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Summary of Activities

June 2025- March 2026

Activity Details:

1. ICP Election 2025

June 7-July 7, 2025

The 2025 ICP Elections were successfully conducted, resulting in the election of three new members to the Board of Directors, representing the academe, government, and industry sectors.

The newly elected board members, who will serve from **2025 to 2028**, are:

Academe: Dr. Patrick John Y. Lim (University of San Carlos, Cebu)

Government: Ms. Princess Lalaine W. Benzon (Department of Public Works and Highways)

Industry: Mr. Arjay C. Cubos (Unilab)

The elected members of the board are expected to regularly attend the meetings of the ICP and actively participate in activities geared towards achieving the objectives of the ICP as follows:

- (a) Support the implementation of the Chemistry Profession Act and the Code of Ethics for chemists and safeguard the professional interests of the registered chemists.
- (b) Make the chemistry professionals (both chemists and chemical technicians) conscious of their serious responsibilities in helping the country develop.
- (c) Provide a forum to exchange ideas on the chemistry profession.
- (d) Cultivate discipline among the members, develop the spirit of camaraderie, and maintain occupational standards.
- (e) Encourage and foster chemical education.
- (f) Develop a continuing program of activities leading towards upgrading of standards, such as accreditation of laboratories and professional competencies.



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2. **39th Philippine Chemistry Congress (39PCC)**
July 2-4, 2025, Iloilo Convention Center, Iloilo City

The ICP, as a member of the Philippine Federation of Chemical Societies (PFCS), actively participated in organizing the 39th Philippine Chemistry Congress (39PCC).

With the theme **“Beyond the Orbitals: Exploring the Multi-Realms in Chemistry,”** the conference highlighted the intersections of quantum science and chemistry. It brought together chemists, researchers, and professionals from industry, academe, and government to explore advancements in quantum science and their applications in chemistry.

The event fostered knowledge exchange, promoted innovation, and strengthened collaboration among stakeholders in the chemical sciences.

3. **Preparations for the 40th Philippine Chemistry Congress / 17th Eurasia Conference on Chemical Sciences (Ongoing)**
June 2025 to present

Preparations are underway for the 40th Philippine Chemistry Congress (40PCC), to be held in conjunction with the 17th Eurasia Conference on Chemical Sciences (EuAsC₂S-17) on June 10–12, 2026, at the SMX Convention Center, Manila.

With the theme:
“Solving Tomorrow’s Problems Today Through Chemistry,”

the conference is expected to bring together leading scientists, researchers, educators, and industry leaders from around the world.

The program will feature distinguished speakers, including Prof. Susumu Kitagawa, the 2025 Nobel Laureate, as well as other globally recognized experts. The event will provide valuable opportunities for knowledge exchange, networking, and collaboration.

In addition, major instrument and chemical suppliers are expected to showcase the latest technologies and innovations relevant to academic and research institutions.

The event is being organized by ICP and PFCS in partnership with the Eurasia International Organizing Committee.



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4. Oathtaking of New Chemists and Chemical Technicians
December 18, 2025 (Thursday); SMX Convention Center, Manila

Morning Session: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
(Chemists; Chemical Technicians with surnames Abaca to Cañete)

Afternoon session: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM;
(Chemical Technicians with surnames Cebretas–Zurbano)

The ICP organized the oathtaking ceremony for newly licensed chemists and chemical technicians. This formal event marks their official entry into the profession.

During the ceremony, oath-takers pledged to:

- Uphold ethical standards
- Practice their profession responsibly
- Serve the public and the nation

The event also served as their formal induction into ICP.

5. ICP Officers Strategic Planning Retreat & Workshop
January 10–11, 2026, Luxent Hotel, Quezon City Conference Rm A&B, 5F, Luxent Hotel

Overall Purpose: To strengthen leadership cohesion, agree on strategic priorities, and translate these priorities into actionable plans for effective implementation.

Outputs of the Activity

- Agreed ICP strategic priorities and goals
- Defined strategies for each priority area
- Draft action plan with timelines and accountability
- Strengthened leadership cohesion and shared commitment

6. ICP Membership System Development and Training
July 16, 2026)

ICP commissioned a team of computer science graduates to develop a digital membership management system. Training for ICP staff was conducted at the ICP Office to ensure effective implementation and utilization of the system.



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7. Participation in Technical Working Groups (TWGs) and Technical Committees (TCs)

ICP actively contributed to national standardization and regulatory efforts through participation in the following:

- TWG on Controlled Chemicals
- TWG for the Development of Philippine National Standards (PNS) on Inorganic Fertilizer — Product Specifications
- TWG for the Review and Updating of EMB Memorandum Circular No. 012, Series of 2016 (Approved Methods of Analysis for Water and Wastewater)
- TWG for the Development of PNS on:
 - Durian — Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) of Pesticides
 - Lettuce — Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) of Pesticides
- Technical Committee for the Standardization of Coconut Oil

These engagements demonstrate ICP's active role in policy development, standard-setting, and regulatory support.

8. ICP Chemistry Week Webinar

Chem 101: Jumpstarting Your Chemistry Career

February 18, 2026 | Zoom Webinar

This half-day webinar was conducted in celebration of Chemistry Week 2026. It aimed to introduce students and early-career professionals to various career pathways in chemistry.

The session featured speakers from industry, academe, and government who shared their experiences and insights on professional development in the field.

Program Highlights:

- **Foundations of the Chemistry Profession**
Glenn V. Alea, RCh, PhD (ICP President)
Dr. Soledad Castaneda (Member, BOC)
- **Industry Career Pathways**
Ms. Maria Josephine B. Gonzales, RCh (Nestlé Philippines)
- **Academe Career Pathways**
Dr. Ea Kristine Clarisse Tulin-Escueta (Visayas State University)
- **Government Career Pathways**
Mr. Julio Salvador Valeza, RCh (Bureau of Plant Industry)

The webinar provided practical guidance on skills, certifications, and opportunities in the chemistry profession.



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9. Upcoming activities and Events

- (a) **ICP Leadership Training** – April 18, 2026
- (b) **ICP 50th Anniversary Celebration** – October 2026
- (c) **Chemistry Community Fun Run** – October 2026
- (d) **National Conference of Chemistry Laboratories (NCCL)** – November 2026

Summary

From June 2025 to March 2026, the ICP has actively pursued initiatives in governance, professional development, scientific engagement, and national collaboration. These efforts reflect the organization's continued commitment to advancing the chemistry profession and supporting its members in contributing to national development.