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A monthly report of events, activities, information and volunteer work to support the professional community, schools and Baltimore City

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Maryland Section Wishes You Happy New Year 2018



James Saunders, Kelly Elkins, Jan Kolakowski, Sarah Zimmermann, Paul Smith, Beatrice Salazar, Louise Hellwig, Angela Sherman, Pumtiwitt McCarthy, Sara Narayan, George Farrant and Stephanie Watson.. Not in picture: Sandra Young, Takashi Tsukamoto, Rose Pesce-Rodriguez, Eric Cotton, Dana Ferraris, Merle Eiss, Alvin Bober, Mike Zapf, Suzanne Procell, Michele Foss and E. Ford. [Executive Committee Members]

Dear Colleagues,

On December 19, 2017, the Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society had its last meeting for 2017. We had an opportunity to look back and celebrate the accomplishments of 2017. This year, under the leadership of Dr. Stephanie Watson, we invited several distinguished speakers: Dr. Josephine Johnson, Adjunct Professor at Stevenson University; Dr. Glenn Gates, Director of the Science Laboratory, The Walters Art Museum; Dr. Thomas Connelly, Jr., ACS Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer; Dr. Tracey Mason, Professor at Stevenson University; Professor Robert H. Grubbs - 2015 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, Caltech and Dr. Thomas Lectka, Professor of Chemistry at Johns Hopkins University. In addition, several awards were presented to these distinguished scientists. Also, programs such as Project SEED, The National Chemistry Olympiad, USNCO, and Earth Day Events increased in participation of students and volunteers.

We welcomed a new partnership with chemistry professors at the Community College of Baltimore in particular with CCBC professors at Catonsville. We are most appreciative for the collaboration of all. Looking ahead, we will campaign for new members and create new activities to enhance the careers of Maryland Section members.

We appreciate your support in the past and hope you continue supporting us by attending Maryland Section events, by donating some of your time and expertise, by sharing ideas or by asking for help for your own activities. Please invite friends to join ACS. The more members we have, the more support we will get to implement programs in the local ACS section. Councilors from the Maryland Section travel to national ACS meetings, attend different committees and request funds for Maryland Section programs that support the local scientific community. You may also help with donations to the Local Section and may choose where your money is allocated. Money could support outreach programs to elementary, middle or high school students, Project SEED, high school teachers, the National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO), Chem-a-Thon competitions, Earth day celebration, community college activities, college students travel expenses, etc., There are so many activities that the ACS Maryland Section implements for the community that if you decide to volunteer some of your time, you will get a lasting sense of satisfaction. 2018 is the year to bring about innovating ideas to improve our Local Section. We need your support!

Thank you for your generosity!

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Sincerely,

Beatrice Salazar ACS Maryland section, Chair-2018 Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society



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Message from the Chair

Dear colleagues:

Happy New Year 2018!

I am looking forward to working with ACS members of the Maryland section and the executive committee to make 2018 full of fun, initiatives and scientific exchange. The theme this year is: "Information is the key." I will work to make sure we provide information on events, what they are and when they are offered.

Major goals for our team this year will be first, to create new programs in addition to the programs we have. Second, to increase participation among Maryland section ACS members and third, to keep the website updated.

New Programs - We are actively organizing a demonstration by members of Citrus & Allied Essences, a presentation on "Materials and human creativity through time and place" (BMA Tour) and a visit to the water filtration plant at the Montebello lake.

Increase Participation – We are introducing High School Teacher Awards to recognize excellence in chemistry teaching and attend scientific meetings. We would like to support poster presentations by ACS local members at ACS National meetings. We want alternate councilors to have opportunities for mentorship at these meetings as well. We want to recruit people to help in the creation of a virtual workshop for the Maryland local section. Last, but not least, we want to improve awareness of chemistry in children K-12 through, to name a few, teacher's workshops, Project SEED and US National Chemistry Olympiad.

Website - In the following months we will have many activities, lectures and award presentations. They will be announced in our website and through e-mail. We plan to keep our website updated so that Maryland section ACS members will have access to a reliable source on upcoming events where they could participate. For the Spring-2018 program please continue reading *Information is the key* at our website.

Members of the Maryland section executive committee hope that you come to these events. I also hope to meet you soon.

Beatrice Salazar

Maryland Section Chair-2018

Information is the Key

The following includes a background on ACS and the Maryland Local Section, our website, the first executive committee meeting and the section's programs for Spring-2018.

