



HURON VALLEY ACS SECTION NEWSLETTER



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Chair:	Paul Jones (2012)
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244th American Chemical Society National Meeting & Exposition

MATERIALS FOR HEALTH & MEDICINE

Philadelphia, PA • August 19-23, 2012



244th ACS National Meeting, Philadelphia PA, August 19-23, 2012. Councilor Ellene (Nina) Tratras Contis attended the meeting.

ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Attendance Report

A little over 13,000 attended this meeting, somewhat less than predicted, but still a strong showing of student presenters.

Special Discussion Item

One special discussion item was on the agenda: What major efforts should ACS pursue to help alleviate water and other global challenges? There was a lively, challenging, and informative exchange, especially on global water issues

Report from Councilor [Ellene (Nina) Tratras Contis]

I attended the meetings of the International Activities Committee (IAC) as one of its members and also chair of the regional subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East.

August 18 -- On Saturday morning, our subcommittees met with our respective members. Highlights included an update on the German Exchange Program from Mort Hoffman from the Northeastern Section. We discussed international interests and priorities with Professor Barbara Albert, the first female President of the German Chemical Society (Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker), a representative from the ACS Hungarian International Chapter, and with Professor Lesley Yellowlees, also the first female President of the Royal Society of Chemistry. Our discussions included strategically planning for the coming year as a follow up from our spring strategic planning retreat, which I developed and chaired. Our subcommittee is working on Goal 3 of our plan, which is to address the preparation and execution for engaging developing countries in pilot initiatives. To date, with the help of the Office of International Activities, we have completed a report on the status and readiness of countries in our region for specific initiatives.

During the full committee meeting in the afternoon, in addition to our required work on reviewing guidelines for international

chapters, etc, we heard from Dr. Derese on advancing chemistry's contributions to health in Kenya, and from Dr. Cathleen Fisher on the American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. We also shared updates on various IAC projects including BOOST, skill training to advance the careers of engineers and scientists in Indonesia, the Seeding Labs project, and ACS contributions to the 2011 IYC activities. It was an engaging, spirited, and productive meeting.

In the evening, the committee on global water issues, of which I am a member, met to discuss with Dr Rashid Kulmatov, a Fulbright Scholar from Uzbekistan, the Aral Sea basin disaster and how we can incorporate his research into a future ACS round-table.

August 19 -- On Sunday the IAC executive committee met with a delegation of Iraqi chemists who are working to reinstitute their Iraqi Chemical Society and some who are in the US as exchange scholars under a special program of the State Department. It was an informative and interesting lunch.

In the evening I attended the IAC International Welcome Reception and 50th Anniversary Celebration.

August 20 -- I met with international guests at the first ever IAC Lounge Open House, a place where international guests can congregate and network. It seemed to be a success.

August 21 -- I was pleased to be able to present the IAC ChemLuminary Awards for best Local Section, Division, and Committee Award at the 14th Annual ChemLuminary Awards ceremony. It was like the Academy Awards!

CERM 2013

The 2013 Central Regional meeting will be hosted by the Midland Section, May 15-18, on the campus of Central Michigan University. Put it on your calendar.



WEBSITES

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE NATIONAL SOCIETY [www.acs.org]

HURON VALLEY SECTION: Paul Dobrowolski [pdobrowolski@caymanchem.com] serves as webmaster for our Huron Valley site [<http://huronvalley.sites.acs.org/>]. You are encouraged to submit any items of interest to Paul. There will be a link to this *Newsletter* as well. ACS Huron Valley is also on Twitter (@HV_ACS), Facebook, and LinkedIn. Get connected to your local section through your favorite networking site.

NEWS OF THE SECTION.

Coming Election of Officers

Positions to be filled: Chair-elect, Councilor (2013-2015), Alternate councilor, Secretary, Treasurer

We welcome suggestions for the slate of officers for 2013. You may nominate yourself! Please send names to a member of the Nominating Committee: Paul Jones (prjones@umich.edu); Ruth Ann Armitage (rarmitage@emich.edu); Harriet Lindsay (hlindsay@emich.edu). **Deadline December 1.**

LOCAL EVENTS

50-Year and 60-Year Members Recognized

Congratulations to our Huron Valley long-time ACS members!

50-Year: Richard C. Adelman
Clifton J. Blankley
Yoshio Osawa
Francis J. Tinney
Edwin Vedejs

60-Year: Eugene E. Dekker
Irwin J. Goldstein
Ann Holmes
Robert Zand



Joint Meeting

The Toledo, Detroit, and Huron Valley Sections cosponsored a meeting on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at the UM Dearborn campus, hosted by the Detroit Section. The program, "Manya," was a dramatization of the life and contributions of Marie and Pierre Curie. The performer was Susan Marie Frontczak, founder of Storysmith [www.storysmith.org].



About 50 people attended the presentation at U-M Dearborn. Ms. Frontczak opened with an in-character review of Marie Skłodowska's childhood in Russian-occupied Poland, and how she came to move to France to further her education. She used replica equipment to illustrate how difficult it was for the Curies to isolate radium, and described how the work was received. Ms. Frontczak stayed in character as Madame Curie to take questions from the audience. Many of the students asked about her life, especially about the challenges of being a woman in science in the

early 20th century. Finally, as herself, Ms. Frontczak took several more minutes of questions. While it was not completely clear what to expect when I walked in, I found the presentation to be fascinating, one that I wish I had more strongly encouraged students to attend. [Review by R. A. Armitage]

Student ACS Chapters: 2011-2012

EMU Student ACS Chapter officers:

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COMING EVENTS

NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK, October 21-27

The American Chemical Society Huron Valley Chapter is sponsoring the 2nd annual Hands-On Chemistry Demo Day at the Leslie Science and Nature Center featuring hands-on chemistry demonstrations for elementary to high school students and their parents!

When: October 27th, 2012, 11AM to 3PM

Where: 1831 Traver Road, Ann Arbor, MI



FEATURING DEMOS SUCH AS THE THERMITE REACTION, THE CRUSHING OF A 55-GALLON DRUM, AND MANY MORE!

Contact Paul Dobrowolski to volunteer
(pdobrowolski@caymanchem.com)

NSF TOUR

Please plan to take advantage of a tour of NSF International, Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, on Wednesday, November 14, 4 PM. Our hosts are Dale Bennett, chair-elect, and Kurt Kneen, secretary. Watch the website for details and to RSVP.

