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Chemistry Division

Luray M. Minkiewicz, Chair



The Chemistry Division is concerned with chemistry and chemical technology, and the economics, educational advances, and information handling of developments in the field of chemistry and related subjects.

Colleagues and Friends,

As the New Year dawns, a common exercise is to review and reflect on the achievements and challenges of the past year and to look ahead to the coming year. Here is my snapshot of just a few DCHE 2008 highlights and 2009 directions.

Just a few 2008 Highlights:

The Chemistry Division produced a fine program for the SLA Annual Conference in Seattle where several new formats for some "traditional" events were piloted.

There are now some Division members helping with various committees for the first time thanks to great mentoring by "experienced" members.

The Division had several award winning members in 2008 – from the Sparks Award winner (Margaret Smith) to a Diversity Award winner (Bing Wang) and even the second Hall of Fame winner in as many years (Dana Roth)! Congratulations to all!

What lays ahead for 2009?

The Division planners: Susan Makar, Cathy DiPalma (MRM) and myself, are putting together another great set of sessions for the 2009 SLA Annual Conference, and there will be opportunities for Division members to participate in various ways, such as session moderators, session reporters, panelists, poster presenters, etc. I hope you avail yourselves of these great opportunities in planned sessions on:

A Measures Toolkit for Librarians
Materials Research in Wind Energy - Present and Future
Interdisciplinary Science and Its Implications for

Librarians and Information Professionals
The Business of Chemistry
Food Security (with FAN)
REACH & the Future of Toxics Legislation (with ERM)
Forensics (with Sci-Tech)
Poster Session during the All Sciences Reception (theme TBD)

Our Division Professional development Chair, Ted Baldwin, also has a great lineup of CE Courses for the 2009 SLA Conference.

The Division will review its Strategic Plan and update it to reflect the needs of the membership and to help set actionable goals for the Division. Please participate in any needs assessment/membership survey to help define the Division's new Strategic Plan and goals.

In what areas have you made a positive difference in your organization, in your work group, in your profession in the past year? Of what are you most proud? Have you used skills or expertise derived from your membership in SLA and the Chemistry Division in any of these? What challenging goals have you set for yourself for 2009? How can your membership in the Chemistry Division help in these goals – by professional development courses, leadership development opportunities, networking to help keep up with the profession, etc? Maximize your usage of the Division discussion list and check out the Division's web site and blog (<http://units.sla.org/division/dche/index.htm>) to keep the communication channels open and learn about opportunities in any of these areas. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other Division officers if you are interested in participating in the Chemistry Division in any way.

Have a great 2009 heralding in the 100th Anniversary of SLA!

Message from the Chemistry Division Past Chair...

Greetings from Rochester, NY,

This year the Chemistry Division will be electing a new Chair-Elect and a Secretary to start in 2010. I'm currently assembling the Nominations Committee and we will be reviewing the membership for nominees. Let me know who you would recommend for these important leadership positions.

We are in the process of updating our strategic plan and collecting information from our membership to enhance our activities. I will be in touch with Judith Currano and Linda Shackle as they prepare and administer this survey to see if I can be of assistance.

On a personal note, baby Torstan is flourishing and is adding a new dimension to my life.

Sue Cardinal
DCHE Past Chair 2009



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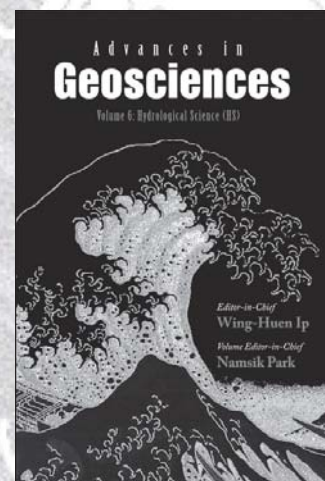
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