I. The First 100 Years until today...

The American Chemical Society was founded on April 16, 1876 in New York. Thirty-five chemists met at the College of Pharmacy and selected chemist John William Draper as the first president of the society. From the start, ACS was committed to sharing its professional work with the public. ACS began publishing the Journal of the American Chemical Society (JACS) and Chemical Abstracts in 1897. By 1930, ACS had 18,000 members, 83 local sections and 17 disciplinary divisions. On August 25, 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Public Act No. 358, incorporating the society under federal charter.

Today, ACS has more than 150,000 members and the Maryland Section forms part of 185 Local Sections throughout the country with approximately 2000 members. If you are an ACS member you are also a member of your local section. The Maryland Section was established in 1914. During the 100th year anniversary in 2014, under the leadership of Dr. James Saunders from Townson University, a career panel was organized to support teaching positions for chemistry graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program. The Maryland section continues to support programs like this that highlight the relevance of chemistry to related fields and to the general community. Each year, there are new opportunities for the new Chair to develop new projects while serving as representative of the local section.

Leadership opportunities, sharing my story...

We have come a long way and we now delegate more ACS leadership positions to its members. This has been my experience. The support of ACS members (in parenthesis below) has been the most gratifying part of my 8 years serving the Maryland Section. In 2010, I became the Coordinator of The U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad, USNCO (Takashi Tsukamoto - JHU, Michael Zapf - McCormick Co. Angela Sherman - Notre Dame of MD University). I went to a Leadership Institute in Dallas, TX in 2016 (Stephanie Watson – NIST); there, I presented on Dr. Sandra Young's work, "3-D Printing", who had won the ChemLuminary award in 2015. Following this, I was nominated to serve as chair-elect in 2016 and my name was placed in that year's ballot (Sandra Young - Chair-2015). Thank you very much to all voters! The same year, I became the Coordinator of Earth Day Events (Paul Smith-UMBC). In 2017, I continued as Vice-Chair and in the current year I have the privilege to serve the local section as Chair-2018. I have been lucky to count on the continuous guidance and support from James Saunders, Louise Hellwig, Pumtiwitt McCarthy, Kelly Elkins and George Farrant. This year, I look forward to working with Dr. Jean Ashby, Dean of Instruction, School of Mathematics and Science (SOMS), Dr. Eric Cotton and with six additional chemistry professors from the Community College of Baltimore County, CCBC, that Jan, 2018

joined ACS last year, to implement the US National Chemistry Olympiad and possibly other activities. In summary, ACS has been very good to me and it will also be very good to you when you join the society.

What can ACS local sections do for you?

Local sections allow you to:

- Connect with other chemists and chemical engineers in your geographic area,
- Enhance your professional development
- Build leadership skills,
- Affect change in your local community through outreach
- Contribute to the public's understanding of chemistry in your community.

The Maryland Section has established several awards, grants and events that form part of our regular yearly program. Among them are: A Travel Grant to a member of the Executive Committee to a Leadership Institute Meeting in Dallas, TX. Travel Awards for undergraduate/graduate students from Maryland universities and colleges. Awards and Honoraria to honor scientists and chemists in the Maryland area and nationally; these include Maryland Chemist of the Year, the George L. Braude Award and the Ira Remsen Award. This year, we will honor Professor Chad Alexander Mirkin (Northwestern University) with the Remsen Award. The award will be presented on November 15, 2018 at Johns Hopkins University. Student Awards for undergraduate and graduate students in all Maryland universities and colleges. Project Grants for ACS Members to mentor high school students in programs such as Project SEED, U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO), Earth Day Activities, Chemistry in the library, National Chemistry week, etc. Under ACS we have access to several grant programs that all members could benefit for their scientific advancement. We have five councilors that travel to National meetings, they participate in different national committees and advocate for Maryland chemists and programs; this number could increase with membership.

II. The Maryland Section Website

The Maryland Section website has all information needed. Please check <u>www.maryland.sites.acs.org</u> for information on each event. Our <u>Chesapeake Chemist Newsletter</u>

(http://maryland.sites.acs.org/chesapeakechemist.htm) will also keep you informed on future events and report on past events. Make sure you are in our list so you do not miss out on activities. Five additional pages will be added to the website this year: (1) News on MARM-2019, (2) Workshop "Preparing Successful Activities," (3) Donations, (4) Forms and (5) Partnership & Affiliations.

