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2006 CHAIR’S MESSAGE

My fellow members of the ACS,

I am honored to represent you as the 2006 chair of the North Jersey Section. I feel very fortunate to be involved with very motivated volunteers who do great things for chemistry and chemists. Before I volunteered to help with local ACS events, I did not realize how important our society was to advancing our profession, and I did not realize how many people it took to make it all happen.

Since 1998, I have seen what this section can accomplish when volunteers work together. For some, their efforts have been hours of commitment to section activities, and their efforts have made a huge difference in the lives of many. For their efforts, we are grateful. We have also been lucky to have many that give what time they can at local events and programs, and they too have made our section successful. For every member concerned about the future of chemistry, we have plenty of time-limited opportunities for them to make a difference, like judging high school student posters for two hours once a year or helping send out emails for publicity. Every volunteer is important!

In 2006, our section will continue doing everything it has done so well over the years, including Project SEED, National Chemistry Week, Teacher Affiliates, technical programming, and much more. As chair, I will do all I can to assist with these programs. I have already begun to work on enhancing other programs in our section. In collaboration with the ACS Division of Polymeric Materials Science and Engineering (PMSE), we will be having a special polymeric materials science day next fall. This will feature a professional symposium, poster session, younger chemists’ career counseling, and polymers teaching workshop. If you are interested in this topic, contact me, so you can be part of this important event as the details are put into place.

I have also started meeting with our state and federal legislators on issues that are important to chemists in North Jersey. As your chair, I need your input on legislative science issues, so I can present your issues to our section government affairs committee for discussion and then communicate your issues to those in Trenton and Washington, DC who decide on laws and appropriations that can positively or negatively affect our profession. If you are not signed up, take a moment to register as a member of the ACS Legislative Action Network at chemistry.org, so you are informed on what is happening in our government. If we do not defend chemistry in our government, who will?

What is your vision of chemistry in our world? Whatever it is, the ACS is here to help you accomplish it. You can build a professional network. You can discover new career paths. You can help a Boy Scout troop or Girl Scout troop see that chemistry is fun. You can be the person introducing some big name speaker. The future of our profession and our world’s view of chemistry are in our hands. Together, we can make great things happen. It takes very little time and reaps so much more.

The value of my own membership was not achieved until I allowed myself to become valuable to the ACS and our members. Please contact me if you want to discover the real value to your ACS membership or if you have additional ideas on how our section can better represent your interests.

Thanks,
Stephen Waller
2006 Chair
North Jersey Section ACS
Retired Chemists

Weight loss in Elderly vs. Weight Gain in Younger People

Young people often have problems with overweight while the very elderly segment of the U.S. population often encounters unintentional weight loss.

Weight loss in the elderly is due to a variety of causes including reduced taste perception, decreased appetite, insufficient intake of calories and protein, decreased growth hormone secretion, malabsorption, depression, and unknown factors.

I recently had a continuous weight loss problem lasting about two years. Weight decreased from 190 lbs. to 143 lbs. After many diagnostic tests, the cause was found to be malabsorption of fat due to insufficient secretion of pancreatic lipase. Dietary supplementation with pancreatic enzymes stabilized weight at 160 lbs.

As a result of this experience, I wondered if oral use of lipase inhibitors might reduce obesity in younger people. A large pharmaceutical company also had this idea and is now marketing a lipase inhibitor drug to induce weight loss. A side reaction of this drug is diarrhea due to liquid fat excretion. After having experienced this problem for two years while trying to overcome malabsorption of fat, I found that dietary supplementation with high levels of calcium converted liquid fat into insoluble calcium salts of fatty acids. This simple, safe procedure should help reduce side reactions of lipase inhibiting drugs.

Hal Yacowitz
halyacowitz@webtv.net
The Indicator is looking for retired chemists to contribute to this new features column. We hope it will prove interesting to our readership.
**New York Meetings**

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**Industrial Gases Outlook**

*Speaker:* Mark Gulley  
*Senior Analyist*  
*Soleil Securities Group, Inc.*  
*New York, NY*

**Date:** Thursday, December 1, 2005  
**Place:** The Chemists’ Club  
*40 West 45th Street*  
*New York, NY*

**Times:** Cocktails **11:30 AM**  
*Luncheon 12 noon*  
*Presentation 1:15 PM*

**Fees:** $40 discount price for Members who reserve by **Tuesday, November 29** (12 noon).  
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**BIOCHEMICAL TOPICAL GROUP — JOINT MEETING WITH THE NYAS BIOCHEMICAL PHARMACOLOGY DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Endogenous Cannabinoid Ligands: Metabolism and Therapeutic Potential**

