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Dear Dr Becker,

ELECTIONS
40th IUPAC COUNCIL MEETING
BERLIN, GERMANY, 13-14 AUGUST 1999

On behalf of the Czech National Committee for Chemistry, I respond to your letter of 8th December, 1998 notifying NAOs of the various positions of IUPAC that fall vacant at the end of 1999 and should be filled up by the election at the above-mentioned IUPAC Council Meeting.

The Czech National Committee for Chemistry nominate its Chairman, Professor Pavel Kratochvíl, as a candidate for the position of Vice-President of Union and, if he was not President-Elect for the period 2000-2001, as a candidate for the position of Elected Member of the Bureau.

The Czech Republic (former Czechoslovakia) has been a member of the IUPAC since 1920, shortly after its foundation. The Czech representatives have always been significant participants in the Union activity. Some of the well known Czech personalities were members of the Bureau of IUPAC, e.g. Emil Votoček (Vice-President, 1922-1925), O. Tomíček (1947-1951), and Otto Wichterle (1961-1971, Member of the Executive Committee 1965-1969, one of founders and the first president of the Macromolecular Division, 1967-1971).

With respect to continuing high activities of the Czech chemists in IUPAC bodies (at the present time, 10 elected members and 15 NRs on IUPAC Standing Committees and Division bodies) as well as in organising international scientific meetings held under the auspices of the Union (e.g., fifty-six Prague Meetings on Macromolecules in the period 1967-1998), the Czech NAO feels that it would be fair that, after many years, the Czech Republic be represented at the IUPAC by an Officer or an Elected Member of the Bureau. Professor Kratochvíl is an internationally renowned scientist. Moreover, there would be the certainty of high activity of Professor Kratochvíl as President-Elect or Elected Member of the Bureau which he has demonstrated during his twenty-two years' service in different IUPAC bodies.

Herewith is a short biographical note on Professor Kratochvíl a copy of which was sent, along with his photograph, to the IUPAC Secretariat in March 1999 to be published in the July 1999 issue of *Chemistry International*.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary, Czech National Committee for Chemistry

Enclosure

c: Dr J.W. Jost, Executive Director, IUPAC