

ACS President Oral Report to Council in New Orleans

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Fellow Councilors, ACS staff, and distinguished guests: Good morning.

(SLIDE 1) I hope that you have been enjoying the 245th national ACS meeting in New Orleans. My Presidential Task Force “*Vision 2025: Helping ACS Members to Thrive in the Global Chemistry Enterprise*” has shared presentations on our Task Force findings with 26 stakeholder committees and divisions at this meeting.

(SLIDE 2) My priorities as ACS President are shown here. The first three bullets are priorities I have been passionate about for many years:

- #1 Serving our members interests!
- #2 Promoting science education and especially science literacy!
- #3 Driving action, transparency & *inclusivity*

The last two bullets support ACS strategic goals # 2 AND 4 and are the two priorities that my Task Force focused on this past year – that is, working on JOBS & ADVOCACY to improve the jobs climate and Building Bridges for Strategic Collaboration –

(bridges with not only sister chemical societies worldwide but also between academia, industry, government and with different scientific disciplines)

(SLIDE 3) The International Employment Initiative called IEI was launched at SciMix on Monday night and brought initial positive feedback from international employers as another means of reaching job seekers.

In this increasingly global chemistry enterprise, JOB OPPORTUNITIES – whether in teaching, research, manufacturing, marketing, sales, or beyond—can be found anywhere in the world.

Because today's job opportunities are *global*, empowering our members to participate in this global enterprise can be transforming. In my travels, I have met chemists who have successfully reinvented themselves with fulfilling second careers abroad, where their skills and knowledge have found new homes.

I realize that some job seekers may not be able to easily move overseas, but by offering and *facilitating* different opportunities, ACS can better serve its members by providing new options.

On this slide, you can see the different presidential symposia and events in New Orleans and also those planned for Indianapolis. I am honored that eleven presidents of chemical societies from Europe, Asia, the Americas, and Africa accepted my invitation to discuss common challenges we face and explore how we might PARTNER to better address global challenges. Thought leaders from academia, industry, government, and small business also participated in a Collaboration Roundtable to share views and ideas. Our goal is to develop some solutions to challenges our profession faces based on a diverse set of perspectives from around the globe.

Our intent is to share these proceedings with scientific communities everywhere through ACS Symposium books.

(SLIDE 4) Summarized here is The Big Picture. ACS is an Enabler, a Leading Voice in Chemistry, and A World Leader. The 7 Task Force recommendations have been shared with the ACS Board, 26 stakeholder groups, and various local sections universities, and other organizations I have visited thus far this year.

As always, I welcome your suggestions at m.wu@acs.org.

Let's " Partner for Progress & Prosperity!"

Thank you, this concludes my report.