

Kazuyuki Tatsumi, SCJ Executive Board Member elected an Ordinary Member of ICSU Executive Board

Professor Kazuyuki Tatsumi, a full member of the Executive Board of Science Council of Japan (SCJ), was elected as an Ordinary Member of Executive Board of the International Council of Science (ICSU).

On September 3, the ICSU's 31st General Assembly decided five Officers and eight Ordinary Members of the organization's Executive Board in Auckland, New Zealand. He was elected by representatives from ICSU's about 120 national members and around 30 scientific unions attending the meeting.

ICSU is a non-governmental organisation with a global membership of national scientific bodies and International Scientific Unions. ICSU's mission is to strengthen international science for the benefit of society. On this purpose, ICSU mobilizes the knowledge and resources of the international science community to identify and address major issues of importance to science and society; to provide independent, authoritative advice to stimulate constructive dialogue between the scientific community and governments, civil society, and the private sector; and so on.

Professor Tatsumi is currently Vice Chair of Section III (Physical Sciences and Engineering), and also Vice Chair of the Committee for International Affairs within SCJ. During 2012-2013, he was serving as the President of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC: one of the Scientific Union Members), which is one of ICSU's Scientific Union Members established in 1919 and represents chemistry and related sciences and technologies.

He has a long career in studies on theoretical chemistry, synthetic inorganic chemistry, organometallic chemistry and bioinorganic chemistry. For his significant research achievements, Prof. TATSUMI won several major awards domestic and overseas including the Japan Academy Prize (2013), and the Eugen und Ilse Seibold Prize (2011). The Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy of the Westfalian Wilhelms University (WWU) gave him the title of Honorary Doctor in 2011.