
From the Editor

It is my pleasure to announce that Professor Juzo Nakayama* and Dr. Anthony J. Arduengo III† have been selected as the co-winners of the most recent vote for the ICMGC Award for Excellence in Main Group Chemistry Research. From a field of six contenders, Professor Nakayama received the plurality (39%) of 113 votes cast by members of the International Council of Main Group Chemistry, but Dr. Arduengo received the best score of a weighted summation of all of the votes. Thus, the ballot-counting committee (Eric Block, Robert R. Holmes, Louis D. Quin, and William E. McEwen) made a recommendation that Professor Nakayama would be declared the recipient of the 1995 award and Dr. Arduengo the recipient of the 1996 award. This recommendation was approved by the members of the awards committee and the members of the board of directors.

As usual, each award consists of a gold medal, an appropriate plaque, and an invitation to each recipient to present a plenary lecture at an international meeting of main group chemists, the details to be determined by consultation among all the interested parties. These awards represent the third and fourth sponsored by ICMGC, Inc., Guy Bertrand having been the winner of the 1993 award and Eric Block the winner of the 1994 award. Details of the careers and research work of Professor Nakayama and Dr. Arduengo will be presented in a forthcoming *ICMGC Newsletter*.

The members of the board of directors of ICMGC, Inc., have voted to eliminate the age restriction that applied to the first three nominations and elections of award winners. Beginning with the selection of the 1997 award winner, any active research

worker in the area of main group chemistry is eligible for nomination. An announcement to this effect will be advertised widely by the Chairman of the Awards Committee, Professor Eric Block, in the near future.

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Professors Block, Chivers, Gallagher, Gololobov, Markovskiy, and Yoshifuji have been elected directors for the period 1996–1998. All of the other directors were elected for the period 1994–1996. Elections of 12 directors for the period 1997–1999 will be conducted by the Nominations and Elections Committee (Michael J. Gallagher, Chairman) this year. All of the original directors (1994–1996) are eligible for re-nomination and reelection, but any present member of ICMGC, Inc., is also eligible to be nominated. Beginning in 1997, there will be 18 directors, and a scheme will be initiated to have an orderly turnover of directors in future years. Details of these procedures will be widely advertised by Professor Gallagher in the near future.

The Nominations and Elections Committee is presently carrying out an election of the officers (president, executive secretary, treasurer, and associate treasurer) of ICMGC, Inc., for the period 1996–1997. The present officers (Shigeru Oae, President; William E. McEwen, Executive Secretary; Louis D. Quin, Treasurer; and Kenji Ogino, Associate Treas-

urer) are continuing with the duties of these offices until the new officers have been elected.

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