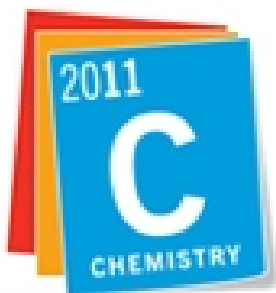


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Thursday, April 21, 2011

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From The Chair



John Tierney

March is approaching as I am writing this piece and the operative word for the Philadelphia Section is “busy.”

I would like to begin by reporting on the January meeting that was held at the Iron Hill Brewery in West Chester. A very lively presentation and tour was given by our host, and speaker, Larry Horwitz. Larry is the brewmaster at the West Chester location. The event attracted a respectable audience (as in numbers) with a sizeable contingent of attendees who were non-US born; the countries represented were China, Germany, England and Ireland. Interestingly, one member from Bucks County rearranged a doctor’s appointment in the West Chester area just so that he could attend the meeting.

February 1st saw the world kickoff of the **International Year of Chemistry** celebration. The site for the festivities in the US was at the Chemical Heritage Foundation (CHF), in Philadelphia. CHF kindly hosted a dinner on January 31, at which Tom Tritton

(CHF President) welcomed the assembled chemistry community and introduced Andrew Liveris, President, CEO and Chairman of the Board of the Dow Chemical Company. Andrew’s major point is that we should all be singing the praises of chemistry because we have the world stage. He further added that we should ensure that we do not “blow it” by not taking advantage of this opportunity. On February 1st CHF hosted a panel discussion entitled “Global Challenges/Chemistry Solutions,” moderated by **Daniel G. Nocera**, the **Henry Dreyfus Professor of Energy and Professor of Chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology**. The panelists were **Ellen Kullman (CEO, DuPont)**, **Andrew Liveris (CEO, Dow)**, **Joshua Boger (CEO, Vertex Pharmaceuticals)**, **Rita Colwell (Professor, University of Maryland)** and **Janet Hering (Director, Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology)**. A lively discussion ensued after each panelist gave their initial remarks. Questions were entertained by the panelists from the audience and the web; Daniel Nocera was a provocative and entertaining mediator.

The Section participated in an ACS outreach program at the **Franklin Institute** on February 5th. It was a fun event. The event consisted of 18 ta-

bles featuring 9 hands-on activities - Flubber, Making Snow, Colorful Lather Printing, Density Batons, New Sense about Cents, Pencil Electrolysis, Producing Oxygen Gas, X Marks the Spot, and Magic Nuudles. The Philadelphia Section notables working the tables included **Dan King (Drexel)** and **Rick Ewing (Chair-Elect)**. **Doug Hausner** did an amazing job rallying the troops through the **Younger Chemists Committee (YCC)**. Doug mobilized a contingent of undergraduate chemistry and chemical engineer volunteers from the **University of the Sciences, Drexel, Penn** and the **University of Delaware** to work each of the demonstration tables. There was a wonderful turnout of children and parents who participated in the hands-on activities and they clearly had a great time. As I was leaving the **Franklin Institute**, one parent with her two young children turned to me and said “that chemistry event was awesome!” I am aware that ‘awesome’ is possibly an overused word, but in this instance I think she hit the nail on the head. See page 70 for a photo from the event.

At our February meeting, undergraduate and graduate students presented their research at the Annual Poster Session, held at **Temple University’s Mitten Hall**. **Dow** helped sponsor the event in conjunc-

tion with **Temple University**, and this sponsorship is very much appreciated. The poster event, like the one at the Franklin Institute, was put together by **Doug Hausner**. In addition to the undergraduate and graduate poster presentations, four high school seniors (Remy Bremner, Jennifer Castor, Ryan Henrici and Samantha Webster) from **Conestoga High School** (Chester County) presented excellent research work that they had carried out at their school with their teacher, Mr. Derrick Wood. There were 28 graduate student posters and 18 undergraduate posters. The winning graduate posters were submitted by Jacob Goldberg and Solongo Batjargal (**Penn**), Thuy Hien Nguyen (**USP**) and Tina Shah (**Villanova**). The winning undergraduate posters were Lena Hooper (**Princeton**), Tara Schisler (**Eastern**) and Justine Betzu (**Ursinus**). The awards were presented by Dr. Katie Hunt of **Dow**.

The judges for the event were José Cerda (**St. Joseph's**), Ann DeMasi (**Chemtura**), Rick Ewing (**Bristol Meyers Squibb**), Al Findeisen (**Temple**), Robert Giuliano (**Villanova**), Chandra Harrington (**Merck**), Dan King (**Drexel**), Kathryn Lysko (**Immaculata**), Peter Palenchar (**Rutgers, Camden**), Jen

Palenchar (**Rutgers, Camden**), Jeffrey Pelletier (**Northwestern**), Jared Paul (**Villanova**), Heather Paul (**Villanova**), and Bill Smith (**Bristol HS**). The Section certainly appreciates the aforementioned individuals giving their time for this event. Please take some time to go to the website and review all the abstracts for this event, so you will gain some sense of all the work these students and their faculty advisors are involved in.

