

## Local Section Innovative Project Grant (IPG) Final Report

### California Local Section

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### IPG Information:

**Title of Project:** Iota Sigma Pi- Women in Chemistry Convention

**Project Type:** Outreach

**If this was a training program, who was it for?:**

**Briefly describe the results and impact of the project:** We successfully hosted a convention for our national organization, Iota Sigma Pi, to discuss individual chapter activities and make organizational decisions. We had over 35 delegates representing women in chemistry from all over the country across industry, government, and academia. The welcoming reception allowed those delegates to network with each other and local ACS members who were also invited. We also had local Berkeley EH&S represented to promote chemical safety. In total, there about 50 people in attendance. The poster session during the welcoming reception highlighted chapter activities and individual research as well as a poster showing the connection the local ACS/WCC has had with the ISP Hydrogen Chapter. Our message of sustainability was shown in our conference logo, Green is the New Black, and put in to practice by encouraging airport transportation through public transportation such as BART. The organizational business was completed with delegate voting including the establishment of a new scholarship for first generation women undergraduates to help promote women in chemistry.

**Estimated number of volunteers:** 8

**Estimated number at event/directly reached:** 50

**Optional: Include photos, communications, reports, or other documentation that helps to capture the impact of this project.**

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**Describe any PR generated prior to the event (i.e. flyers, newspapers ads, emails, website, and/or direct mail). Please include a website link, if applicable.**

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Prior to the event, we sent emails out to the local ACS section and our Iota Sigma Pi Hydrogen Chapter members to invite them to the poster session/welcome reception. A small article was written in the ACS newsletter, the Vortex advertising the event. In addition, our website (<http://www.cchem.berkeley.edu/iota/2014nationalconvention.html>) contained information about the convention.

**Describe any PR generated after to the event (i.e. flyers, newspapers ads, emails, website, and/or direct mail). Please include a website link, if applicable.**

After the event, emails were sent out with pictures taken during the event.8066374

**What type of evaluation process did you use?**

Follow-up survey based on number of attendees

**Did the survey provide useful information about future events?**

Yes

**The grant money received was...**Adequate

**List any ACS or non-ACS partnering groups. How did the partnership(s) work out?**

Our organization worked closely with the CA section WCC to plan the event. The partnership was successful and helped to form a strong collaborative relationship with the local ISP, WCC, and ACS chapter here in the Bay Area. Elaine Yamaguchi presented a poster of this relationship at the poster session, which we hope establishes a precedent for other chapters.

**Would you do anything differently if you were to do this program again? Explain briefly.**

The ACS/WCC presence was good, however we could have also advertised earlier about the event to them to get more in attendance. In addition, we would try to get more undergraduate/graduate students at UC Berkeley to present their research. We had very few students from UC Berkeley in attendance at the poster session/reception. By advertising a notable speaker, such as Shirley O'Corriher, a popular biochemist and food author, was present might have helped entice students to participate.

**Once completed, did you or do you plan to nominate this IPG for any ChemLuminary Award?**

No

**Indicate award name:**

**Please list all major expenditures that were used through this grant.**

**(Note: You do NOT need to attach receipts.)**

Item	Expense	Justification
Convention Binders	929.31	Media for convention delegates
Gift bags	638.91	Items to promote green chemistry
Photography	515.50	Opening night poster session and formal banquet portraits
Poster	547.53	For opening poster

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<b>Project Total</b>	<b>2631.25</b>	