

September 25, 2017

Washington DC Meeting Recap

Chemistry – and the Solar Eclipse – was enjoyed by almost 13,000 when the ACS 254th Fall National Meeting rolled into Washington, DC. *ACSenvr* had over 565 oral and poster presentations from across the globe under 24 symposia, in addition to the co-sponsored 18 symposia with other ACS divisions. Many thanks to the Fall National Meeting Program Chair, Dr. Jillian Goldfarb, and our program sponsors, including: Shimadzu, WMU-Chemistry, Kalamazoo Local ACS Section, Ahuja Academy of Water Quality, ACS Committee on Environmental Improvement (CEI), and the Association of Environmental & Engineering Science Professors for helping spread True Science!



Call for Papers – 255th ACS Spring National Meeting, March 18-22, New Orleans, LA

Abstract submission is now open for the spring 2018 National Meeting. A full list of *ACSenvr*'s 31 symposia can be found on the meeting website: <https://callforpapers.acs.org/nola2018>. Submit your abstracts of up to 150 words using [MAPS](#) by October 9, 2017. Please contact Sherine Obare, *ACSenvr* Spring Program Chair, sherine.obare@wmich.edu, for any questions.

- **Request to Judge Student's Presentations for COM** – Our first-time presenters would appreciate your feedback! If you're available to serve as a judge, please contact Lee Blaney (blaney@wmbc.edu) or Alexander Orlov (alexander.orlov@stonybrook.edu).

Interested in Organizing? Call for Fall 2018 National Meeting Symposium Organizers

ACSenvr invites you to organize a Symposium for the Fall 2018 National Meeting in Boston, MA. Proposals are being accepted through October 15; the proposal template is available on *ACSenvr*'s website. We are eagerly anticipating participation from all areas of Environmental Engineering and Chemistry, and welcome first-time organizers and veterans alike. If you need help finding a co-organizer, let us know! If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Fall 2018 National Meeting Program Chair, Jillian Goldfarb, at jiliang@bu.edu or 617-353-3883.

ACSenvr 2017 Election Results and Leadership Positions

First, we'd like to thank George Cobb for his service as Chair of *ACSenvr* for the past two years. Dion Dionysiou will assume this role in January 2018, and our new Chair-Elect is Souhail Al-Abed. Xiaoping Pan and Lindsey Welch were re-elected to their respective positions as Treasurer and Secretary. Congratulations to our newly elected Members-at-Large: Mark Benvenuto, Sophie Uchimiya, Virender Sharma, and Slawomir Lomnicki. Alan Elzerman and Martha M.J. Wells were elected as 2018-20 Councilors; Alexander Orlov and Jillian Goldfarb as Alternate Councilors. **ACSenvr* Division is accepting nominations for leadership positions for summer 2018 elections (service to begin January 1, 2019) and for committee appointments (service may begin at any time). Please send nominations to Tracy Williamson (williamson.tracy@epa.gov).

Call for the ACS-CEI Award for Incorporation of Sustainability into Chemistry Education

As part of the American Chemical Society's goal to "advance the broader chemistry enterprise and its practitioners for the benefit of Earth and its people", the Society's **Committee on Environmental Improvement (CEI)** seeks to recognize those individuals or groups who have made exemplary contributions to the incorporation of sustainability into chemical education. Awardees will receive a \$750 travel allowance to attend the Spring National Meeting in New Orleans. Third party and self-nominations are encouraged. Nominations should be submitted via email by September 30, 2017, to Ray Garant at r_garant@acs.org. Award details are posted [here](#).

Funding Available for Regional Meeting Programming

The ACS Committee on Environmental Improvement (CEI) and *ACSenvr* have joined forces to provide funding for regional meeting programming focused on climate change or sustainability. In 2017 sustainability programming was offered at both the Northwest and Mid-Atlantic Regional Meetings, and will be offered at the upcoming SERMACS meeting in November in Charlotte, NC. We look forward to building on these successes. If you are interested in planning regional meeting programming please apply for funding support through *ACSenvr*. Feel free to speak to Mark Benvenuto (benvenma@udmercy.edu) or Anthony (Tony) Noce (Tony.Noce@tetrattech.com) for more information.

