

Council Oral Report ACS Immediate Past President (Dallas, TX)

Mr. President, Fellow Councilors, ACS staff, and distinguished guests:

(slide 1) As Immediate Past President, I continue to receive many invitations to visit our members both here in the U.S. and overseas. I have continued to work hard on my initiatives involving “Partners for Progress and Prosperity.” After our last Council meeting, I partnered with the Office of International Activities and the International Activities Committee to host the first summit meeting for our current ACS International Chapters sharing ideas and best practices.

(slide 2) This slide shows the cover of my first ACS Symposium Book now published online and available on pubs.acs.org. It is based on the work of my presidential Task Force “Vision 2025” and my presidential symposia from last spring in New Orleans. Its 22 chapters feature useful perspectives from thought leaders of academia, industry, government, and small business as well as global perspectives from 10 presidents of chemical societies representing Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America. Just search ‘Vision 2025’ on the ACS website and use your member benefit of 25 free downloads.

The photo on the top left is the world’s largest petrochemical complex, the size of Manhattan, built by Reliance Industries in India. It is state-of-the-art, non-polluting, and what I consider a “model for the chemical industry.” It actually improves the environment since desert land was converted to mango groves and teak forest planted to surround this petrochemical plant. It certainly added many local jobs and illustrates real benefits that the chemical industry brings to society.

I recently returned from a trip to India visiting universities, institutes, companies, and government officials of the science and technology communities. Membership is conducting a pilot program with discounted dues, and much interest in furthering collaborations with ACS resulted in discussions of a potential new international India chapter in Mumbai which will include industrial members as well as academics.

(slide 3) I am also excited about a symposium I am organizing for our next meeting in San Francisco on “Women Leaders from the Global Chemistry Enterprise.” The lead sponsor is the Women’s Chemist Committee with cosponsorships including the Division of Professional Relations, the Division of the History of Chemistry, and the Committee on International Activities. This also is a Presidential recommended event. **(slide 4)** I am currently seeking corporate and other sponsors to help bring speakers from South America, Africa, and Thailand. Please contact me with any suggestions.

(slide 5) I am soliciting and have received much positive feedback on a new “Partners for Progress and Prosperity” Award for Regional Meetings involving local sections, divisions, international chapters, and other organizations. **(slide 6)** This new P3 Award is being established to promote and recognize “successful and exemplary partnerships” in four different categories that advance the goals of ACS. Stay tuned for more details.

(slide 7) I continue to travel to listen to the needs and interests of our members. My message of how we can all work together as “Partners for Progress and Prosperity” to advance the chemistry enterprise has been well received wherever I go.

Mr. President, this concludes my report.