

Item 14.4: Restructuring of the Division of Chemistry and Human Health

Council is requested to approve a restructuring of Division VII to eliminate the Sectional structure.

The Division of Chemistry and Human Health was formed in 1995 by amalgamation of the Clinical Chemistry Division and the Medicinal Chemistry Section. As an interim step in developing a broader program related to various aspects of chemistry in human health, each of the two previously independent bodies was retained as a Section within the Division. It was made clear to Council at that time that this additional layer would be removed in due course.

During the last year, progress has been made in developing a broader program, as anticipated in the Division President's report to Council in 1999. Nominations have been made for a single Division Committee of ten members, in concert with the Committees of other Divisions, and an election will be held at the General Assembly. Although subcommittees or other temporary bodies may be established by the Division if needed, most work is expected to be conducted under the project system. The Sectional structure is thus redundant.