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Dear Peter,

I attach part of a ppt presentation which I made at the April meeting of COCI held in Marl, Germany. It concerns a proposal to build on the IUPAC website a sourcebook of independent position statements on chemistry and related sciences which would aid public appreciation. There is a great deal of excellent material already available. As explained in this proposal, IUPAC would not be a generator of material (at least at first) but rather a collector, assessor, indexer and presenter of relevant material. The starting point for the project would be to tap into IUPAC Divisions and NAOs for suggestions of good material, followed by sifting as mentioned above.

The ppt presentation gives examples of the sort of material we could pick up from the RSC. The organisation of an efficient and highly searchable web page would be vital, but I shall leave that for the future (except to request Fabienne for views) The purpose of this memorandum is to ask whether CCE would be interested to co-manage the project, or at least to play a supporting role. I do hope that this will appeal to your committee.

Please let me have your first reaction, following which we can delve into further detail.

Best regards,

David Evans (COCI)

Dear Peter,

As chair of COCI, I do have one project idea from David Evans, one of the TMs of COCI, regarding public appreciation of chemistry, that I think would be a worthy example of the kinds of collaborations with Divisions and Standing Committees that both CCE and COCI are trying to foster. Please see the attached messages containing information on David's proposal. I cannot attend the CCE meeting, but I'd greatly appreciate CCE's consideration of David's proposal.

Thank you very much. All of us in the Committee on Chemistry and Industry look forward to fruitful collaborations with CCE at the interface of chemistry education and the worldwide chemical industries.

Best regards,

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