If you have knowledge of efficient, practical and effective websites we need your expertise. Please <u>contact us</u> and share your expertise with us!

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III. Executive Committee Meetings

Plans for this year include four regular executive committee meetings:

First executive committee meeting on Monday Feb. 12, 2018

Second executive committee meeting in April 23-27, 2018

Third executive committee meeting in September 4-7, 2018

Fourth executive committee meeting in December 17-20, 2018

Exact dates will be announced approximately two weeks prior to each meeting. Please allocate time in your schedules. An extra meeting will be assigned to discuss MARM-2019. Dates could change. Please use our website to stay informed on exact dates.

If you have any event to be considered please contact us before each month's meeting.

IV. The Maryland Section Program for 2018

All ACS members are welcome to our local section activities, lectures and events. They could bring new initiatives to us and ask for support on their activities. We are good at collaborating.

JANUARY

- <u>ACS Leadership Institute</u> Dr. Kelly Elkins from Towson University, is the Maryland section travel grant recipient to attend the ACS <u>Leadership Institute-2018</u> workshop to be held January 19-21, 2018 Dallas, TX. Congratulations! The Leadership Institute provides vital training for successful leadership. Participants gain an understanding of effective leadership and have an opportunity to interact with other local section, technical division officers and ACS governance. <u>Leadership development courses</u> help participants develop core skills important in ACS leadership roles as well as in the workplace. Kelly will share ideas on how to become successful leaders. Her report will be published in the February issue of the Chesapeake Chemist Newsletter.
- 2. <u>Project SEED</u> We have two Maryland Section grant recipients for Project SEED. Half of the cost is covered by the local section and the other half by ACS. Members that apply for this grant need to fill out two applications. The first to the local section and upon approval a second application to ACS. The recipients of the local section grant this year are <u>Dr. Takashi Tsukamoto</u> from Johns Hopkins University and <u>Dr. Louise</u> <u>Hellwig</u> from Morgan State University. They will have to apply to ACS before January 31, 2018 for the second half of the grant. Project SEED offers summer research opportunities tor high school students from economically disadvantaged families. Project SEED has had a significant impact on the lives of more than 10,300 students for almost 50 years. During the summer of 2017 approximately 400 high school students were placed in over 100 academic, governmental, and industrial laboratories. Students experience hands-on

research in chemistry and related sciences. This participation is made possible by contributions from industry, academia, local sections, ACS friends and members, and the Project SEED Endowment. Maryland Section is proud to be one of the participants. This year is the 50th Anniversary of Project SEED and a celebration is being planned for the August ACS National Meeting in Boston. Become involved in Project SEED for next year! Request the support of your University professor and introduce a future chemistry student to the beauty and exciting world of chemistry. <u>Contact us!</u>

Announcement: ACS Call for papers Present Your Innovative Work at the 2018 Green Chemistry
 <u>& Engineering Conference</u> The call for abstracts is now open! Submit abstracts for presentation at the <u>22nd</u>
 <u>Annual Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference (GC&E)</u>, to be held June 18-20, 2018, in Portland, OR.
 The theme for the 2018 GC&E is "Product Innovation Using Greener Chemistries."

FEBRUARY

- <u>Women Chemists Committee (WCC) seminar</u> All genders are encouraged to attend! The lecture will take place at Stevenson University (Beverly K. Fine School of the Sciences, Kevin Manning Academic Center- 11200 Ted Herget Way, Owings Mills, MD 21117) in the Catonsville Campus. Exact date TBA. Contact: <u>Sara Narayan</u> and <u>Kelly Elkins</u>
- Executive committee meeting No.1 Monday Feb. 12, Time: 6:00 P.M. at Notre Dame of Maryland University. 4701 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD 21210 – KNOTT Science Building Room 218.

MARCH

- <u>ACS National Meeting in New Orleans</u> March 18-22, 2018 Five councilors will attend and an additional member will present a poster entitled: "Montebello Water Filtration Plant-I in Baltimore: Chemistry's contribution to public health".
- <u>ACS National Meeting in New Orleans</u>, March 18-22 Fourteen graduate/undergraduate chemistry students will receive <u>student travel grants</u> to attend this meeting. Each student will present a poster of their current research. If you go to the meeting please stop by our Local Section posters. Contact: <u>Louie</u> <u>Hellwig</u>
- MARM-2019 The official website for this meeting will appear by March 31st MARM-2019 will be held May 30- June 1, 2019. If you would like to volunteer to help organize this meeting please contact Paul Smith, MARM-2019 Chair.

