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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.

Greetings from the SLA Chemistry Division!

The 2009 SLA Annual Conference celebrating the 100th Anniversary of SLA is now history. I hope those of you who had the opportunity to attend the conference found the sessions, the venue, the exhibits, the receptions, and the whole experience exhilarating and something to blog, tweet or "write home about."

A big "Thank You" to all who helped to make our Division programs so successful – CE instructors, planners, moderators, speakers, panelists, poster presenters, the Division Board members, and all who gave of their time and talent, those who attended our Division sessions and the SLA staff who guided us through this process. It might be a cliché, but it does take an incredible amount of teamwork and coordination to bring the annual conferences to fruition. Give yourselves a big applause for a job well done!

Thank you to our 2009 conference sponsors who helped to make the Chemistry Division programs possible:

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I would also like to highlight and congratulate the 2009 Division award winners:

-- Li Zhang, 2009 Sparks Award winner
 -- Paulina Borrega, 2009 ACS New Professional Award winner (thank you to ACS Publications for their sponsorship of this award again this year!)
 -- Norah Xiao, 2009 SLA Rising Star Award (one of five from all of SLA!)

We wish them well in their careers and look forward to their contributions to SLA, the

Chemistry Division, and our profession.

Some of the Division's presentations from the conference are up on the SLA web site: <http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2009/Conference/handouts/index.cfm> and will be put on the Division web site also.

It was our pleasure at the Chemistry Division's Annual Business Meeting to announce the initiation of the newest award from the Chemistry Division – the **Wiggins-Roth Award for Outstanding Service**, named after our two distinguished Division members, Gary Wiggins and Dana Roth, who have recently been inducted into the SLA Hall of Fame. Stay tuned for the call for nominations coming soon.

Also at the Annual Business Meeting, we announced that we will be looking at our Financial Strategy. We want to formulate a strategy to keep on track for sustained financial health so that the Division can continue to provide the programs, activities and opportunities that our members want. This strategy will be meshed into the Division's Strategic Plan, which we hope to update by year's end after the results of our member survey are analyzed. Both the Board meeting minutes and the Annual Business meeting minutes will be up on the Division web site so you can review the other items discussed at these two meetings.

Finally, at the conference we heard a lot about "Align in '09" – what is this all about anyway? Here is my "take" on it -- basically it means that our value proposition as information professionals/librarians should be intimately tied into (or "aligned" with) the strategic goals and objectives of the organizations for which we work. Extrapolate this to membership in SLA, our professional society which advocates for our whole profession, and you can see that this advocacy will work best when it is "aligned" with the value propositions that resonate the most not only with our internal stakeholders but also with external groups such as potential members, potential partners, etc. See the SLA web site (<http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/alignment/index.cfm>) for more background and information on this association project.

As you can see, SLA and the Chemistry Division do not stand still – we continually work to bring the best value to our members via programming, CE courses, after-conference tours, newsletters, awards, networking opportunities, etc. If you have any comments about the Chemistry Division activities, etc, please let me know (and you can also reply to our membership survey going out soon). If you want to add your talent and time to the Division’s multiple activities, just drop me a line at luray.m.minkiewicz@usa.dupont.com and let me know what your interests are.

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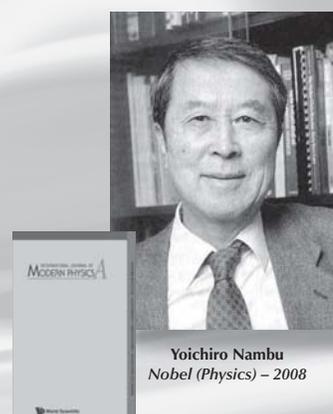
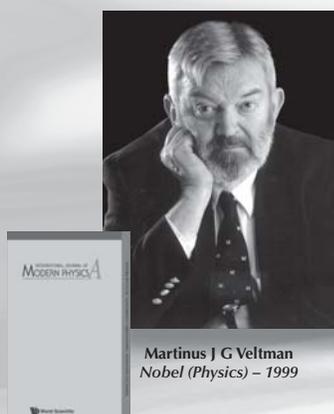
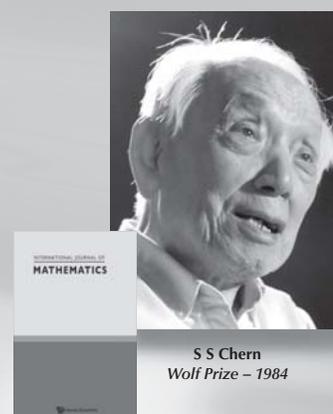
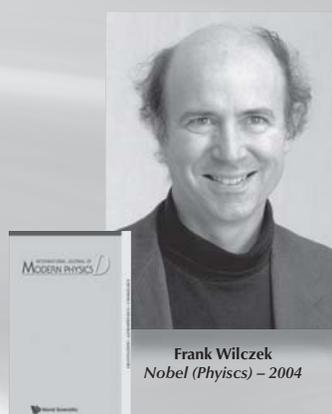
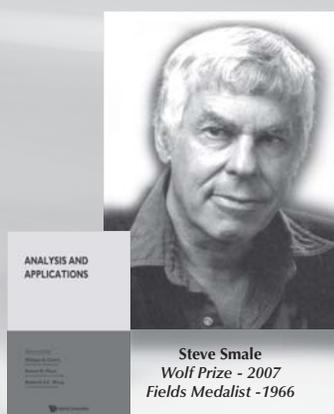
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