*Organizers:* Charles A. Lunn  
*Schering-Plough Research Institute*  
*Kemilworth, NJ*  
*Dale Deutsch*  
*SUNY at Stony Brook*  
*Stony Brook, NY*

The therapeutic value of the cannabinoid system has been a topic of increasing scientific debate/interest in recent years. In addition to the anecdotal evidence that smoked marijuana treatments can moderate pain, positive Phase III clinical trials have demonstrated the efficacy of marijuana extracts on the symptoms of multiple sclerosis and neuropathic pain [Sativex (natural plant extract containing 9-tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol); GW Pharmaceuticals]. In addition, clinical trials of a compound specific for the cannabinoid CB1 receptor [Acomplia (rimonabant); Sanofi Aventis] continues to show significant positive effects on obesity and on other obesogenic disorders.

Recognizing the increasing appreciation of the therapeutic potential of the cannabinoid system, we will discuss the biology of the endogenous ligands for the cannabinoid receptors, the endocannabinoids, as potential therapeutic targets. The symposium will include a discussion of the metabolism of the endocannabinoid anandamide by the fatty acid acylhydrolase (FAAH) and in situ imaging studies showing how inhibiting the activity of this enzyme alters endocannabinoid distribution in the brain. Biology presentations will demonstrate that inhibiting FAAH activity can alter memory in mice. Finally, we will discuss the peripheral effects of modulating endocannabinoids, specifically, they impact pain and immune functions.

**“Biosynthesis and Degradation of Anandamide, and Endogenous Ligands of Cannabinoid Receptors”**

*De Lansing*  
*SUNY Stony Brook*

**“Imaging the regional inhibition of fatty acid amide hydrolase (FAAH) activity in the mouse brain”**

*Sherry Glaser*  
*Brookhaven National Laboratory*

**“FAAH-getting: Evidence for a role of fatty acid amide hydrolase (FAAH) in the endocannabinoid system”**

*Norbert E. Kaminski*  
*Moutard State University*

**“Endocannabinoid-induced suppression of interleukin-2 involves cyclooxygenase-2, is mediated in part through a nuclear receptor, and occurs independently of CB1 and CB2”**

*Aron Lichtman*  
*Virginia Commonwealth University*

**“Biosynthesis and Degradation of Endocannabinoid Ligands: Anandamide, and Endogenous Ligands of Cannabinoid Receptors”**

*De Lansing*  
*SUNY Stony Brook*

**Risk Assessment for Asbestos-Related Cancer from the 9/11 Attack on the World Trade Center**

*Speaker:* Robert P Nolan, PhD  
*Center for Applied Studies of the Environment & Earth and Environmental Sciences of the Graduate School and University Center*  
*New York University*  
*365 Fifth Avenue*  
*New York, NY*

**Objective:** Estimate the lifetime risk of asbestos-related cancer for residents of Lower Manhattan due to asbestos released into the air by the 9/11 attack on New York City’s World Trade Center (WTC).

**Methods:** Exposure was estimated from available data and reasoned projections based on these data. Cancer risk was assessed using an asbestos risk model that differentiates asbestos fiber-types and EPA’s model that does not differentiate fiber-types and combines mesothelioma and lung cancer risks.

**Results:** The upper limit for the expected number of asbestos-related cancers is less than one case over the lifetime of the population for the risk model that is specific for fiber-types and 12 asbestos-related cancers with the EPA model.

**Conclusions:** The cancer risk associated with asbestos exposures of residents of Lower Manhattan resulting from the collapse of the WTC is negligible.

**Date:** Thursday, December 8, 2005  
**Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Place:** The Graduate School and University Center  
*New York University*  
*365 Fifth Avenue*  
*New York, NY*

The room number will be posted in the Lobby for further information contact Dr. RP Nolan (212)817-8248.

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**THE INDICATOR—DECEMBER 2005**

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- A technical chemical program emphasizing Analytical, Food (especially chocolate), Organic, Medical/Pharmacology, Exemplary Plenary Sessions, Burger Symposium, and Copes Scholars Symposium.
- Additional program areas planned are: 100 years of FDA Regulation, Mass Spectrometry, Forensics, Education, Law, Computers, History (esp. Joseph Priestly), Inorganic, Polymers, Bench to Pilot Plant, and Physical.
- Awards will be given for the best undergraduate and graduate research.
- Notable entertainment for accompanying persons, such as Hershey Amusement Park, Chocolate World, and nearby Harrisburg and Lancaster County.