APRIL

 <u>Student Awards</u> - Ceremony and Lecture at Notre Dame University of Maryland, Doyle Formal Room, Sunday, April 8, 2018 12:00-3:30 pm. Contact: <u>George Farrant</u>

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- Earth Day The earth day event will take place on Monday April 22, 2018. Chemistry high school students and their teachers are invited to a tour of the Montebello Water Filtration Plant-I in Baltimore City.
- <u>U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad</u> <u>USNCO</u> High School students need to apply to the UNSCO Maryland coordinator at <u>http://beatricesalazarusncocoordinator.webs.com</u> by March 5th. The competition will take place at the CCBC Catonsville Campus on Saturday 28th. ACS members that want to volunteer on that day to proctor during the exam are welcome. Please <u>contact us</u>.
- 4. <u>Chem-a-Thon</u> The Maryland Local Section of ACS has supported the Chem-a-thon at the University of Maryland College Park since 1980. The support includes prices for students and teachers and volunteer judges. Participation could fluctuate from 26-270 participants. Each school participates with two teacher mentors and two student-teams (level-1 and level-2) per participant school. This is the 34th year of this competition. This event is open to other local sections including our neighbor Washington local section. Contact: <u>Mike Zapf</u>
- 5. Executive committee meeting No.2 Exact date TBA

MAY

 <u>50/60/70 Year Luncheon</u> - We have a Lecture and luncheon in honor of ACS members that have been in the society for 50/60/70 years. Their names and contributions to chemistry will be announced in May. Contact: <u>Paul Smith</u>

JUNE

1. <u>BMA Tour</u> "Materials and human creativity through time and place." The tour will focus on different media (wood, ceramic, bronze, marble, oil, steel, etc.) used by artists to express their creativity in different places and at different times. Saturday or Sunday - Exact date TBA. <u>Contact us!</u>

The events during the months July – December will be announced in more detail after the second and third executive committee meetings. See our Future Events table.

Beatrice Jalazar

Maryland Section Chair-2018

CONGRATULATIONS to Angela Sherman!

Dr. Angela Sherman, from Notre Dame of Maryland University, has been named the recipient of the 2018 Local Section Outreach Volunteer of the Year Award for the Maryland Local Section. She will receive an Award and an announcement with all of the awardees' names will be made in the spring of 2018 in *C&E News*.

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First Executive Meeting of 2018

- Date: Monday, February 12, 2018
- Time: 6:00 P.M. 8:00 P.M.
- Location: Notre Dame of Maryland University KNOTT Science Building Rm. 218 (second floor)

Presentation:

2018 ACS Leadership Institute: Lessons Learned Kelly Elkins, Ph.D., Towson University

Recent Events

Braude Award Dinner



Stevenson Professor Tracey Mason is the Braude Award winner of 2017. She received a plaque and a monetary award to support her programs carried out with undergraduate researchers, and presented her work with the title, "*Trans*-isopropylamine-triphenylphosphine diiodine Pt(II): Challenging the paradigm of *cis*-geometry for platinum chemotherapeutics" at the October 25 Award dinner held at Stevenson University.

The Remsen Award

The **Ira Remsen Award** was inaugurated in 1946 in honor of Ira Remsen who was the first Chairman of the Chemistry Department at Johns Hopkins University and the second President of the University. The recipients of the Remsen award are chemists of outstanding achievement in keeping with Ira Remsen's long and devoted career as an exponent of the highest standards in teaching and research in chemistry. The Award culminates in a Remsen memorial lecture given by the recipient, followed by presentation of a plaque and an honorarium. The 2017 Remsen Award awardee was Nobel Laureate Professor Robert Grubbs.



The **2018 Remsen Award** will go to Professor Chad Mirkin of Northwestern University. The award will be presented on November 15, 2018 at Johns Hopkins University where Dr. Mirkin will give the 73rd annual Remsen Lecture and he will receive a plaque and honorarium.

Maryland Chemist of The Year Award Recipient: Dr. Thomas Lectka, Johns Hopkins University



"Fun with Fluorine: Taming a Wild Cat"

Abstract: As the most electronegative element, fluorine usually gets its way with other atoms, much in the manner a wild cat gets its way with prey. The general belief is that once it's part of a covalent bond, the fluorine atom is satisfied and has a much-diminished desire to interact strongly with other species. Given the immense importance of fluorine to to chemistry in general, and medicinal chemistry in particular, this belief has hindered a deeper understanding and development of fluorine's properties and capabilities.

