Item 20: Plans for 44th General Assembly and 41st Congress (Torino, 2007)

The 44th General Assembly and 41st Congress will be held on 5-11 August 2007 at Torino, Italy. The Theme of all IUPAC Congresses is "Frontiers in Chemistry". This title was chosen not only as a reminder that the subject of an IUPAC Congress is new science at the unexplored frontier of chemistry, but also of the importance of the interaction of chemistry with other disciplines at the frontiers between sciences.

The sub-theme selected for Torino is *Chemistry Protecting Health, Natural Environment and Cultural Heritage*. Therefore, at the Torino Congress we can expect to learn of advances in subjects that are of great interest now, such as nanotechnology, Green or Sustainable Chemistry, Proteomics, the mechanisms of gene expression, progress in drugs for disease treatment, new materials, advances in the use of chemistry for cultural heritage protection and preservation, as well as, topics that are not even thought about now, but will have developed in the intervening two years.