See you all at the Edgar Fahs Smith Lecture in March.

NEWS ATOMS

Deaths

Edmund Thelen, retired research and development executive, December 18th at 97. He served in the Navy during WWII and then joined the US Naval Reserves, retiring with the rank of Commander. He worked in a variety of positions in industry and government, most notably the Franklin Institute Research Laboratories where he retired in 1977 as VP. While at Franklin he co-authored a design guide for porous pavement that has become widely cited.

His outside interests included Toastmasters International, hiking and photographing the mountains in California, and many environmental activities. He was founding president of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Ann L. Farren, retired chemist and information services specialist, January 3rd at 85. After working several years in biochemical research at the Valley Forge Army Hospital and Jefferson Medical College, she joined Smith, Kline and French Laboratories. From 1953 to 1956 she was employed by Rohm and Haas in the ion exchange laboratories.

Ann then worked for the ACS News Service in New York for three years, following which she joined Biological Abstracts (BIOSIS) in 1959 as a technical assistant to the director. She served in several departments and developed the first education programs, which she took to many US and Canada locations to teach scientists how to use BIOSIS services. She became senior education specialist and education bureau manager at Bio Sciences Information Service.

She was active in the Philadelphia Section as a director, councilor and chair or member of many committees. Farren received the Section's service award in 1957 and the Ulliot service award in 1993. She was a 63-year member of ACS. She was active in the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and chaired the medical library education group in the Medical Library Association. Ann was past president of the Girl Scout Leaders group in Germantown.

MARCH MEETING

THE PHILADELPHIA SECTION, AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY
and
THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

present the

2011 Edgar Fahs Smith Memorial Lecture

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Dr. Ada Yonath

Kimmel Professor, Department of Structural Biology
Weizmann Institute of Science

***Ribosomal Crystallography and
Attempts at Combating Antibiotics Resistance***

6:00 PM

Carolyn Hoff Lynch Lecture Hall
Chemistry Building, University of Pennsylvania
34th and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, PA

The reception and lecture are free

Social Hour: 5:00-6:00 PM in the Alumni and Faculty Hall of Fame, Chemistry Building, University of Pennsylvania.

Dinner following the lecture at Penne Restaurant, 3611 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

Dinner cost: \$47.00; Students with reservations and ID: \$24.00

RESERVATIONS should be made by calling Mrs. Harper at the section office, (215) 382-1589, or emailing PhilaACS@aol.com by 5:00 PM Thursday, March 10. Cancellations, if necessary, cannot be accepted after NOON on Tuesday, March 15. **UNCANCELLED RESERVATIONS WILL BE BILLED.**

PARKING is available in the Drexel University garage on Ludlow Street (from Market Street go south on 34th; it's the first left) and a University of Pennsylvania garage on 34th Street just past Ludlow. Metered street parking may also be available.

The Board of Directors will meet at 4:00 PM in the Makineni Room of the Chemistry Building (Room 260 in the Cret wing), University of Pennsylvania.

SPEAKER'S ABSTRACT AND BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Ada Yonath

Department of Structural Biology, Weizmann Institute, Rehovot 76100, Israel

Ribosomal Crystallography and Attempts at Combating Antibiotics Resistance



Abstract: Ribosomes are the universal cellular machines that translate the genetic code into proteins. Composed of proteins and RNA, among which the RNA moieties perform almost all functional tasks, they possess spectacular architecture accompanied by inherent mobility that facilitate their smooth performance in decoding, peptide bond formation and nascent protein elongation. Owing to their fundamental role, ribosomes are targeted by many antibiotics that paralyze the ribosomes by binding to their functional sites. Their binding modes, inhibitory action and synergism pathways will be demonstrated. Issues concerning their ability to differentiate between patients and pathogens, and mechanism leading to bacterial resistance to antibiotics will be discussed.

Biography: Born in Jerusalem, Israel, Professor Ada

Yonath, studied at the Hebrew University, earned her PhD from Weizmann Institute of Science (WIS) and completed her postdoctoral studies at MIT, USA. She studies protein biosynthesis, focusing on ribosomes, which translate the genetic code into proteins, and on their inhibition by antibiotics, including mechanisms for acquiring resistance.

She is using X-ray crystallography supported by molecular biology, mutagenesis and other biophysical methods. For this aim, she established in the seventies the first laboratory for protein crystallography in Israel, which was the only laboratory of this kind in the country for almost a decade. Currently she is a professor of structural biology at WIS, holds the Kimmel Professorial Chair, and is directing the Kimmelman Center for Biomolecular Structure and Assembly. From 1986-2004 she also headed the

Max-Planck Research Unit in Hamburg, Germany.

She is a member of the US National Academy of Sciences (NAS); the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities; the European Academy of Sciences and Art; the European Molecular Biology Organization; the International Academy of Astronautics.

