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## Chemistry Division

## Marion Peters, Chair

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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.

### Have Ticket, Will Travel

This issue of *Sci-Tech News* focuses on chemistry and related activities of the Chemistry Division. Special "thank yous" to those who heeded Marilyn Dunker's request to contribute your thoughts and articles for this issue and the divisional electronic newsletter scheduled for February. For those interested in learning more about the Chemistry Division and to view previous divisional newsletters, I encourage you to visit the Division's Web site, managed by Teri Vogel, at: <http://www.sla.org/division/dche/chemdiv.html>

Chemistry information professionals around the world, including division members, share news and provide assistance to one another through CHMINF-L, the listserv managed by Gary Wiggins at Indiana University. To join CHMINF-L, visit the Web site at: <http://listserv@listserv.indiana.edu/archives/chminf-l.html>

As Suzanne Fedunok noted in her November 2002 chair's message, the division has been interested in extending conference participation beyond national meetings. Bill Armstrong agreed to investigate technical issues related to acquiring the necessary software and hardware. He recently

reported that the software/hardware configuration has passed his and Dana Roth's testing and is ready for action. An announcement will be forthcoming when the site has content to view.

As I conclude, I am in the midst of packing for SLA's Leadership Summit January 21-24 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Joining me there will be several other division officers and colleagues, including Ted Baldwin, treasurer; Dawn French, vice chair/chair-elect; and Kathy Whitley, assisting with conference planning for Toronto in 2005. I will meet with 2004 conference planners to finalize programs and other activities for Nashville this June, and hope you have marked your calendar for this year's conference. If you are interested in submitting a poster, please contact Mary Ann Mahoney ([mmahoney@library.berkeley.edu](mailto:mmahoney@library.berkeley.edu)). This is an opportunity to share information on the software you use to create interactive instructional resources for your users, as well as Web tutorials, videos, or other interactive products.

As always, please contact me as you think of division or organizational concerns.

Marion Peters  
Chair, SLA Chemistry Division 2003-04

### A Note from the Chair-elect

By the time you get this newsletter we will be coming back from the Leadership Summit in New Mexico (January 21-24). We will have begun to put into action our plans for the Toronto conference in 2005. However, it's not too late to submit your suggestions and ideas for session topics, themes, speakers, and volunteers. Remember - this is your conference and your Division. Get involved! What would you like to see at the conference from the Chemistry Division, or not see? What would make the conference a "must" on your To-Do list? What questions would you like answered by the different sessions? Are there areas that are new to you and you'd like to know more about them? Are there challenges you are facing in your library/information centers that you would like input from others on?

Even if you usually don't attend the conferences, still feel free to give your thoughts. We can always provide the handouts, etc. from the sessions. And, you never know, you just might be convinced to come. Contact Kathy Whitley or me with your thoughts.

Sincerely,  
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## 2004 Marion E. Sparks Award for Professional Development

The Chemistry Division of the Special Libraries Association is sponsoring a student/new member scholarship essay competition in 2004. The award is named to honor Marion E. Sparks, a chemistry librarian at the University of Illinois from 1913 until her death in 1929. Ms. Sparks contributed a great deal to the field of chemical information, her achievements include teaching courses on chemical information, and authoring and publishing what is argued to be the first book to formally address chemical literature and library instruction.

This competition is intended to encourage student members or new members of the Chemistry Division to attend the annual meeting and participate in the activities of the Chemistry Division of the Special Libraries Association.

**AWARD:** The winner will receive \$1,500 to attend the 2004 SLA Annual Conference, Nashville, June 5 - 10. The winner will also receive a certificate of achievement and will be introduced at the Chemistry Division Business Meeting & Breakfast. This award is intended to reimburse the winner's expenses for attending the convention, including: registration, airfare, lodging, food, and/or the continuing education course (registration in the course "Chemistry resources for non-chemists" if offered in 2004 or any other continuing education course is recommended but not required).

**ELIGIBILITY:** All student members of the Chemistry Division and all individuals who became members of the Chemistry Division since January of 2003 are eligible to enter the contest.

**TO ENTER:** Compose an essay to address the candidate's objectives for professional development and the outcomes for a person be granted the award. Essay should not exceed 400 words or two typed doubled-spaced pages. Please include a resume and the names of two references.

Entries may be submitted by email or regular mail to:

Svetlana Korolev  
UWM Libraries  
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee  
Milwaukee, WI 53211  
skorolev@uwm.edu

Deadline for submission: March 15, 2004

Essays will be judged by a panel of SLA Chemistry Division members.

The winner will be notified by April 10, 2004

## The Chemistry Division Welcomes These New Members

Sarah H. Jeong  
Student, Wake Forest Univ.

Janet E. Hack  
Student

Davud A. Breiner  
Cytex Industries Technical Information Center

Tract A, Landfried  
US Army Research Laboratory Technical Library

Robert T. Stewart  
Dialog

Natalia Maklakov

John S. Rubacha  
Great Lakes Chemical Corp.