## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Formation of a long-lived electron-transfer state of a naphthalene-quinolinium ion dyad and the $\pi$ -dimer radical cation

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**Fig. S1** Fluorescence decay time profiles for Qu<sup>+</sup> ( $1.3 \times 10^{-4}$  M) observed at 396 nm ( $\lambda_{ex} = 330$  nm), QuPh<sup>+</sup>–Ph ( $1.3 \times 10^{-4}$  M) observed at 430 nm ( $\lambda_{ex} = 330$  nm), and QuPh<sup>+</sup>–NA ( $1.3 \times 10^{-4}$  M) observed at 545 nm ( $\lambda_{ex} = 330$  nm).



**Fig. S2** Cyclic voltammogram of QuPh<sup>+</sup>–Ph ( $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) in deaerated MeCN containing TBAP (0.1 M) at 298 K; sweep rate (100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>).



**Fig. S3** (a) ESR spectrum of QuPh'–NA produced by the photochemical reduction of QuPh<sup>+</sup>–NA  $(1.3 \times 10^{-4} - 3.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$  with  $(BNA)_2 (7.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  in deaerated MeCN at 298 K and (b) the computer simulation spectrum.

## Table S1 | X-ray Crystallographic data for QuPh<sup>+</sup>-NA

Empirical formula	$C_{26}H_{20}CINO_4$
Formula weight	445.88
Crystal system, space group	Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$
Temperature / K	123
Wavelength / Å	0.71070 A
Unit cell dimensions	$\alpha = 9.2173(5)$ Å, $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$
	$\beta = 9.9916(8)$ Å, $\beta = 90^{\circ}$
	$\gamma = 22.5665(17)$ Å, $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$
Volume / Å <sup>3</sup>	2078.3(3)
Ζ	4
Reflections collected / unique	7640 / 4422
GoF on $F^2$	1.109
Final <i>R</i> indices $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0590$
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.1852$



**Fig. S4** ESR spectrum of QuPh<sup>-</sup>–NA<sup>+</sup> produced by the photoirradiation (high-pressure mercury lamp) of QuPh<sup>+</sup>–NA ( $1.5 \times 10^{-3}$  M) in deaerated MeCN at 77 K.



**Fig. S5** Transient absorption spectra of (a) QuPh<sup>+</sup>–NA ( $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M) and (b) Acr<sup>+</sup>–Mes ( $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M) with TCNB ( $5.0 \times 10^{-2}$  M) in deaerated MeCN at 298 K taken at 1.6  $\mu$ s after laser excitation at 355 nm.