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Dear Dr. Exner:

I am forwarding to you a packet of documentation with regard to the establishment of the Kenneth G. Hancock Scholarship Fund. This was compiled by Joseph Breen, Margaret Cavanaugh and myself in coordination with Diane Hancock. While the various pieces of this packet were put together by different individuals, I may or may not be able to answer questions on some of the specifics of the proposal. I can say that everyone affiliated with this effort is dedicated to its success and will work with ACS in developing the most workable approach to attain this goal.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please feel free to call me at 202-260-2257.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul T. Anastas".

Paul T. Anastas, Ph.D.  
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## The Kenneth G. Hancock Fund

### Establishment of the Fund

Kenneth G. Hancock, Director - Division of Chemistry, National Science Foundation, died suddenly September 10 in Budapest, Hungary. Only a week earlier he had been an active participant at the ACS meeting in Chicago where he presented two talks, "Green Technology's Challenge to Synthetic Chemists: Environmentally Benign Chemical Synthesis for the Economy and the Environment" and "Challenges and Opportunities in Environmental Chemistry: An Important Intersection of Fundamental Research."

The sudden death of Ken Hancock--only 51 years old--was a shock and loss not only for his family but also for his colleagues. Ken was an excellent chemist, teacher, and dedicated civil servant who played a leadership role in a number of areas, including international affairs and the fostering of green chemistry of environmentally benign chemical synthesis and processing. An article in the September 10, 1993 issue of Chemical & Engineering News chronicled Ken's career, his successes, accomplishments, and included accolades from his colleagues. Ken's colleagues at ACS and his family searched for some way not only to remember Ken but also to continue his life's work. The mission of the fund is summarized in a statement by Ken's wife, Diane--also a chemist.

"Ken was excited about the potential for green technology. He had long been concerned about environmental pollution, and he felt that this was an area where he might be able to make a difference.

We cannot replace Ken's vigorous approach. He was a tireless, articulate, enthusiastic advocate, a consensus builder, and a truly dedicated administrator. For his family, friends, and colleagues, this fund provides a small way for us to help promote and to recognize research that supports his final efforts and goal--to leave Planet Earth cleaner and less polluted than it might otherwise have been."

Diane K. Hancock

### The Fund's Financial Objective

The financial objective of the Fund is to establish an endowment of \$100,000 from which interest earned is used to recognize student achievements in environmental chemistry, especially chemically benign synthesis. Once the fund is fully funded, a 5 percent return would provide \$5,000 each year for the Division of Environment Chemistry to distribute.

Numerous memorial donations, primarily from individuals, established the endowment that now totals over \$18,000. Ken's colleagues were well aware that memorial donations alone would not enable the fund to reach \$100,000. With encouragement from editors of publications resulting from symposia under its sponsorship at ACS national meetings, the Division of Environmental Chemistry agreed to earmark royalties from four publications for the Kenneth G. Hancock Fund. Rough estimates project anywhere from \$12,000 - \$24,000 in royalties for these four publications. Royalties from other publications may be earmarked in the future.

The Division of Environmental Chemistry and the ACS will continue to seek contributions from a variety of sources, including industry, to help the fund endowment grow to \$100,000. Until the endowment goal is met, all income earned will be applied to fund the endowment, a contribution of \$1,000 will be sought annually to underwrite one award.

### The Request

On behalf of the American Chemical Society, I respectfully request a grant of \$6,000 from Dow Chemical Company Foundation for the Kenneth G. Hancock Fund. The grant would be used as follows: and award of \$1,000 would be given to a student at the 1996 ACS national meeting to be held in Washington, DC, in August, to recognize achievement in environmental chemistry, especially chemically benign synthesis. Of the \$6,000 grant, \$5,000 will be earmarked for the endowment and may be paid in 1996.

### Recognition

The Kenneth G. Hancock Fund Award will be announced at the ACS Spring National Meeting. The award will be presented during the Environmental Division dinner. The Division of Environmental Chemistry would be honored if a representative of Dow would participate in the announcement and presentation. Dow, along with others making donations and/or grants to the Kenneth G. Hancock Fund, will be listed in the ACS Memorial/Tribute Book that is displayed in the ACS national headquarters building. Donors to the Hancock Fund will also be recognized in appropriate Division publications.

## **THE ACS-KENNETH G. HANCOCK FUND**

established for use by the

American Chemical Society's Division of Environmental Chemistry

*to recognize student achievement in environmental chemistry,  
especially chemically benign synthesis*

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