize will be reduced. The Executive will discuss ways to build this endowment.
- h) Affiliation with International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry
  - VS has discussed with Daniel Comins (former President of the ISHC) the possible affiliation of the CSC OR Division with the ISHC.
  - James Gleason will be discussing the proposed affiliation with the CSC Board soon.
- i) Website and communications
  - Marc Adler has expressed a willingness to take on the responsibility of maintaining the CSC OR Division website. He has requested an annual budget of around \$300 to redesign and update the website in order to make it more modern and reaching.
- j) Policies and procedures for the Division
  - A CSC OR Division Policies and Procedures document will be created and presented at the 2019 Division AGM.
- 3. OR Division awards (AT)
  - Congratulations to all 2018 recipients of the CSC OR Division Awards.
  - Jennifer Love is the 2018 recipient of the IntelliSyn Pharma Research Excellence Award, sponsored by IntelliSyn RD.
  - Hanadi Sleiman is the 2018 recipient of the R.U. Lemieux Award, sponsored by Gilead Alberta ULC.

- David Vocadlo is the 2018 recipient of the Bernard Belleau Award, sponsored by Paraza Pharma Inc.
- C.J. Li is the 2018 recipient of the Alfred Bader Award, sponsored by Alfred Bader.
- Sylvain Canesi is the 2018 recipient of the Keith Fagnou Award, sponsored by the University of Ottawa and the CSC OR Division.
- The recipients of the 2017 Graduate Student Oral Presentation Competition for presentations delivered at the 100<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference in Toronto are: Jonathan R. Cann (University of Calgary), Ross S. Mancini (University of Toronto), Benjamin M. Williams (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München), Diego Diaz (University of Toronto), Jean-Denys Hamel (Université Laval), Andre H. St. Amant (University of California), Jason Tao (University of Waterloo), Kaveh Matinkhoo (University of British Columbia), and Xi-Jie Dai (McGill University). Each recipient was awarded \$100.
- Jeanne Masson-Makdissi (University of Ottawa) was awarded \$200 (first place) and Saher Hasan Siddiqui (Université de Montréal) was awarded \$100 (second place) in the 2017 Thieme Graduate Student Poster Competition for presentations delivered at the 100<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference in Toronto.
- Peter Viereck (McGill University) was awarded \$150 (first place) and Zeng Rong Wong (Nanyang Technological University) was awarded \$50 (second place) by the 2017 Royal Society of Chemistry Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry Award for presentations delivered at the 100<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference in Toronto.

4. Report from the treasurer/program chair (FW)

a) CSC OR Division symposia for the 101<sup>st</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference in Edmonton in 2018

- Todd Lowry assisted with organizing and managing the OR Division program for the 101<sup>st</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference in Edmonton.
- The symposia for the OR Division are:
  - Beauty and Function Through Supramolecular Chemistry (joint with IN Division)  
32 talks, 9 invited
  - Biosynthesis of Natural Products (joint with BM Division)  
16 talks, 4 invited
  - Early Career Investigators (joint with BM and IC Divisions)  
34 talks, 18 invited
  - From Germany to Canada: Synthetic Carbon Allotropes and Carbon-Rich Molecules (joint with MT Division)  
12 talks, 8 invited
  - Innovative Methods and Design in Total Synthesis  
31 talks, 14 invited
  - Modern Frontiers in Medicinal Chemistry (joint with BM Division)  
24 talks, 7 invited
  - OR General Session  
23 talks, 0 invited
  - Organic Synthesis at the Interface of Academia and the Pharmaceutical Industry  
23 talks, 11 invited
  - Recent Advances in Peptide Chemistry and Biochemistry (joint with BM division)  
20 talks, 13 invited

