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Chair's Corner



Dear Fellow Chemists:

Thank you for your vote of confidence. I will do my best to be a good chairman of the Central Wisconsin Section of ACS.

Thirteen section members toured an impressive laboratory at St. Joseph's Hospital/Marshfield Clinic Joint Venture Laboratory on December 12th. Co-hosts Ron Haas and Carmen Wiley made the program very interesting. Prior to the tour Carmen shared some of her experience with LC-MS-MS and real time PCR. It was fascinating work. Many thanks to Ron and Carmen.

Our first order of new business is to put together an interesting Meeting-in-Miniature. This event will take place January 23, 2002, at the University of Wisconsin - Marshfield/Wood County campus.

Our Meeting-in-Miniature is intended to be a forum for getting to know our fellow CWS-ACS members better professionally. At most of our monthly meetings, we gather to

hear one single speaker, usually someone from outside the section, present an in-depth discussion of some highly technical topic. At our Meeting-in-Miniature, on the other hand, there are multiple short presentations; the presenters are all from within CWS-ACS; and the topics do not have to be highly technical. Our objective is to learn about each other's work. The audience is expected to be friendly and non-critical. It's a great opportunity for us to share the excitement of our work, whether it is cutting edge research or not.

The format for the presentations can be varied. Tom Marty at the Marshfield campus has a lecture hall reserved for large group presentations with slides or PowerPoint. He also has a lab reserved with easels, bench space, and computers available for posters, displays, demonstrations, or small group PowerPoint presentations on a computer monitor. Hopefully, we can have three or four 10 to 20 minute presentations in the lecture hall,

followed by a gathering in the lab for any number of poster sessions.

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8th Meeting – in – Miniature

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MARSHFIELD/WOOD COUNTY

MARSHFIELD WI

January 23, 2002 Approximately 6:30 PM

Poster Presentations Recommended
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ACS - Central Wisconsin Section 2002 Meeting Schedule

Table with 5 columns: DATE, LOCATION, SPEAKER, TOPIC, HOST. Rows include dates from January 23 to October 11, 2002, with various speakers and topics.

ACS-CWS Web Page

http://chemdept.uwsp.edu/acscws/

or you can link there from the American Chemical Society home page - Local Sections.

Contains the most up-to-date information about section activities.

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If you would like to share some of your work with us, please contact me by January 11, 2002. My work phone number is (715) 422-2470, fax number is (715) 422-2227, and my email is dave.thiel@storaenso.com. Or at home, my phone number is (715) 887-4338 and email address is thiel@wctc.net. Let me know what your topic is and what facilities you will need. If you will use the lecture hall, we need your estimate of time required. We will put together a program and publish it in another *Alembic* just before the Meeting-in-Miniature.

Tom Marty suggests that presenters should also call him prior to the meeting so that he knows exactly what each individual needs for their presentations. That way he can be sure to have the equipment available and working. Tom does not think he can easily run a PowerPoint presentation from a Laptop. It would be better to get the file to Tom on a zip disk, CD, floppy, or as an e-mail attachment (preferred). The file would then be run from the designated computer in the lecture hall. An advantage of using the designated computer is the remote control mouse, which is really convenient. Tom's phone number is 715-389-6502. His e-mail address is tmarty@uwc.edu.

We already have assured one lecture hall presentation (Gene Johnson) and a PowerPoint presentation on one of the lab computers (Marv Lang). Two other presentations already appear likely. Just a few more presentations and this Meeting-in-Miniature will be a big success.

Dave

ACS-CWS Election Results

By T. Zamis

Twenty-two ballots were tallied for the 2002 Section Officers Election. Each of the three candidates received a unanimous "vote-of-confidence" from Section

membership. Congratulations, and more importantly thanks, to our newly elected officers.

Chair 2002
Dave Thiel !

Chair Elect 2002, Chair 2003
Robin Tanke !

Secretary/Treasurer 2002
Tip Randall !

The Readers' Choice Awards

Industrial chemists name the companies that serve them best.

In the July 2001 issue, *Today's Chemist at Work* announced the 2001 Readers' Choice Awards contest. That announcement established the guidelines of the contest, which were very similar to those of the 2000 contest. Well, the ballots have been collected and it's time to announce the winners. To refresh your memory, 36 companies were listed on the ballot; space was given for any write-ins voters wanted to add. The companies were profiled in the July issue, which also contained the ballot. The ballot had five categories: quality, service, delivery, advanced technology, and Internet accessibility - and voters could select one company per category. Each category had a winner and a runner-up.

There was something in it for the voters as well. Randomly selected voters were awarded American Express gift certificates and *Today's Chemist at Work* coffee mugs and T-shirts. And one lucky person was selected for the grand prize—a DVD player. Now, here are the winners:

Quality

In the quality category, the winner was Mettler-Toledo (Columbus, OH). Mettler-Toledo is one of the world's largest manufacturers and marketers of weighing instruments for use in laboratory, industrial, and food retailing applications. The runner-up in this category was J. T. Baker (Phillipsburg, NJ). A division of

Mallinckrodt Baker, J. T. Baker provides high-purity laboratory compounds for demanding scientific and production applications.

Service

Waters Corp. (Milford, MA) took home first prize in this category. Waters is a manufacturer and distributor of HPLC columns, sample preparation products, instruments, and software. Runner-up in this category was the Hamilton Co. (Reno, NV), designers and manufacturers of manual, semiautomated, and robotic products for precision fluid measuring and handling.

Delivery

Cole-Parmer Instruments Co. (Vernon Hills, IL) grabbed the top slot in this section. Cole-Parmer is a distributor of laboratory research products and supplies. Brinkmann Instruments of Westbury, NY, was runner-up. Brinkmann is a supplier of laboratory instruments for research and control.

Advanced Technology

First place belonged to Perkin Elmer Instruments (Shelton, CT), which provides application-specific analytical solutions for the pharmaceutical, food and beverage, environmental, chemical, and semiconductor industries. Beckman Coulter (Fullerton, CA) took the runner-up slot. The laboratory automation operations group of Beckman Coulter provides client-server laboratory information management systems (LIMS) and chromatography data systems for scientific laboratories.

Internet Accessibility

In the last category, the winner was Fisher Scientific International (Pittsburgh). Fisher Scientific manufactures and distributes scientific instruments, equipment, supplies, workstations, diagnostic instruments, test materials, and teaching aids for science education. Labworld-online (Wilmington, NC) grabbed the runner-up position. It provides end users with the ability to make educated purchasing decisions, all with the ease of a few clicks of a mouse.