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**IUPAC EXTENDS APPLICATION DATE FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
POSITION TO MAY 31, 2022**

**Research Triangle Park, NC, USA, date:** Today, the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) announced that it will extend the date for receipt of applications to May 31, 2022 for the Executive Director position that will open upon the retirement of the current incumbent, Dr. Lynn M. Soby, at the end of this year.

“While as of April 30<sup>th</sup> we have received a handful of solid applications, we want to increase the size and diversity of the pool from which to make a selection,” said IUPAC President, Prof. Javier García-Martínez. “The search committee is extending this unique career opportunity for a few more weeks since the new Executive Director will play a significant role in shaping the future of IUPAC as it solidifies its leadership position in the digital space and seeks to restructure with a renewed focus on its scientific activities. This is a rare opportunity that does not come along very often, and the committee wants to ensure everyone interested can apply.”

As noted when the position opening was first announced, the new Executive Director will work collaboratively with the elected officers of the Union, reporting through the Secretary General and the Treasurer to the President, Executive Committee, Bureau, and Council to carry out the duties of the organization. The Secretariat is currently based in Research Triangle Park, NC, U.S.A., and consists of a staff of three working on-site and an Associate Director located at Boston University (see <https://iupac.org/who-we-are/secretariat/>). Remote work may be considered, but time at the Secretariat will also be needed. International travel is required.

*Responsibilities:* The Executive Director is responsible for: the overall administration of the business of the Union; management of the Secretariat office and fostering of a positive and productive workplace and organizational culture that promotes excellence and the standing of the Union; evaluation and review of the performance of all salaried employees of the Union; preparation of an annual budget and oversight of the Union’s finances; collaboration with and provision of support for the officers and governing bodies of the Union; interaction with fifty-four National Adhering Organizations that

comprise the Union; promulgation of the policies established by the Council, Bureau, Standing Committees, and Divisions; representation of the Union, as appropriate, with academia, government, industry, the nonprofit world, and the general public; assurance that organization of biennial General Assemblies and Congresses is carried out effectively by the host nation/society; oversight for publications, including *Pure and Applied Chemistry*, *Chemistry International*, *Chemistry Teacher International*, and a variety of monographs and white papers on chemical and scientific standards.

*Required Qualifications:* The successful candidate will have gained an advanced degree in a scientific or technical discipline and have at least ten years relevant experience through which he/she will have demonstrated: exceptional leadership and interpersonal skills; the ability to communicate effectively and diplomatically with scientific leaders throughout the world; a sensitivity to the collaborative nature of an organization whose work relies on a global network of volunteers; the ability to motivate and inspire others in a small delocalized team; the ability to organize, manage, recruit and interact effectively with workers in a small office environment; the ability to formulate and execute the IUPAC budget (currently ~USD 1.5 million annually); a proven track record in project management; proficiency in the use of modern business software; effective problem solving skills; a spirit of innovation and creativity. *Preference will be given to candidates who can show in addition:* a meaningful background in the management of science and technology; experience with business/systems analysis, strategic planning, the implementation of plans, and their ongoing evaluation; and experience in fundraising.

IUPAC offers a competitive salary and an attractive benefit package which is commensurate with the responsibility of the position. The specific conditions will be adapted to the local situation if the place of employment will be outside of the U.S.A. Click [here](#) to access a more detailed job description that is posted on the IUPAC website.

Interested applicants are asked to send their applications, including CVs and the names and contact details of three references, by e-mail to [rhartshorn@iupac.org](mailto:rhartshorn@iupac.org) by **31 May 2022**.

**Please feel free to disseminate this announcement so that all people potentially interested in the position can apply and we can increase the size and diversity of the candidate pool.**

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**About IUPAC:** Founded in 1919 by academic and industrial chemists as a neutral and objective scientific organization, the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) is the world authority on chemical nomenclature and terminology, including the naming of new elements in the periodic table; on standardized methods for measurement; and on atomic weights, and many other critically-evaluated data. It was founded with the goal of uniting a fragmented, global chemistry community in order to advance the chemical sciences through collaborative efforts and the free exchange of scientific information. For more than a century IUPAC has fulfilled that goal through the creation of a common language, the standardization of processes and procedures and many diverse and global activities that ultimately impact both the chemical profession and Society as a whole. For more information on IUPAC go to: <https://iupac.org/>.