Additionally, she has honorary doctorates from Tel Aviv, Ben Gurion and Bar Ilan universities in Israel; KEK, Japan and Oxford University in UK.

Her awards include the first European Crystallography Prize; the Israel Prize; the Paul Karrer Gold Medal; the Israel Prime Minister EMET award; the Rothschild Prize; the Louisa Gross Horwitz Prize; the Paul Ehrlich-Ludwig Medal, Germany; the Linus Pauling Gold Medal; the Anfinsen Prize; the Wolf Prize; the Massry Award and Medal; the UNESCO Award for Women in Science; the Albert Einstein World Award for Excellence; the Erice Prize for Peace; the DESY pin, the Exner medal, the Nobel Prize for Chemistry and the Indian Prime Minister Gold medal.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The 20th Annual

**Philadelphia Section, American Chemical Society
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The Philadelphia Section of the American Chemical Society will honor two outstanding science teachers from the Delaware Valley with its Awards for Excellence in Pre-College Science Teaching. One award will be given to a full-time educator involved in teaching science in grades K-8. The second award will be given to a full-time educator at the secondary level (grades 9-12) who teaches chemistry. Nominees must teach in the Philadelphia Section's geographic area (Philadelphia, Montgomery, Delaware, Chester, Bucks, Burlington and Camden counties).

Nominations for 2011 will be accepted until Tuesday, April 5, 2011. The nomination package should consist of a letter of nomination, the nominee's resume and at least two letters of recommendation. Other supporting information, such as students' comments, is welcome. However, the total nomination package should not exceed 30 pages. The nomination package may be emailed to PhilaACS@aol.com or nine copies of the nomination materials may be mailed to:

Dr. William R. Ewing
Chair, Awards Committee
Philadelphia Section, ACS
Department of Chemistry
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA 19104-6323

For more information, please contact the Philadelphia Section, ACS office: phone: (215) 382-1589 or email: PhilaACS@aol.com

Award recipients will be honored at our May 2011 Section meeting with a certificate and an honorarium.

NOTE EXTENDED DEADLINE!

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The 9th Annual

Philadelphia Section, American Chemical Society

Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in Chemical Sciences

The Philadelphia Section of the American Chemical Society will honor an outstanding undergraduate teacher from the Delaware Valley with its Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in Chemical Sciences. The award will be given to a full-time educator involved in teaching an undergraduate course in the chemical sciences (chemistry, biochemistry). Nominees must teach in an institution that is within the Philadelphia Section's geographic area (Philadelphia, Montgomery, Delaware, Chester, Bucks, Burlington and Camden counties).

Nominations for 2011 will be accepted until Tuesday, April 5, 2011. The nomination should consist of a letter of nomination, the nominee's resume and at least two letters of recommendation. Other supporting information, such as students' comments, is welcome. However, the total nomination package should not exceed 30 pages. The nomination package may be emailed to PhilaACS@aol.com or nine copies of the nomination materials may be mailed to:

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The award recipient will be honored at our May 2011 Section meeting with an honorarium and a plaque.

Focus on a Section Member – Dr. Doug Hausner

Doug graduated with a PhD in Chemistry from Temple University. He is presently a Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Rutgers Camden. Doug is also a member of the ACS's National Younger Chemists Committee and the Chair of the local section's YCC group. It is in his position with the Philadelphia Section that he truly shows his excellence.

You will see in other sections of *the Catalyst* that Doug was able to mobilize a large group of dedicated undergraduate volunteers to help with an **International Year of Chemistry** ACS Outreach event at the Franklin Institute on February 5, 2011. In addition to this he has helped organize and run the Section's Student Poster Session, which this year was held at Temple Uni-

versity's Mitten Hall on February 10, 2011. Note that these two large events were a very short period apart. Doug has amazing organizational skills and is dedicated to serving the larger ACS community with much work that he does behind the scenes. His efforts need to be noted and next time you see Doug, give him a hearty pat on the back for all his good work.

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This Award recognizes an individual, “who, by conspicuous scientific achievement through research, has made important contributions to man’s knowledge and thereby aided the public appreciation of the profession.” Any member of the American Chemical Society, Philadelphia Section, may be nominated for this award. Recent awardees include: Eric Borguet (Temple University 2009), John J. Baldwin (Vitae Pharmaceuticals 2008), Robert J. Levis (Temple University 2007).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATION

- (1) The nominator should provide detailed biographical data of the nominee, showing educational and employment data, a list of publications and a record of other accomplishments pertinent to consideration for this award.
- (2) One or two seconding letters (at least one of which should be from a person in an organization other than that of the nominee) should be requested in support of the nomination.
- (3) Nominators and seconders should be identified with addresses and telephone numbers so that they can be contacted, if necessary, for additional information.
- (4) Unsuccessful nominees from previous years may be renominated. In fairness to the nominee, however, renominations must be accompanied by an updating of the nominee’s biographical data and list of accomplishments in order to make the nomination competitive. Unsuccessful nominees who have been considered three years in a row should not be renominated for the fourth year in succession without prior consultation by the nominator with the chair of the Awards Committee.

