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1. IUPAC projects

1.1 Project #2006-043-3-050, completed.

The International Symposium «Green Chemistry, Sustainable Development and Social Responsibility of Scientists» was held during the XYIIIth Mendeleev Congress on General and Applied Chemistry (18-25 September, 2007).

The Symposium has caused the great interest in the scientific community. 120 Russian and 20 foreign scientists have submitted the abstracts well in advance. During the Symposium itself more than 120 representatives of various levels of educational system, the international organizations, scientific research institutes, universities, the chemical enterprises from Russia and the CIS countries, as well as from the USA, Canada, the Great Britain, Italy, Australia have actively discussed the problems mentioned above. During 3 sessions 23 oral reports of the Russian and foreign participants have been made. At the poster session about 50 reports have been presented.

Project #2007-012-1-020 (completed) was aimed to support the participation of students and young scientists in the Mendeleev Congress. 10 participants got the financial support, and among them the 3 recipients of the IUPAC Young Chemists Posters Prize.

1.3 Project #2007-022-1 (team leader G.Pearson).

The project deals with a very important issue of social responsibility of scientists. It deals with the idea of creating the Code of Conduct of Chemists, which should be then adopted by IUPAC. In line with the project, the Code of Conduct of the students of the Institute of Chemistry and Problems of Sustainable Development (D.Mendeleev University of Chemical Technology of Russia) has been created. It was adopted in March 2008, by 350 students of the Institute. It is in line with IUPAC mission, and could help changing the public attitude towards chemistry and chemists.

Other current activities.

The 2-nd International IUPAC Conference on GREEN Chemistry will be held September 14-19, 2008, on board the ship traveling from Moscow to St.Petersburg. Prof. Natalia Tarasova will chair the session on education.

Suggestions.

175 anniversary of D.Mendeleyev birthday will be celebrated in 2009. I suggest to organize a conference of chemical education at D.Mendeleyev University under the auspice of CCE. Preliminary agreement with the rector of the university has been reached.