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## IUPAC Commission on Chromatography and Analytical Separations

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The Commission structure of the Analytical Chemistry Division of The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) has been reorganised, the better to reflect the present nature of the discipline. At the IUPAC General Assembly meeting in Lund, Sweden, in 1989, a new commission on "Chromatography and Analytical Separations" was set up. This commission has taken over the mandate of the previously existing IUPAC working group in chromatography and separations of the former Commission on "Analytical Reactions, Reagents and Separation," which is now re-structured as the Commission on "General Aspects of Analytical Chemistry."

The terms of reference for the new

Commission are as follows: (a), to develop and publish critical guidelines and recommendations for the operation of analytical separation methods; and (b), to consider and recommend nomenclature and definition of terms used in analytical methods of separation.

The present Commission structure has three Titular and five Associate Members, together with six national representatives, although future expansion is envisaged as the work of the Commission expands.

The Commission has a number of ongoing projects as well as new ones which are planned. Subjects covered are all forms of chromatography, including interfaced methods, analytical electrophoretic separations and analytical

aspects of extraction.

The Commission is anxious to reflect current and developing activities in analytical separations chemistry, and welcomes input from anyone interested in its activities. The Chairman or the Secretary will be happy to respond to such contacts. Their addresses are as follows. Chairman: Professor P. C. Uden, Department of Chemistry, Lederle Graduate Research Tower, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003, USA. Secretary: Professor C. A. M. G. Cramers, Laboratorium voor Instrumentele Analyse, Faculty of Chemical Engineering, Technische Universiteit Eindhoven, Postbus 513, SH 3.06, 5600 MB Eindhoven, Netherlands.

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