Nomination forms are available from the Section Office. Contact the Administrative Secretary, Mrs. Libby Harper at:

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Philadelphia Section ACS Group on LinkedIn

As many members of ACS are already aware, the website LinkedIn (<http://www.linkedin.com>) is an excellent networking site dedicated to keeping working professionals in touch with one another. As a result, and in an effort to assist in any way that we can, the Philadelphia Section of the ACS has established a group open for all to join. Within this group, discussions can be facilitated as well as the opportunity for new jobs and internships to be posted.

If you already have a profile in LinkedIn, feel free to go to the Groups Section and search for "American Chemical Society - Philadelphia Section." Send a message to the group administrator to become a member. If you are not already on LinkedIn, we highly recommend that you join. Establishing an account is free and easy to set up. For additional information or assistance, please feel free to contact J.P. Northrop, Liaison Committee, at john.northrop@anton-paar.com

To join, please click on the following link:

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SEEKING SUMMER POSITIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATES

We are seeking help from the membership of the Philadelphia Section of the ACS. In most cases, this would only require indicating appropriate contact people.

The Philadelphia Section of the American Chemical Society has developed a web site that will post summer positions available in a laboratory setting for undergraduate students majoring in chemistry or related areas.

We are seeking companies, governmental agencies and non-profit institutions that have summer positions available for the aforementioned group of undergraduates. These positions can be in either a research or a non-research laboratory environment. We would like to post the information about these positions on the Philadelphia Section of the American Chemical Society's website: <http://philadelphia.sites.acs.org/internshipquestionnaire.htm>. There is no cost to post a position; there is no obligation to continue this position from one year to the next; you may have it removed at any time; and the organizational contact for applicants may be an individual or referral to the company web site.

If you hire undergraduates in chemistry or related areas to work in a laboratory setting, we urge you to go to our website and complete the questionnaire. Or, if you know of the person in your organization who oversees such an undergraduate program, either urge them to post the position(s) on our website or email me (see below) with their contact information. If you have any questions please contact: Sheldon L. Miller, PhD: email: millers@chc.edu or call at (215) 248-7175.

Thank you for your participation.

Sheldon L. Miller



CHEMICAL CONSULTANTS NETWORK

MARCH 9, 2011 MEETING

Visit our website at www.chemconsultants.org

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 9th, at the Cynwyd Club, Bala Cynwyd, PA; Networking, 5:30 PM; Dinner, 6:30 PM; Talk and Business Session, 7:30 PM.

Starting a Custom Synthesis Company

Ron Bihovsky

Abstract:

An entrepreneur interested in starting a custom synthesis company must overcome all of the challenges faced by a consultant as well as additional issues inherent to manufacturing. These include finding a location, securing funding, purchasing equipment, finding a niche of products, marketing, pricing and identifying clients. These challenges are balanced by the satisfaction of knowing that one has succeeded in manufacturing valuable products. Ron Bihovsky will discuss how he addressed these issues when he founded Key Synthesis LLC ten years ago, as well as the difficulties, successes, and the insights gained.

Biography:

Dr. Ron Bihovsky founded Key Synthesis LLC, a custom synthesis company specializing in synthesis of biologically active compounds, in 2001. He also consults, and has performed experimental work and testified as an expert witness in pharmaceutical patent cases. He previously conducted medicinal chemistry research in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry at Cephalon and Berlex Laboratories. Prior to that, he performed research on natural product synthesis as a professor of organic chemistry at SUNY Stony Brook. He currently serves as chairman of the Chemical Consultants Network.

Location: The Cynwyd Club, 332 Trevor Lane, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004. From I-76, drive S on City Line Ave. (US Rte. 1). Turn right on Conshohocken State Rd. (Rte. 23); stay in right lane. After the second light watch for white left-turn arrows painted on street (about 0.14 mile). Do not follow Rte. 23 left at turn but instead go straight ahead onto Llandrillo Rd. (passing to the right of Valley Press printing). After one block bear left onto Trevor Lane at stop sign. Clubhouse and parking are on the left. Please park in lot if space is available; otherwise park on Trevor Lane. If lost, call the club at 610-667-4524, ext. 2. [MAP](#)

Reservation: To make or cancel a dinner reservation, e-mail CCNReservations@aol.com or call the ACS office at 215-382-1589 (leave message on voicemail if necessary). Fee, including food and beverages (wine, beer & sodas), is \$25 by the deadline, Thursday, March 3rd, \$35 afterwards. Late reservations and walk-ins subject to availability. No-shows will be invoiced. Please advise of any special food requirements. There is no charge for talk only; registration is suggested using contact information above.

MARM 2011 – May 21-24

You are cordially invited to participate in MARM 2011.

Registration and Abstract Submission Now Open!

The Chemical Society of Washington Section of the American Chemical Society will host the 42nd Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting (MARM 2011) on the campus of the University of Maryland in College Park, MD from Saturday, May 21 to Tuesday, May 24. The meeting's theme for this event is "International Year of Chemistry 2011." This meeting will feature national and international leaders in the chemical sciences and will include a broad selection of exciting and informative symposia.

