

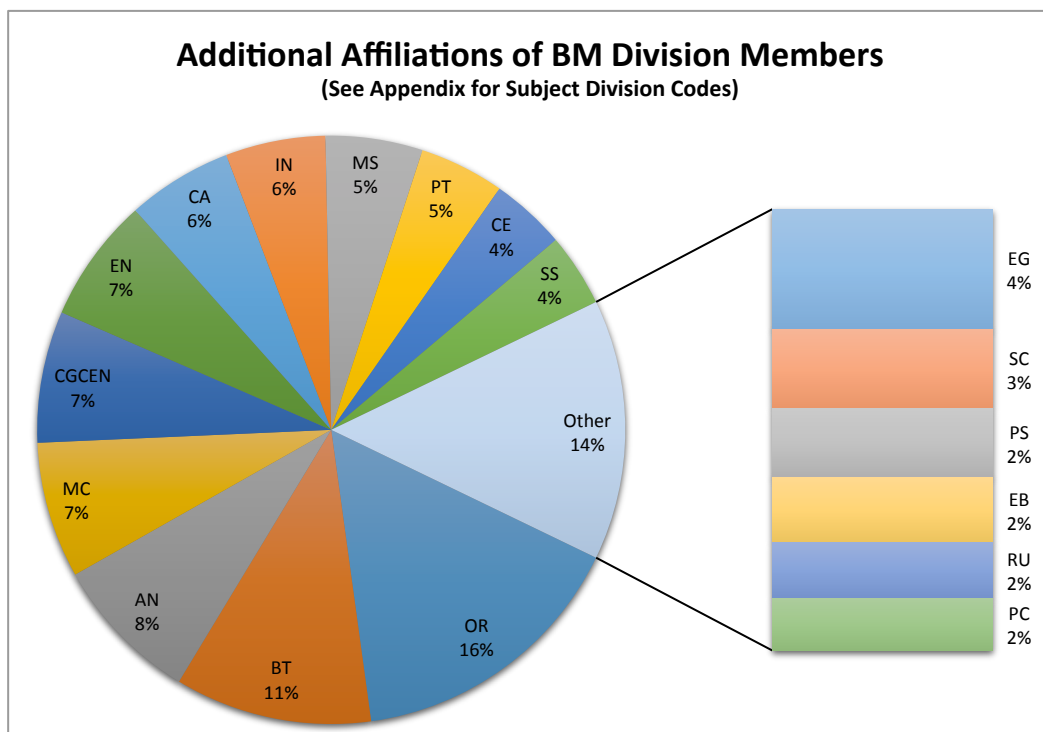
BM Division Newsletter April 2016

It is a privilege to be Chair of the Biological and Medicinal Chemistry Division as it undergoes an exciting period of re-defining who we are and what we do. Let's talk **SAR**:

Structure

In some ways, the AGM at the CSC conference in Ottawa marked the beginning of a re-structuring phase for the BM Division. We made amendments to our charter that re-define our Executive Committee, and help clarify the roles and responsibilities of each position. This will give these generous volunteers some guidelines for their service to the Division. (You can find a copy of this charter on our **new website!** Check it out at <http://csc-bmdiv.ca>.)

Another important structural step is to re-build our identity – to remind ourselves of who we are, as a Division. Did you know that the BM Division is one of the five largest divisions of the CSC? In 2015, the OR division comprised 16% of CSC members, the AN division counted 16%, and the IN division came in at 14%. The BM division was next at 11%, followed by the PT division at 9%. Furthermore, of the BM members, 16% are also members of OR, 11% are also BT, and 8% are also AN. It is important to keep in mind all the diverse professional interests of our divisional members!



Activity

Knowing *who we are* will also guide us in deciding *what we will do*. The Executive Committee has proposed a structured budget that sets guidelines for the responsible use of the resources at our disposal. Join us at the [next AGM](#) (17:40, Monday, 6 June 2016) to hear about the ongoing activities underway, as well as the exciting special projects that we have planned.

Relationships

Last year's mixer after the AGM at the CSC was a huge success, building community among BM Division members, one pint at a time. 😊 I am already looking forward to this year's mixer, [following the AGM](#) in Halifax (19:00, Monday, 6 June 2016), which is an event we aim to establish as a yearly practice. See you there!

Jeffrey Keillor

Appendix

Code	Subject Division
AN	Analytical Chemistry
BM	Biological & Medicinal Chemistry
BT	BioTechnology
CA	Catalysis
CE	Chemical Education
CGCEN	Can. Green Chem. & Eng. Network
EB	SCI Canada
EG	Energy
EN	Environment
IN	Inorganic Chemistry
MC	Materials Chemistry
MS	Macromolecular Science & Eng.
OR	Organic Chemistry
PS	Process Safety Management
PT	Physical/Theoretical/Computational
RU	Rubber
SC	Systems & Control
SS	Surface Science