- Recent Advances in Photocatalysis and Radical Processes  
13 talks, 6 invited
  - b) Statement of account transactions for CSC OR Division chequing account
    - FW presented a list of the transactions for the CSC OR Division chequing account for the period between February 01, 2018 and May 23, 2018.
    - The starting balance in the chequing account was \$45,567.50 on February 01, 2018.
    - The final balance in the account was \$75,005.75 on May 23, 2018.
  - c) Fundraising for the Organic/Industrial Division mixer
    - The mixer for the OR Division will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29 at Craft Beer Market. The event is being held jointly with the Industrial Division.
    - FW has successfully fundraised \$7,000 to pay for the OR Division's expenses.
  - d) Fundraising for symposia by symposium organizers
    - The symposium organizers have been successful in fundraising to pay for the expenses incurred by their symposia. The funds are received into the OR Division chequing account, and the treasurer assists the symposia organizers in spending the moneys however they choose.
  - e) Projected expenses
    - FW reported \$43,000 in projected expenses. This includes the 2018 OR/IC Mixer (\$7,000), expenses for the 2018 OR Division symposia (FW estimated around \$33,000), the 2018 Canadian Chemistry Conference student presentation awards (\$1,000), and support for undergraduate conferences (4 x \$500). This estimate does not include Lundgren's \$1,000 award for travel expenses in attending the 2018 EuCheMs Organic Division YIW.
5. Proposed symposia for the 102<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference in Québec in 2019 (TW)
- TW explained that the list of proposed symposia is preliminary and currently exceeds the number of half-sessions allotted to the OR Division, which is 24. Symposia with organizers listed were suggested by members of the CSC, whereas those without organizers were suggested by the Division Program Chairs.
  - The proposed symposia are:
    - New Directions in Catalysis: A Symposium in Memory of Keith Fagnou (3 half-day sessions)  
organizers: Louis-Charles Campeau and Sophie Rousseaux
    - A Symposium in Honour of Mark Lautens's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday (4 half-day sessions)  
organizers: Robert Batey, Mark Scott, and Mark Taylor
    - Advances in Fluorescent Probe and Fluorescence Imaging Modalities (joint with BM and PT Divisions, 3 half-day sessions)  
organizers: Gonzalo Cosa and Chris Yip
    - Controlling Chemoselectivity and Site-Selectivity Across Disciplines (2 half-day sessions)  
organizer: Jeffrey Van Humbeck
    - Organic Contaminants: Treatment, Fate, and Environmental Impact (joint with EN Division, 2 half-day sessions)  
organizers: Jean-Philippe Bellenger and Hubert Cabana
    - Inorganic Catalyst-Mediated Reactions (joint with IN Division, 2 half-day sessions)  
organizer: Bruce Arndsten
    - Main Group Compounds as Synthetic Reagents and Catalysts (joint with IN Division, 3 half-day sessions)

organizers: Steve Westcott and Fred Fontaine

- Conjugated Organic Materials for Catalysis (joint with MT Division, 4 half-day sessions)  
organizer: Greg Welch
- Asymmetric Reactions and Asymmetric Syntheses (2 half-day sessions)
- Natural Products (2 half-day sessions)
- New Reactions and Methodology (2 half-day sessions)
- Methods for Measuring Organic Analytes (joint with AN Division, 2 half-day sessions)
- Peptide Chemistry (joint with BM Division, 2 half-day sessions)
- Nucleic Acid Chemistry (joint with BM Division, 2 half-day sessions)
- Biologically-Related Molecules and Processes (joint with BM Division, 2 half-day sessions)
- Teaching Organic Chemistry (joint with CE Division, 2 half-day sessions)
- Molecular Recognition and Macromolecular Self-Assembly (joint with MS Division, 2 half-day sessions)
- Advances in Modeling Organic Molecules and Reactions (joint with PT Division, 2 half-day sessions)
- Interfacial Chemistry of Organic Molecules (joint with SS Division, 2 half-day sessions)
- OR General Session (2 half-day sessions)
- Poster Session
- The discussion that followed suggested that the proposed symposia thoroughly covered a wide range of research areas, except for heterocyclic chemistry and physical organic chemistry. The overlap in research topics between the symposium proposed by Westcott & Fontaine and the symposium proposed by Arndsten was discussed, and some concern was raised about potential overlap between the symposium proposed by Campeau & Rousseaux and the symposium proposed by Batey & Scott & Taylor.

6. Structure of executive committee (AT)

- The members of the 2019 CSC OR Division Executive Committee will be:
- chair: Andrei Yudin
- vice chair: Frederick West
- treasurer/program chair: Tabitha Wood
- secretary: unknown, to be announced
- past chair: Alison Thompson
- member-at-large: Victor Snieckus
- member-at-large: Zhongxin Zhou
- administrator of investment account: Bruce Grindley

7. Other business (AT)

- Thank-you to Darren Derksen for maintaining the CSC OR Division website.
- Thank-you to LB for his contributions to the OR Division over the last five years.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

In my opinion the above is an accurate record of this meeting.

(x) – Chair – Alison Thompson