Keynote speakers include Eric Wachsman and Clifton Barry.

Several Workshops are planned, and there will be events that feature career development, funding opportunities, and education.

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS include a Sunday dedicated to Science Education & Career Development. There will be Workshops, Short Courses, Vendor Exhibitions, and a special symposium on Degree Opportunities at Federal Laboratories will also be featured.

626th BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, December 9, 2010

William Penn Inn

Gwynedd, PA 19436

Present: D. Cichowicz, E. Davis, R. Gates, M. Matthews, T. Straub, J. Summers-Gates, K. Thrush Shaginaw, J. Tierney, K. Lysko, R. Ewing, D. Cook, W. Smith, D. Thomas, M. Cichowicz.

Also: L. Harper, J. Cohen, A. Heldon, J.P. Northrop, C.J. Bruner.

Excused: A. DeMasi, K. Yoder Luther, S. Miller, M. Prushan, V. Tortorelli.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman J. Summers-Gates at 5:30 PM.

There were no minutes from the November meeting to approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance, Budget and Audit: D. Cichowicz discussed the 2010 budget and stated there is currently a balance of \$33,000 in checking, at least \$20,000 to carry over to 2011. The 2011 budget will be approved in January.

The Women Chemists Committee needs to be more specific in their requests. K. Shaginaw will itemize and send it to DC.

Social Committee should put requests for money for dinner guests in the program budget. J. Tierney concurred. This change is included in the 2011 budget.

CCN, 3100, Mailings @ \$2500; the board feels that this is an unnecessary expense that can be accomplished by email.

M. Matthews, line 2160 @ \$5000 is ok in the budget.

Everyone check the 2011 budget and be ready to discuss at the January meeting.

Tellers Committee: T. Straub said they re-ran the electronic election and limited each voter to one vote. There were 551 voters, approximately double the



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first tally. The alternates are Hank Whalen and C.J. Bruner. We will look at bylaw changes to the election procedure. Instead of casting votes for the councilors and alternates we could cast votes for councilors and the alternates would come from the candidates with fewer votes.

This year's electronic election is about one half the cost of mailed ballots.

A. Heldon said although the elections are not perfect we want to be fair.

J.P. Northrop is the one year replacement for D. Cichowicz who is now treasurer.

R. Ewing said the typos needed to be fixed. Motion made by D. Cichowicz to approve the election results, second E. Davis. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

Salary: Libby's bonus and salary raise. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Chairman: J. Summers-Gates thanked us for our support during her year as chair.

Should the IYC Science Café in early February be combined with the YCC poster session? Discussion concluded that the non-science participants would probably not connect with the science presented in the poster session. Perhaps we could do profiles of scientists involved in local community activities.

Chair Elect: J. Tierney moved that we officially thank Judy. Seconded by D. Cook. Unanimously approved. E. Davis commented that Judy is a leader in handling all our new adventures.

The bylaws have been reviewed and each member needs to review the draft for January. Section 4, p. 11 has the Investment Board as a subset of the Finance, Budget and Audit Committee.

Number of members needed to vote on bylaw changes is changed.

D. Cichowicz - Page 12, section 5- duties of "publication" chair should be changed to "communications" chair to include web activities and email blasts.

Bylaw changes will be sent to national ACS with link to document and executive summary to mark the changes for their approval.

D. Cichowicz initiated a round of applause for J. Tierney's work on the bylaws.

Secretary (M. Prushan): no report.

Treasurer (D. Cichowicz): Presented the 2010 Treasurer's Report mentioning that line 600 should be \$87,873, and 4670 \$73 is interest. He needs receipts for 2010 by 1/5-6 in order to pay them and close the books for 2010. J. Tierney made a motion to accept the 2010 Treasurer's report. K. Lysko seconded. The report was unanimously accepted by voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Women's Chemist Committee:

There is a Breakfast January 18th at CHF for IYC 2011 featuring a Madame Curie presentation. It is a meet and greet networking from 9-10:30 AM. Reservations must be made and information is on their website.

LinkedIn: John Northrop was thanked by D. Cichowicz for being the LinkedIn manager. J.P. Northrop encouraged us to sign up on the website under group subsection ACS, and to have our companies list internships and employment opportunities there.

J Tierney mentioned how impressed he was with this year's Ullyot lecture and reception, and others who attended agreed. D. Cichowicz said we need to allocate money for the lecture in 2011 if we want to support it. Libby said the bill for 2010 Ullyot lecture was \$2076 from CHF.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Summers-Gates at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Lysko on behalf of

Michael Prushan

Secretary

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627th BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Iron Hill Brewery and Restaurant
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Present: J. Tierney, W. Ewing, D. Cichowicz, J. Summers-Gates, E. Davis, M. Matthews, T. Straub, K. Thrush Shaginaw, K. Lysko, D. Cook, W. Smith, M. Cichowicz, A. DeMasi, D. Hausner, K. Yoder Luther, J.P. Northrop, V. Tortorelli.

