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On behalf of the Spanish National Adhering Organisation, Oficina de Ciencia y Tecnología, I have the honour and the pleasure to extend an invitation to IUPAC to hold the 43rd General Assembly and the 40th Congress in the city of Oviedo, in August, 2005. Both Congress and General Assembly will run concurrently over a ten days period. The organisers understand that the facilities and services provided for the GA will run at their own expense.

The Science of Chemistry offers an increasing importance in Spain, as deduced by the increasing number of papers from Spanish authors in the leading scientific journals in all branches of Chemistry. Spain has hosted only one IUPAC Congress in the past, in Madrid, 1934, but there is a long tradition of organisation of International Congresses in the Country.

Oviedo has a long tradition of learning, with a university founded in 1605, at present with Faculties of Humanities, Sciences, Medicine, Law and Engineering. With a population of about 200.000, has lodging facilities from five star hotels to university hostels. Located near the northern coast of Spain, with summer temperatures at day-time from 22 to 28 degrees Celsius, it has easy air, train and road connections with many cities in Europe. It is at a distance of 450 km from Madrid and about 400 km from the French border in Irún. Besides direct flights from London, Paris, Madrid and Barcelona, among other towns, has regular bus services from different European cities.

Oviedo has a modern Congress Palace with a capacity of 3200 people in rooms of different sizes, the largest of which may accommodate up to 1640 assistants. Modern audio-visual systems are available, with access to computer facilities. There is also ample space for exhibitions, cafeteria, restaurant. Restaurants and cafeterias may also be found at walking distance. Many congresses have been held in it. By 2005 there will be a second, larger Congress Palace within walking distance of the former. Many of the university Faculties will also be available for meetings.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary of the Spanish Committee of IUPAC

