

### ***Topic 1: The Breadth of Chemistry***

Already in an early stage of its existence the KNCV has realized that Chemistry is a very broad science and that it would be favorable if KNCV could form an umbrella for new developing sub-societies. Important in this was that KNCV not only was concerned with care for individual issues of its members but that it also had an eye for the community interests. Having enough members to sustain support by a professional office KNCV was and is able to play its role in Dutch society. Our activities are focused on Education, Labourmarket and Information on chemical issues.

Our membership structure gives enough possibilities for persons interested in chemistry or related fields. Membership is not limited to chemists but is open for every person with an interest in our field. We also have the opportunity to become a division member without being a member of KNCV (there is only a small administrative fee for the KNCV). This possibility has been used by a lot of biologists who were interested in one of our Life Sciences Divisions.

Also our policy of promoting new groups with special interests that might become new divisions in the future has been important.

We believe that with this policy (and structure) we were succesful in being “the Society” for the molecular scientists and engineers. And, as our scenario study has shown, the future trend is one of multidisciplinary developements, we believe that KNCV will be profiling itself more and more in this way. In our centennial year we decided to change our society style in a way that it more reflects this trend. We have deliberately chosen not to write out our abbreviation KNCV anymore. Our new motto for the society is: molecules, people and opinions (in Dutch three words starting with a “m”).