CEI Mini-Grant Program

The Committee on Environmental Improvement (CEI), in recognition of the ACS strategic plan objective to be a global leader in enlisting the world's scientific professionals to address, through chemistry, the challenges facing our world, seeks to promote opportunities to enhance the chemical community's awareness of and response to the challenges of sustainability. This mini-grant program is designed to encourage local sections to develop programming that furthers the discussion of sustainability within chemistry. All avenues of programming will be considered, including speakers at local section meetings, Science Cafés, workshops, educational programs, community events, or other innovative programming concepts. Information about these mini-grants is available online at: <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/about/governance/committees/cei/local-section-activities/sustainability-programming-grants.html>.

ChemLuminary Award for Outstanding Sustainability Activities

The ChemLuminary Award for Outstanding Sustainability Activities, sponsored by CEI, recognizes a local section that has introduced a new and outstanding program promoting sustainability at the local level. Congratulations to the Northeastern Local Section for winning the 2017 ChemLuminary for their event in partnership with Pfizer, UMass Boston, and their Younger Chemists Committee which featured talks from research chemists at Pfizer who implement green chemistry principles, and green chemistry educators who provided lesson plans and strategies. The Northeastern Local Section received a CEI Local Section Mini-Grant for Sustainability Programming in 2016 that made the event possible.

If your local section has introduced such a program, please make sure that you (self) nominate for the ChemLuminary Award in your Annual Report. If not, please think about partnering with your Division to propose a new program promoting sustainability at the local section level.

ACSenvr Members Recognized as 2017 ACS Fellows

Congratulations to *ACSenvr* members Dr. Martha J.M. Wells (EnviroChem Services), Dr. Kenneth S. Sajwan (Savannah State University) and Marek A. Wójtowicz (Advanced Fuel Research Inc.) for their consistent contributions to the society and being named to the 2017 Class of ACS Fellows.

ACSenvr Member Selected for SOCC's (Students on Climate Change) COP 23 Meeting

Congratulations Justin Pothoof for being selected as one of the eight ACS undergraduate students to attend the Conference of Parties (COP23) meeting in Bonn, Germany. COP23 meeting gathers all parties associated with

Paris Agreement and explores the needs and challenges on climate change. Justin, as a student delegate, will write blogs and create videos to aid in the education of the public on the topic of climate change. The student blog is available at: <http://www.studentsonclimatechange.com/>. Students interested to apply are encouraged to visit <http://faculty.ycp.edu/~gfoy/COP23App.htm> and contact Dr. Gregory P. Foy (gfoy@ycp.edu).

In Memoriam

ACSenvr is deeply saddened by the sudden passing of our member Michael Edward Miller. Dr. Miller (B.S., Swarthmore '81 and PhD, Cornell '86) was a Principal Environmental Chemist at CDM Smith, Boston, MA. Dr. Miller's research interests were recently focussed on sustainable risk management for complex bioremediation activities including stakeholder's engagement on sustainable remediation of lead exposure in an urban setting. In addition to his professional accomplishment, he was highly respected and deeply beloved as a Balkan dancer, organizer for nationwide gender-role-free contradance, and an eloquent speaker for LGBT equality.

Have Something to Share?

If you have an important message to share with *ACSenvr* members such as upcoming meetings, awards, and the like, or would like to offer suggestions on how this Newsletter or the Division can better serve your and the community's needs, please contact *ACSenvr* Publicity Chair Jillian Goldfarb (jilliang@bu.edu) or Business Office Director Peney Patton (division@ACSenvr.com), or Editor *envirofACS* Newsletter Bikram Subedi (bsubedi@murraystate.edu).

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