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News from the Chemistry Division

Chemistry Division

Marie Fraties-Block, 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.

As I write this message, the final deadlines for the Chicago SLA 2012 Annual Conference & INFO-EXPO on July 15 through July 18 are approaching.

I want to again express appreciation for my co-planner, Norah Xiao of the University of Southern California Libraries. Norah has many exciting ideas about the future of science librarianship and incorporated those ideas into the conference programs. Thanks, Norah! You are an inspiration and your concepts will make the 2012 conference a success for all members. And Bill Armstrong, as the division's Past Chair, was always there for us when we had strategic and technical planning questions. Norah and I cannot thank you enough ...but will try to. Thanks a million!

Our division's web site will contain details about the entire Chemistry Division events at: <http://chemistry.sla.org>. If you are a member of the Chemistry Division, be sure to read the blogs on our web page. That's where we will post announcements about upcoming programs.

We have many scheduled events at the Chicago SLA 2012 Annual Conference & INFO-EXPO. We'll be discussing some HOT TOPICS, such as:

- Chemistry on the Go – Using Mobile Devices to Access Chemical Information
- Chemistry Information Training: Present and Future
- Institutional Repositories
- National Science Foundation Data Management Plans
- How and Why Things Fail - Forensic Engineers and Information Specialists

- Science of Beauty Care – with a focus on sunscreen chemistry.

Thanks to Judith Currano, the Chemistry Division will be offering some outstanding Continuing Education Courses. Check the Chemistry Division web page for course details.

- Chemistry for the Non-Chemist Librarian
- Chemical Information Sources, Requests, and Reference
- Extreme Structure Searching: Organics, Organometallics, Polymers, and Markush

We will also participate in the All-Sciences Poster Session and Reception. This year's theme is "Practicing Agility in an Open World Economy."

On Thursday, July 19th, we will take a field trip to the award-winning University of Chicago Libraries where we will have a unique tour the robotic book retrieval system. The new Joe and Rika Mansueto Library houses one of the world's largest high-density underground storage systems with the capacity to hold 3.5 million volume equivalents. I'm told it's impressive beyond words. I'm looking forward to seeing this inventive retrieval system with my own eyes.

All members are welcome to attend the Chemistry Division Annual Meeting Breakfast and the Division Board Meeting.

See you in Chicago! ❖

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