

REPORT OF 10th INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION IN AFRICA (10 ICCA)

The 10th International Chemistry Conference and Exhibition in Africa (10 ICCA) was held under the auspicious of Garyounis University and under the Chairmanship of Prof. Mahmoud Fadiel, Dean Faculty of Science of Garyounis University. The conference was held on 18 – 21 November, 2007 in Faculty of Science of Garyounis University, Benghazi (Libya).

The 10 ICCA was inaugurated by Honourable President of Garyounis University, Prof. Attia ElFituri. The President of Arab Medical University, Dr. Abdel Hadi Musa, The Vice-President of Garyounis University, Prof. Awami and Deans of various Faculties of Garyounis University were the guest of honours. In opening session of the 10ICCA, Dr. Mohamed Nuri Rahuma, Chairman of Organizing Committee and Prof. Mahmoud Fadiel, Chairman of Conference have presented their welcome addresses. After that Prof. Berhanu Abegaz, representative of African Association of Pure and Applied Chemistry has delivered his speech. At the end Prof. Attia El Fituri has presented his inaugural speech and officially declared opening of conference and exhibition.

The 10 ICCA was organized in different technical sessions. The technical sessions were held in four halls simultaneously. During 10ICCA, 19 technical sessions for oral presentations and two technical sessions for poster presentations were organized. One key note address and ten plenary lectures were delivered during 10ICCA. Total one hundred ninety three titles were presented in 10 ICCA. Three group discussions were organized first time in the history of AAPAC conferences. The group discussions were held on the topics: (a) Chemistry and Environment, (b) Petroleum Chemistry and Oilfield Chemicals, and (c) Chemistry of Natural Products. Eminent scientists from academic institutions and industries participated in group discussions. They discussed and debated latest developments in these areas. More than two hundred delegates from 20 countries have attended this conference.

The organizing committee has arranged social activities in every evening during the period of conference. All three nights get together dinners were arranged which were appreciated by the conference delegates. In the last day of conference a trip to Omar Mukhtar University was organized. The organizing committee has also arranged two attractive excursions to The Great Man Made River Project and to Cyrene (a historic city) for all participants of 10 ICCA.

The conference was concluded by holding a session which was chaired by Prof. Michael Kishimba, General Secretary of African Association of Pure and Applied Chemistry (AAPAC). In final session some recommendations have been finalized. A separate report is presented by Prof. Berhanu Abegaz of University of Botswana and rectified by the General Assembly of AAPAC.

During 10ICCA, a committee has proposed following office bearers of AAPAC for next three years duration and approved by General Assembly:

1. Dr. Mohamed Nuri Rahuma from Garyounis University, Libya (President of AAPAC)

2. Prof. Berhanu Abegaz from University of Botswana (Vice-President of AAPAC)
3. Prof. Michael Kishimba from University of Tanzania (General Secretary of AAPAC)
4. Prof. Iftikhar Ahmad from Arabian Gulf Oil Company, Libya (Joint General Secretary of AAPAC)
5. Prof. Khalifa Musbah Khalifa from University of Sebha, Libya (Financial Secretary of AAPAC)

The closing session and conference was declared closed with vote of thanks from the chair.