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Dear Alan,

I have received your letter (a copy) to Prof. A. J. Bard and other officers of IUPAC dated by 1st June 92 only now-after my returning from Rio de Janeiro's UN Conference on Environment and Development. I hope that you received my fax-message of 27th May 92 and a set of information materials relating to CHEMRAWN-VIII.

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As I have mentioned in previous letter the preparatory stage of CHEMRAWN-VIII is completed - the Conference Programme and other information materials are distributed in the beginning of June. Of course, we spent a lot of money on this stage. This was possible since the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences came to a decision to act as a main sponsor of CHEMRAWN-VIII. Therefore I am feeling no anxiety for covering expenses inside of Russia.

Difficulties with hard currency continue to exist. In the middle of March I have transmitted USD 14160 (belonging to my Institute and some other organizations of Russia) to the IUPAC Bank in Zürich as temporary guarantee of possible dereliction that could be done to IUPAC by CHEMRAWN-VIII Conference.

The hard currency is necessary for covering travel expenses of some invited speakers. At the present we have five such requests.

We should have also in mind that IUPAC has allocated as a loan USD 12000 in connection with organization of CHEMRAWN-VIII. But I don't like to take this money. I prefer to use firstly the above mentioned sum of USD 14160 expecting possible return of spent money later. In critical situation I will ask Prof. A. J. Bard to permit me taking of 10.000 - 12.000 USD from CEP budget since the CHEMRAWN-VIII is largest project in Chemistry and Environment Programme for this biennium.

Thus, in relation to financial support of invited speakers I am at ease.

Now we should think about the meeting of the International Advisory Committee on the eve of the Conference and about Future Action Committee.

It seems me desirable to have the meeting of the Advisory Committee just before Conference, June 5 or 6. But the decision should be taken by you as the chairman of CHEMRAWN and Advisory Committees. Of course, the National Organizing Committee will cover accommodation expenses in Moscow for members of CHEMRAWN and Advisory Committees. There is however a question in relation to travel expenses. Does the CHEMRAWN Committee have money for meeting of its members at CHEMRAWN-VIII or we should find them? Please, inform me on both these questions as soon as possible in order I will be able to send corresponding invitation letters.

Taking into account difficulties with hard currency I propose to form the Future Action Committee from some of invited speakers, and members of Advisory and National Organizing Committees. A draft of Recommendations will be prepared by me and my colleagues to the beginning of the Conference.

With best wishes

Sincerely yours

Valentin Koptjug