

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

OF CERC3

CERC3 is a committee which comprises representatives of national research councils in the EU member countries which have responsibility for funding research and related postgraduate training in basic chemistry.

The primary aim of CERC3 is to enable better co-ordination of national research programmes in chemistry in the EU, in order to:

- ☆ Achieve a more effective use of both national and international resources;
- ☆ Raise the profile of chemistry research in Europe.

In order to achieve these objectives, CERC3 will:

- ☆ Regularly exchange information between CERC3 research councils on:
 - national priority areas in chemistry
 - national practices for the assessment of research and the selection of priorities;
- ☆ Promote and encourage the use and development of pan-European schemes, e.g. COST actions, ESF activities, European Commission RTD framework programmes;
- ☆ Provide a framework for the CERC3 research councils to align their resources into projects carried out by collaborating international research groups;
- ☆ Organise joint research workshops for young chemists;
- ☆ Promote the actions of the Alliance for Chemistry and Chemical Technology in Europe (AllChemE) and maintain a dialogue with other relevant bodies, e.g. the European Science Foundation and the European Commission.