What would it then take to get fluorine, for example as part of a C-F bond, to do the chemist's bidding and facilitate a more detailed understanding of its interactions with other atoms? One possibility is to capture it within a cage, or else to make it part of the superstructure of the cage itself. This way it can do the chemist's bidding, and the "wild cat" can be tamed. Along the way, remarkable new properties and insights can be used to help design new fluorinated molecules for use in biochemistry, materials, and medicinal chemistry.

Public Outreach by ACS Maryland Local Section – 2017



MD Section National Chemistry Week and Chemists Celebrate Earth Day programs reached approximate 1000 children and adults in various venues in 2017. Here are some highlights:

- With the conclusion of the 2017 NCW sessions, our Chemistry in the Library program completed its 15th year of service to local children and adults.
- While we work with many adults through our children's programs (parent are always encouraged to attend), we learned that there are adults without children who also wanted to attend our program. In 2017 we launched a new program in the Howard County Library System for adults without children ("Chemistry in the Library No Kids Required"). Attendees at our first evening session included a young couple on a "date night"! The program was very well-received and is already booked for 2018.
- Our library program was expanded to the Enoch Pratt Library System in Baltimore City, and already has dates booked for 2018.
- We have reached out to the Carroll County Library System for expansion in 2018.
- We are very proud of our continued efforts to educate the public about the Central Science! We do our very best to promote awareness of chemistry to the general public (children and adults alike) and share the excitement we feel about the chemistry that is all around us.

For information on upcoming programs in Howard County and Baltimore City, search for "Chemistry in the Library" on library websites:

http://hclibrary.org/classes-events/s-t-e-m/ www.calendar.prattlibrary.org

POC: Rose Pesce-Rodriguez (rose.a.pesce-rodriguez.civ@mail.mil)



Chemistry in the Library ~ Chemists Celebrate Earth Day







Announcements Reminder: ACS Student Award Nominations Due

Attention all chemistry department chairs and/or nominating committees! The deadline for submission of your institution's Student ACS Award for 2018 for the Awards Ceremony in April are due to George Farrant <u>gfarrant@yahoo.com</u> no later than Friday February 9th. He will need: 1) student's name, 2) student email address and 3) an e-photo of a head shot against a neutral background of about ~500kb or larger for publication in the April edition of the Chesapeake Chemist.

Attention: U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO-2018) Participants

Due to the increased interest in the USNCO local participation we have decided to open the registration to this outstanding competition in advance:

- Registration for 2018 Local Exam is now open for all previous and new participants.
- Schools will receive a letter of invitation in January and February 2018
- The Local Exam will take place during the Month of March 2018
- The National exam will take place in April 2018 (New location TBA)

Please use the website <u>http://www.beatricesalazarusncocoordinator.webs.com</u> to find the registration form. The website will be updated soon to show the correct dates as soon as we receive confirmation from ACS headquarters.

Thank you for your continuous interest in USNCO local and National competition.

Update on Project SEED Alumni

Corshai Williams, formerly a student at Western High School, was a Project SEED high school student at Morgan State University during the summer of 2013 (working with Dr. Yousef Hijji) and the summer of 2014 (working with Dr. Pumtiwitt McCarthy). We have now received word that she has been accepted at MIT for a PhD in Chemistry with a full scholarship and teaching assistant position! Congratulations Corshai!

The ACS Project SEED summer research program allows economically disadvantaged high school students to intern in an academic, industrial, or government laboratory. <u>https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/students/highschool/seed.html</u> Corshai's stipend was paid by the national ACS (50%) and by the Maryland Section of the ACS (50%).

REMINDER: Receiving the Chesapeake Chemist

Hopefully, if you are reading the Chesapeake Chemist this month, you are receiving it via e-mail from us. We went to electronic-only mailings to our MD ACS membership in October 2006.

Changing your e-mail address? Moving out of the MD ACS area? E-mail changes can be updated either by:

- E-mailing us at <u>contact-us@mdchem.org</u> give us your member #, full name, and e-mail changes and we can ensure that your records are updated with National ACS.
- Contacting the National ACS membership division: 800-333-9511 (US only) or service@acs.org

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