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Madam President and fellow Members of Council:

Good morning, I am pleased to provide you with an update on my Presidential initiatives and symposia for 2017.

At the Spring National Meeting next April in San Francisco, I have organized two Presidential Symposia - *Science for a Sustainable Energy Future* and *Holy Grails in Chemistry*.

[**SLIDE 1**] *Science for a Sustainable Energy Future* will highlight the opportunities and challenges for low carbon energy. The morning session will focus on Energy Storage and the afternoon session will highlight Chemical and Biological Conversions of Biomass.

[**SLIDE 2**] The other symposium is centered on *Holy Grails in Chemistry - Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Accounts of Chemical Research*. Co-organizing with the journal's Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Cynthia Burrows, this symposium will harken back to a 1995 issue in the journal that sought to spotlight critical areas of chemistry.

For the Fall Meeting in Washington, DC I will be organizing two symposia - *The Chemistry of our Planet* and *Building a Safety Culture Across the Chemical Enterprise*.

The Chemistry of our Planet will delve into critical areas of chemistry that affect our atmosphere, the health of our soil, and advances in ensuring a clean water supply. *Building a Safety Culture Across the Chemical Enterprise* will highlight both institutional and grass roots efforts to create effective safety cultures across institutions.

As for my Presidential initiatives, within Science Advocacy I established a working group that has been meeting to plan approaches to educate Congressional stakeholders, and advocate for the importance of chemistry. We are partnering with the Committee on Public Affairs & Public Relations and the Office of Public Affairs to ensure we are aligned in our efforts and reach the largest possible audience throughout our initiatives.

For Science Literacy, I am pleased to report that a course on teaching ACS members how to effectively communicate their science to the general public has been developed. Next month, it will debut within the ACS Career Navigator. I look forward to helping promote this new ACS offering and exploring the development of additional courses and workshops.

As part of the Presidential theme of *Chemistry as a Global Enterprise*, I continue to work with the Committee on International Activities to further promote collaborations between our members and scientists around the globe. We held a successful workshop in Kuala Lumpur earlier this year to develop a Global Chemists' Code of Ethics. I look forward to participating in and promoting many more of these types of initiatives.

Finally, thank you to everyone in this room who has reached out to me to provide invaluable advice, and who has offered to assist with my Presidential initiatives. Keep an eye out for an ACS Comment at the end of September where I go into more detail about my passions and priorities for my Presidential year. [**SLIDE 3**] Please continue to share your ideas and suggestions with me, and contact me at a.campbell@acs.org

Madam President, this concludes my report.

Presidential Symposia San Francisco



Science for a Sustainable Energy Future Monday, April 3, 2017

Energy Storage

- Donald Sadoway, MIT (keynote)
- Stanley Wittingham, Binghamton University
- Clare Grey, Cambridge University
- Jun Liu, Pacific Northwest National Lab
- Julia Song, Energy Storage Systems Inc.



Courtesy: Tesla Motors

Chemical & Biological Conversion of Biomass

- Dan Arvizu, Stanford University (keynote)
- Johannes Lercher, PNNL/University of Munich
- Yogesh Surendranath, MIT
- Michelle O'Malley, UC Santa Barbara
- Blake Simmons, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab



Presidential Symposia San Francisco



*Holy Grails in Chemistry: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary
of Accounts of Chemical Research Journal*

Sunday, April 2, 2017

ACCOUNTS
of chemical research

- Carolyn Bertozzi, Stanford University
- Paul Alivisatos, UC Berkeley
- Hans-Joachim Freund, Max Planck Institute
- Melanie Sanford, University of Michigan
- Yi Cui, Stanford University

Ideas and Suggestions

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