Also: L. Harper, A. Warren, C.J. Bruner, J. Cohen, J. Falcone.

Excused: C. Palmer, M. Prushan and D. Thomas.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman J. Tierney at 4:00 PM.

There were no minutes from the November meeting to approve. Minutes from the December meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance, Budget and Audit: J. Falcone sent the final budget for 2011 to the board members. J. Tierney made a motion to approve final budget; seconded by K. Lysko. Discussion initiated by D. Cichowicz: Budget item #680, Ulliyot Fund, - \$2050, is a transfer from the Ulliyot fund from last year. For 2011 \$2550 was added to #680, increasing the total to \$4550. The estimated cost of the Ulliyot lecture for 2011 was added to account #4020, Ulliyot Fund expenses,

which should zero out. Therefore, #4680, transfer to the Ulliyot Fund, will be 0. #2112, Philadelphia Section Awards, has \$1500 instead of the \$1750 probably needed. #670, transfer from Awards Fund, should have \$1750 to use for 2011.

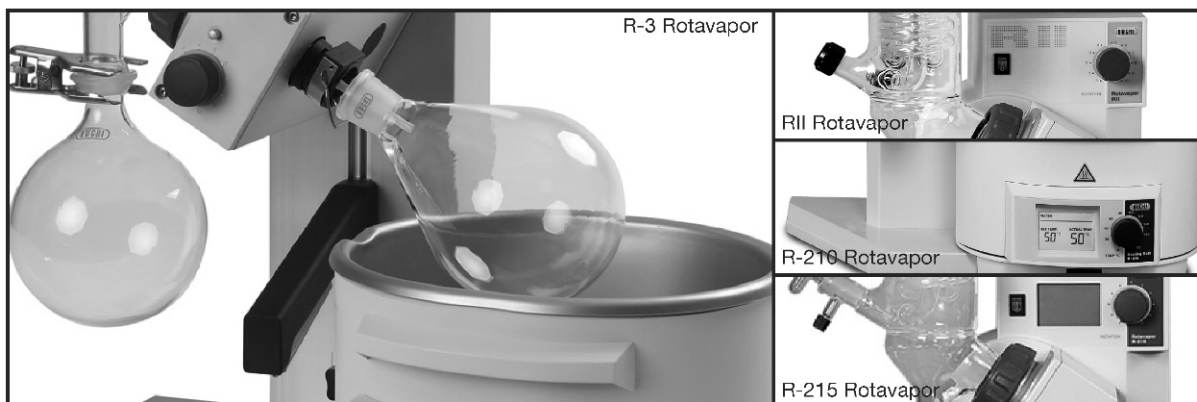
With friendly amendments to be included, D. Cichowicz moved to pass the 2011 budget, seconded by DeMasi and approved by unanimous voice vote.

J. Falcone went over the investment fund increases which had been circulated to the board members. They are up about \$1400 so far this year.

Nominations Committee: J. Summers-Gates reported that V.

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Philadelphia Section Awards Committee:

M Cichowicz volunteered to be the organic committee member. Bob Stanley has declined to continue. Sue Varnum did not respond last year, but will continue on the committee. Possibly we can get a candidate from the Mass Spec Group. People will be emailed by Judy. It was suggested that we put an advertisement in *the Catalyst*, website and LinkedIn to solicit for new committee members and people to run for election. Descriptions of what each job entails should be included. All agreed.

Alternate councilors need to be identified and their names sent to National ACS. William Smith and Russ Phifer were elected in the fall election to serve for 2011. C.J. Bruner will remain in her current term until 2012. Two of the remaining three vacancies were filled from the list of previous nominees, Mark Forman and Sandy Burcham. V. Tortorelli nominated M. Cichowicz for the remaining vacancy for Alternate councilor. All approved the appointments.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Chair: J. Tierney brought a number of items to the meeting.

1. International Year of Chemistry Activities- Science Café at

CHF does not need our presence. He has been working with Suzette Schultz of AIChE on an event at the Franklin Institute on February 5th. The Franklin Institute does not know anything about a science café there. We are now on the FI website.

2. National ACS is not responding to our questions, there are no water kits as advertised. La Trease Garrison is the national contact. We hope to have some water kits for the Philadelphia Science Fair on April 16th.

3. Discussion of bylaw changes will be postponed until February. John has requested feedback on his proposed changes.

4. J.P. Northrop talked about the career workshop, and website for summer internship program information from companies. We need to solicit company contacts for internships. An email blast is going out tomorrow. The career workshop for unemployed chemists will be at Chestnut Hill on March 2nd, Wednesday, all day. Location is free. Snacks will be provided by corporate sponsors, and the speakers will be volunteers. They are soliciting speaker names. Jim Burke was mentioned and several people said they would forward names by email to J.P. Northrop. There will be something in *the Catalyst*, on the website, LinkedIn and an email blast. He is working with the Princeton section.

