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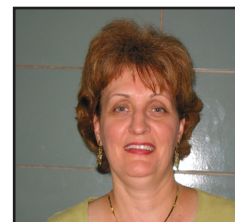
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News from the Chemistry Division

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.

Wow! SLA 2012 has come and gone! I can't believe we made it through the blazing heat the McCormick maze! What a challenge.

We received great feedback on the programs along with some good ideas for future sessions. Many DCHE members worked hard on this conference as co-planners, instructors, speakers, and moderators. I owe a very special thanks to Norah Xiao for her assistance as the 2012 co-planner. And of course, many thanks to Bill Armstrong, who provided much needed support to me. Susan Mark [2013 DCHE Chair elect and Luti Salisbury [2013 DCHE co-planner] got their feet wet by assisting with a lot of the last minute activities. Ted Baldwin, as Professional Development, always schedules informative and successful CE course, and this year was no exception. The instructors for this year were Judith Currano, Sue Cardinal, Dawn French, and David Bacino who taught three separate courses. We had good attendance at all courses and are looking forward to another set of outstanding CE courses in San Diego!

We also wish to thank our sponsors, without whom the conference would not be possible. We value our partnership with them, both at the event and throughout the year. It's DCHE's mission to improve the production and dissemination of chemical information through sharing ideas, problems, and solutions. We could not do this without the assistance from our sponsors. Our generous sponsors for this year's conference were: ACS Publications, RSC Publishing, Elsevier – Reaxys, Global Language Translations and Consulting, Inc., and IHS.

While I enjoyed catching up with friends and colleagues, I especially liked meeting new Chemistry Division members at our Newcomer's Luncheon. Wasn't it fun to share the abundance of delicious tapas at [Mercat a la Planxa](#)? Mindy Peters is our newly appointed Membership chair and was instrumental in arranging this special afternoon for us. ¡muchas gracias, Mindy! Again

this year, Denise Callihan, organized a conference-buddy program. Those of us who participated had fun getting to know a first-timer. I'm looking forward to meeting another buddy in 2013.

And speaking of Denise Callihan all DCHE members should be proud that we have a [Rose Vormelker award](#) winner in our division. This award is presented to an SLA member for beyond exceptional services in area of mentoring students or working professionals. Denise, I was excited to see you on stage receiving this grand award. You're such an inspiration to all of us. DCHE certainly benefits from your mentoring work.

One person I'd like to introduce to all is Kristin Briney, PhD, winner of the [Marion E. Sparks award](#). The Sparks award is presented to a student or new member and is intended to encourage their participation in DCHE activities. Kristin is a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Madison and has a deep interest in research data management. Because data management is important to chemistry, I'm sure we will hear much from Dr. Briney in the future.

Our sincere thanks go to Andrea Twiss-Brooks and other members of the University of Chicago. They provided an excellent tour of the John Crerar and Mansueto libraries. The special attraction that everyone was eager to see in action was the robotic retrieval system. Due to Dematic North America's kind sponsorship we were able to descend five stories below the library surface and view the workings up close. What a treat! Due to this tour opportunity, Dematic asked me to put them in touch with SLA headquarters; they want to exhibit at next year's Annual Conference.

And lastly, I'm especially appreciative to the members who participated in the final wrap-up session. I hope this gave a lot of fodder to both Susan and Luti for planning next year's conference. They are well on their way to

organizing a great conference, but I'm sure they are willing to listen to your suggestions.

I'm sure I've overlooked someone to thank or something important to report – keep checking

the [DCHE website](#) for updates! The conference would not have been successful without such great volunteers. ❖

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Chemistry Division New Members

The Chemistry Division welcomes its new members:

Many of you joined us at the SLA 2012 Annual Conference & Info-Expo in Chicago. I hope you learned a lot from your colleagues – and I hope you continue to learn a lot from SLA in the future.

Renaë Baldovski, United States Steel Corp.
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