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The Professional Chemist in British Columbia

On April 12, 2011 the Registrar of Corporations in British Columbia granted exclusive right to the title of Professional Chemist to the Association of the Chemical Profession of British Columbia, ACPBC. It allows only members of the Association to use that title and the abbreviation PChem after their name.

It is particularly appropriate that this milestone is occurring in 2011 the International Year of Chemistry, IYC, when chemists around the world are getting out the message of the important role of chemistry in our lives - in medicine, energy, the environment and in all the everyday goods and materials that we use.

The ACPBC takes the privilege of exclusive right to the title very seriously. The Registrar had to determine that it was in the public interest to be assured that those chemists working under the title Professional Chemist would be working to the highest professional standards, with demonstrated education and work experience in the practice of Chemistry.

The Registrar also granted the Association exclusive rights to the title Chemist in Training, CIT. This title is normally held by recent graduates entering the work place.

Background

The ACPBC was registered in BC under the Society Act on May 7, 2007 joining provincial professional chemistry organizations from Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia. Nationally chemists in Canada can belong to the Canadian Society for Chemistry, CSC, which is a constituent body of the Chemical Institute of Canada, CIC.

In British Columbia, the ACPBC is a parent organization of the Contaminated Sites Approved Professionals society, CSAP; and eligible to apply to write the qualifying examination for that qualification.

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