5. Teaching Awards - It is hard to get nominations, especially

from K-12. W. Smith as a H.S. Department Chair has access to mailing lists for this age group through the PA Science Teachers Association. D.Cook suggested contacting chairs of other associations in the area. V. Tortorelli also has lists from Science in Motion. Send emails to these contacts. The deadline has been extended to April 5th.

6. AIChE sponsors a resume workshop for college seniors in September which we can join in. The location is TBA. We should talk to career services offices at local colleges and universities.

7. Judges are needed for the Temple University Poster Session next month. W. Ewing, J. Tierney, and D. Hausner have volunteered. More judges are needed.

8. The cost of attending Section meetings was addressed. What is the legality of subsidizing with dues? Libby mentioned corporate sponsorships for events and D. Cook suggested separating meetings from events. M. Cichowicz mentioned partnering with other organizations such as the Delaware Section to draw a larger crowd.

Rick Ewing (Chair Elect):

1. Teaching Awards - can nominations be emailed? Yes. The nomination deadline has been moved to April 5th. Notices are in the February *Catalyst* and on the website with the extended deadlines.

2. For the Ulliot lecture in 2011 he is talking about meeting T. Tritton from the CHF.

Secretary (M. Prushan): no report.

Treasurer (D. Cichowicz): report to come.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. K. Shaginaw was selected for the National Local Section Activities Committee. The April 9th date for PAGES is on the website under events.

2. William Smith gave out the remaining Merck Indices.

3. D. Cichowicz mentioned that #4060 in the Treasurer's report should zero out. Overall ex-

penses have net + in 2010 due to decrease in publications expenditures. We should be able to transfer \$23,000 to 2011 from 2010.

4. J. Tierney expressed his appreciation to D. Cichowicz for the treasurer's committee work. V. Tortorelli moved to include this sentiment in the minutes and R. Ewing seconded. All approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM by Chairman, J. Tierney.

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by Leopold May

- March 2, 1886 One hundred and twenty-five years ago, H. Jermain Creighton was born on this date. He was a researcher in electro-organic chemistry and developed the industrial process for electroreduction of glucose to sorbitol and mannitol.
- March 7, 1788 One hundred and seventy-five years ago in 1836, Antoine-César Becquerel was the first to use electrolysis to recover metals from ores. He also invented an electric thermometer and was born on this date.
- March 8, 1886 One hundred and twenty-five years ago, Edward C. Kendall was born. In 1915, he isolated thyroxine and shared the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1950 with Philip Hench and Tadeus Reichstein for their discoveries relating to the hormones of the adrenal cortex, their structure and biological effects.
- March 12, 1824 One hundred and fifty years ago in 1661, Gustav R. Kirchhoff and Robert Bunsen discovered rubidium (Rb, 37). They invented the spectroscope in 1859 and discovered cesium (Cs, 55) in 1860. He discovered that substances that emit radiation absorb the same type of radiation when cool (Kirchhoff's Law).
- March 12, 1838 One hundred and fifty years ago in 1861, William H. Perkin, with B.P. Duppa, synthesized tartaric acid. Also, he discovered mauve, the first aniline dye, in his home laboratory in 1856, the Perkin reaction for condensation of unsaturated aromatic acids, and coumarin. He elucidated relationship between tartaric, fumaric and maleic acids and was born on this date.
- March 22, 1788 One hundred and seventy-five years ago in 1836, Pierre J. Pelletier, with Philip Walter, obtained toluene by distilling pipe resin. He discovered quinine, strychnine, and other alkaloids and was born on this date.
- March 22, 1868 Twenty-five years ago in 1986, Robert A. Millikan died. He measured the charge/mass ratio of the electron and received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1923 for his work on the elementary charge of electricity and on the photoelectric effect. He was born on this date.

