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Women Chemists to discuss collaborative research in chemistry

It used to be that big pharma could afford to hire hundreds of the most talented scientists, and that Universities could depend on research grants to cover the costs of contributing knowledge to the betterment of society. But times and the economy have changed. In times like these, when the cut-back riddled pharmaceutical industry needs innovative ideas and talent to discover new drugs, they turn to professors, academic researchers, for answers.

So just how do pharmaceutical companies form collaborative research partnerships with university researchers? And what are the benefits for our local colleges and universities?

Christine Ingersoll of Muhlenberg College will answer that question and many more during a talk at the Women Chemists Committee (WCC) of the Lehigh Valley Section of the American Chemical Society Luncheon on Saturday, September 20, 2014. The public is invited to attend the talk at Muhlenberg College, starting at 12:00 pm. The cost is \$20 per ticket. Reservations must be made by September 13, 2014. Call 484-664-3271 [or email young@muhlenberg.edu](mailto:young@muhlenberg.edu).

Dr. Ingersoll is a leading authority in Analytical Chemistry. Her current research focuses on using automation and Design of Experiments (DOE) to optimize sample preparation for characterization of cell culture media. Christine's research has been funded by the National Science Foundation, Merck and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Johnson & Johnson. Her most recent publications with students have appeared in *Botany*, *International Journal of Plant Sciences*, and *Journal of Chemical Education*. In 2012, Christine was an inaugural recipient of the American Chemical Society Women Chemists Committee's Rising Star Award, for her collaborative, interdisciplinary research program.

The American Chemical Society is the world's largest scientific society with a membership of more than 163,000 members. It publishes scientific journals, sponsors research conferences, and provides resources for chemistry teachers and students. Its main offices are in Washington, D.C., and Columbus, Ohio.

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