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I. Fall Symposium at New Mexico Tech – Chemistry Department – register by Oct. 26

The New Mexico Tech Chemistry Department will be holding their Fall Symposium on Friday, November 8 with most key events at the Fidel Student Center.

The New Mexico Chemistry Symposium is an annual meeting of chemists at New Mexico Tech in Socorro, New Mexico. The event includes talks by notable scientists around a theme. The Symposium is also a venue for undergraduate and graduate students in chemistry and related fields to present their research. For undergraduates interested in graduate school, the event provides a venue to learn about the graduate degree programs in Chemistry at New Mexico Tech and to discuss specific opportunities with our faculty.

An overall theme of this year's Symposium will be Chemistry and the Environment. The morning will feature a number of external speakers:

What's Cool Coming out of the Ocean from the Earth System Model
Scott M. Elliott, Los Alamos National Laboratory

Biogeochemistry and Remediation of Uranium Contamination
Stephen E. Cabaniss, University of New Mexico

Why are Atmospheric Measurements Important for a Better Understanding of Health, the Environment, and Climate?
Donald R. Blake, University of California, Irvine

The afternoon will feature a tour of the Chemistry Department labs as well as a student poster session and reception. The day will conclude with a dinner and talk by Donald R. Blake on "Atmospheric

Science at the Bottom of the World". The dinner meeting will also represent a meeting of our Local Section.

In addition, on Saturday morning there will be an optional program featuring a morning tour of the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge.

Students, faculty, and scientists in Chemistry and related fields are invited to attend the Symposium. Students are invited to give a poster presentation on their research. Free registration and travel support is available for undergraduate students. Reduced registration is available for graduate students.

For additional information on the Fall Symposium and how to register (\$40 for non-student attendees; \$20 for non-student dinner-only attendees) please see the web page below. The registration deadline is October 26. Our Local Section will be providing support to this New Mexico Tech event.

<http://infohost.nmt.edu/~chem/symp/index.html>

II. Explora Museum benefit at Tractor Brewing Company

An evening of Halloween-inspired experimenting, making, and tinkering to benefit Explora will take place at the Tractor Brewing Company (118 Tulane SE in Albuquerque) on Sunday, October 28 from 4 to 8 pm. There is a \$15 suggested donation to help Explora provide science-rich learning experiences for our community. Tractor will donate \$1 of each pint sold to Explora's programs.

III. ACS Bytesize Science Video Series

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of National Chemistry Week two new videos have been added to the collection available at www.BytesizeScience.com. One video is a new episode of ACS' award-winning Bytesize Science series. It highlights research behind this year's NCW theme — nanotechnology. The second video is a retrospective on the history of NCW and its 25-year legacy of exciting the public about chemistry.

IV. Your ACS Publications Member Benefit

One of the recent Member benefit additions is free access to for up to 25 articles from all ACS Journals, ACS Symposium Series e-Books, and C&EN Archive. While many of our Members may have access to same information through their own institution each such access may have a direct cost to their institution. Thus through taking better advantage of this Member benefit you may also financially benefit your own institution.

How to use this Member benefit:

- Log in with your ACS ID on the ACS Publications website (<http://pubs.acs.org>)
- Select your article of interest (HTML or PDF)

To view your current publication access balance and history log-in on the ACS Publications website, go to “Your Profile”, and select “Member Benefits” option. Access is for 48 hours from initial article request.

V. ACS National Elections

Our Members will be getting election ballots for ACS national offices soon. The September 10th issue of *Chemical & Engineering News* contained candidate statements and biographical information which will also be included in the ballot package. This information is also available at the following:

<http://portal.acs.org/portal/PublicWebSite/about/governance/elections/candidates/index.htm>

Voting for national ACS offices will end on Friday, November 9 at 5:00 pm CT. Information on the voting process is available at the following:

<http://portal.acs.org/portal/PublicWebSite/about/governance/elections/howtovote/index.htm>

VI. Local Section Officer Elections

Late this fall our Local Section will be conducting elections for our Local Section Executive Committee. Positions that will be filled are Chair-Elect (Chair in 2014), Treasurer, Secretary, and three Advisors. Please advise Donovan Porterfield (dporterfield@lanl.gov) with any suggested nominations (self or of another) or questions.

VII. Local Section Officers

The following are our 2011 Local Section Officers. Please feel free to contact them about any of the opportunities mentioned in this newsletter or other ways you would like to become involved in the Local Section or ACS in general.

Position	Name	E-mail
Chair	Dr. Michael Heagy (NM Tech)	mheagy@nmt.edu
Chair-Elect	Dr. Bernadette Hernandez-Sanchez (SNL)	baherna@sandia.gov
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	Mr. Donovan Porterfield (LANL)	dporterfield@lanl.gov
Alternate Councilor	Dr. Ron Clark (Cycad Products)	cycadp@ziadial.com

We are also in the process of revising our Local Section bylaws to bring them up to date with ACS policies. We hope to have approval of revised Local Section bylaws on this upcoming officer election ballot. Anyone interested in participating in the revision process can contact <dporterfield@lanl.gov> for more information.

VII. Changes of Address

The distribution of our Local Section newsletter is dependent on accurate e-mail and US mail addresses being supplied to the ACS. Address changes can be submitted to ACS through the following means: service@acs.org, (800) 227-5558, or logging in to www.acs.org.

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