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The IUPAC-Macromolecular Division will sponsor the following meetings to be held in 1977 and 1978:

International Symposium on Macromolecules-MACRO-DUBLIN,
Ireland, July 17-22, 1977.

26th IUPAC Congress, Tokyo, Japan, September 4-10, 1977.

17th Prague Microsymposium on Chemical Problems of Medical
Polymers, August 1977.

25th International Symposium on Macromolecules, Tashkent,
U.S.S.R., October 10-14, 1978.

Microsymposium on Polymer Dispersions, Dresden (G.D.R.),
May 1978.

The 26th IUPAC-International Symposium on Macromolecules will
be held in Mainz (F.R.G.), September 17-21, 1979.

The Commission on Macromolecular Nomenclature has completed an updated version on the Nomenclature of Regular Single-Strand Organic Polymers, which will be published in Pure and Applied Chemistry. Tentative recommendations dealing with (a) Stereochemical Definitions and Notations for Macromolecules and (b) Nomenclature and Symbolism of Copolymers, are expected to be issued in 1976 and 1977, respectively.

The Commission on Polymer Characterization and Properties which is charged with the coordination of activities of existing Working Parties and with the creation of new Working Parties, has decided to continue the various collaborative research programs carried out by the Working Party on Molecular Characterization and the Working Party on Structure and Properties of Commercial Polymers, respectively. The first Working Party is presently engaged in a collaborative study of polypropylene and a propylene-ethylene copolymer. The Working Party on Structure and Properties of Commercial

Polymers has finished a study of the Tensile Properties of rigid PVC, to be published shortly in Pure and Applied Chemistry. A study on the effect of fillers on the Mechanical Properties of rigid PVC has also been completed and prepared for publication. Other collaborative studies in progress are concerned with the melt rheology of a SBS block-copolymer and with the effects of molecular orientation in rubber-modified polystyrene. The Working Party on Supported Polymer Films is planning to start projects on the analysis of functional groups in amino resins, on solvent-polymer interaction and on adhesion of polymer films. Finally, a new Working Party on Thermodynamic Properties will start a collaborative study on the determination of glass transition temperatures. In the program of all Working Parties, university laboratories as well as industrial laboratories and various research institutes from different countries, are involved.

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