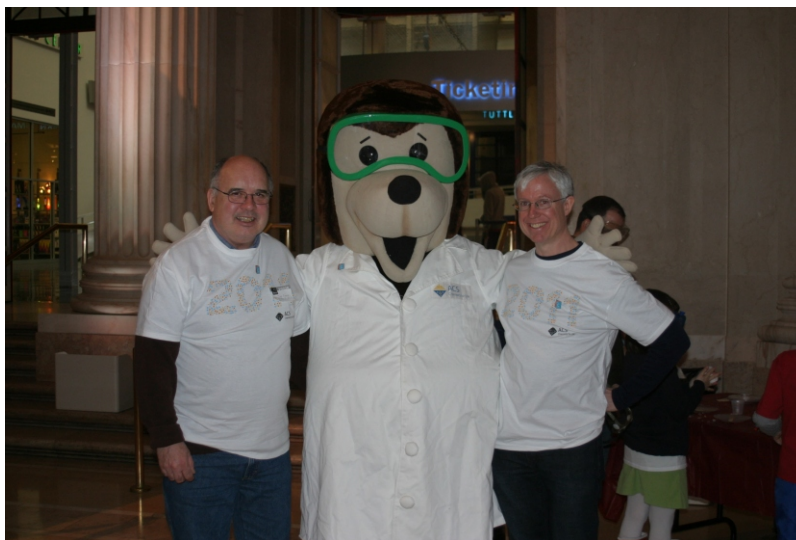
- March 24, 1711 Three hundred years ago, William Brownrigg, the first to describe platinum and use pneumatic trough for collection of gases, was born on this date.
- March 24, 1884 Seventy-five years ago in 1936, Peter Joseph William Debye received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his contributions to our knowledge of molecular structure through his investigations on dipole moments and on the diffraction of X-rays and electrons in gases. He was born on this date.
- March 26, 1911 One hundred years ago, Bernard Katz was born on this date. He shared the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1970 with J. Axelrod and U. Von Euler for discoveries concerning humoral transmitters in the nerve terminals and the mechanism for their storage, release and inactivation.
- March 27, 1861 One hundred and fifty years ago, Nikolai Y. Demjanov was born on this date. He was a researcher on decomposition of aliphatic diazonium ions and Demjanov-Tiffeneau rearrangement.
- March 28, 1861 One hundred and fifty years ago on this date, George C. Pond was born. He was a chemistry teacher and preserver of the Priestley home in Pennsylvania
- March 31, 1811 Two hundred years ago on this date, Robert Bunsen was born. One hundred and fifty years ago in 1861, he and Gustav R. Kirchhoff discovered rubidium (Rb, 37). They also invented the spectroscope in 1859 and discovered cesium (Cs, 55) in 1860. He invented the Bunsen burner, filter pump, a galvanic battery, and with Henry E. Roscoe, the actinometer.

Additional historical events can be found at Dr. May's website:

http://faculty.cua_Hlt188259233_Hlt188259236_Hlt188259245_Hlt188259251.BM_1_BM_2_BM_3_BM_4_edu/may/Chemistrycalendar.htm.

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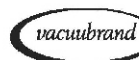
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Date	Event	Locations
Wednesday, March 2	Philadelphia Section Career Workshop	Chestnut Hill College Philadelphia, PA john.northrop@anton-paar.com
Wednesday, March 9	Chemical Consultants Network: Ron Bihovsky, Key Synthesis LLC: <i>Starting a Custom Synthesis Company</i>	The Cynwyd Club Bala Cynwyd, PA www.chemconsultants.org
Monday, March 14	Delaware Valley Mass Spectrometry Discussion Group: John Masucci, Johnson and Johnson: <i>MS Analysis in Drug Discovery</i>	Villanova University Villanova, PA http://science.widener.edu/syb/msdg/
Thursday, March 17	Edgar Fahs Smith Memorial Lecture: Dr. Ada Yonath, Weizmann Institute of Science: <i>Ribosomal Crystallography and Attempts at Combating Antibiotics Resistance</i>	University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia http://philadelphia.sites.acs.org
Tuesday, March 22	Chromatography Forum of Delaware Valley: Kevin A. Schug, University of Texas at Arlington: <i>Trace Analysis of Estrogens and Endocrine Disruptors from Biological Fluids</i>	Christiana Hilton Newark, DE http://www.cfdv.org/
Wednesday, March 23	AIChE: Continuing Education Course - <i>Facility Planning & Siting</i>	http://aiche-philadelphia.org/
Thursday, March 24	Philadelphia Organic Chemists Club: Joel M. Hawkins, Pfizer: <i>The Development of Scalable Processes for the Synthesis of Heterocyclic Pharmaceutical Intermediates using Batch and Flow Chemistry</i>	University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA http://www.pocclub.org/
Saturday, April 9	PAGES™ Program for Sixth Grade Girls	Chestnut Hill College Philadelphia http://www.pagesprogram.org/
Wednesday, April 13	Chromatography Forum of the Delaware Valley: Microfluidics and Microchip Technology Short Course	Fort Washington Holiday Inn Fort Washington, PA www.cfdv.org
Thursday, April 14	Chromatography Forum of the Delaware Valley: Spring Symposium including exhibition	Fort Washington Holiday Inn Fort Washington, PA www.cfdv.org
Thursday, April 21	Scholastic Achievement Awards	McCall's Meeting and Conference Center Highland Park, PA http://www.mccallgolf.com/
Monday, May 9 - Wednesday, May 11	Chromatography Forum of the Delaware Valley: Introduction to High Performance Liquid Chromatography Short Course	West Chester University West Chester, PA www.cfdv.org
Monday 16 - Wednesday, May 18	Chromatography Forum of the Delaware Valley: Modern Practice of Gas Chromatography short Course	West Chester University West Chester, PA www.cfdv.org
Thursday, May 19	Section Teaching Awards	TBA
Monday, June 13 - Wednesday, June 15	Chromatography Forum of the Delaware Valley: Advanced HPLC & Lab with Hands-on LC/MS Short Course	Ursinus college Collegeville, PA www.cfdv.org
Thursday, June 16	Honoring our 50-Year Members	The Irish Pub, 1123 Walnut Street Philadelphia, PA

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