

THE ACS-CWS WELCOMES DR. ALFRED BADER
The History of the Aldrich Chemical Company
7:30 PM, Wednesday, April 1, 2009
A121 Science Building
UW-Stevens Point

Aldrich was founded with capital of \$500 in August 1951. Sales grew from \$1,705 the first year to \$5,400 the second and to \$15,000 the third year. By 1965, the year Aldrich “went public,” sales had had grown to \$2 million and by 1974, the year before Aldrich merged with Sigma, to \$11 million. Sigma-Aldrich’s sales in 1975 were \$43 million, and by 1996 exceeded \$1 billion. Aldrich started in a \$25/month garage. “I became its first full-time employee in 1954” says Alfred Bader. Today Sigma-Aldrich employs over 6000 worldwide. It has become the largest supplier of research chemicals in the world.” Bader continues, “Did I dream of that in the 1950’s? Certainly not. I will discuss the reasons for success of Aldrich and Sigma-Aldrich and also our worst mistakes. And I will offer advice to young chemists wanting to start their own companies.”

Dinner will be held at Michelle’s Restaurant (513 Division Street, Stevens Point, WI) at 6:00PM (Socializing at 5:30PM)

Dinner reservations can be made with Jason D’Acchioli (jdacchio@uwsp.edu, 715-346-2297) by Tuesday afternoon, March 31, 2009