MARM 2006 is co-hosted by SE Pennsylvania and Susquehanna Valley Sections of ACS.

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WESTCHESTER CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Applications of Atomic Force Microscopy to Macromolecular Structure Analysis

Speaker: Dr. Mary K. Cowman  
Associate Professor of Biochemistry  
Othmer Dept. of Chemical and Biological Sciences & Engineering  
Polytechnic University

Atomic force microscopy (AFM) allows 3-dimensional imaging of single molecules and assemblies on surfaces. Both covalent and conformational aspects of the structures can be investigated. This lecture will describe imaging studies of polysaccharides, nanoparticles, and liposomes with medical and food applications. Experimental considerations such as choice of surface, control of surface hydration, and exploitation of ionic effects will be discussed.

Date: Monday, December 12, 2005  
Times: Refreshments 6:00 PM  
Lecture 6:30 PM  
Place: Polytechnic University  
Westchester Graduate Center  
Room 23, 40 Saw Mill River Road  
Hawthorne, NY 10532  
Directions: available at [http://www.poly.edu/west/info/dir.cfm](http://www.poly.edu/west/info/dir.cfm)

Further information: mcowman@poly.edu or Joan Laredo-Liddell at 914-476-6860.

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HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS TOPICAL GROUP

Centralia, Its Underground Coal Fires, Human Tragedies and Environmental Impact

Speaker: Dr. Yuri Gorokhovich  
Lamont Doherty Laboratories  
Columbia University

The story of underground coal fires in small town Centralia located in the middle of Pennsylvania State still attracts attention of scientists, media and general public. These fires burn for more than 40 years, starting in 1962 after local residents decided to burn an old landfill with a state permit. Since landfill was located in abandoned coal mine strip, coal picked up a fire and started going. As a result the town was announced an “eminent domain” and more than 1,000 residents were relocated. The town of Centralia became a ghost town. The story of Centralia is only one of many underground fires throughout the world.

Date: Friday, December 16, 2005  
Times: Social and Dinner — 5:45 PM  
Place: Caffe Pane e Cioccolato  
10 Waverly Place at Mercer Street (south-west corner)  
New York, NY  
(You eat, you pay cash only, no credit cards.)  
No reservations required  
Times: Meeting — 7:15 PM  
Place: New York University  
Silver Center Room 207  
32 Waverly Place (south-east corner Washington Sq. East)  
New York, NY  
Security at NYU requires that you show a picture ID to enter the building.

In case of unexpected severe weather, call John Roeder, 212-497-6500, between 9 AM and 2 PM to verify that meeting is still on; 914-961-8882 for other info.

Note: Street parking is free after 6:00 PM.  
For those who prefer indoor attended parking, it is available at the Metro/Romar Garages. The entrance is on the west side of Broadway just south of 8th Street, direct-ly across from Astor Place. It is a short, easy walk from the garage to the restaurant or meeting room.

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Dr. Kenneth Yamaguchi, Chair of Chemistry, NJCU, Dr Steven Anderson, Ramapo College of NJ, Speaker on “The Wonders of Chemical Catalysis at the Hudson Bergen Chemical Society Meeting of September 30 at NJCU, and Dr. Hanae Haouari, NJCU,Secretary, HBCS.

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Hudson-Bergen Chemical Society

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Despite of the high energy content, organic azides and alkynes are chemically orthogonal to an unusually broad range
of reagents, solvents, and other functional groups. Although their thermal cycloaddition reaction is exceedingly slow
due to the high energy of activation (ca. 24-26 kcal/mol), their reactivity towards each other can be revealed by means of
an appropriate catalyst. For example, copper(ii) results in the formation of the 1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles, while ruthenium(ii) catalyzes formation of the complementary 1,5-regiosomers. Catalytic azide-alkyne cycloadditions are now among the most efficient ways to permanently unite diverse structures by means of the triazole connections — permanent chemically inert links that bring together blocks with desired functionality.
Representative examples from our laboratories, as well as important mechanistic aspects of these processes and their implications for the design of other catalytic systems will be discussed in the lecture.
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1:45 PM Dipolar Cycloadditions: Professor Valery V. Fokin

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3:15 PM Coffee Break

3:30 PM Towards Bioactive CyClick Peptides. Professor Jan H. van Maarseveen

In designing polymeric materials for use in nanotechnology it rapidly becomes apparent that control over all aspects of polymer structure (molecular weight, polydispersity, number and position of functional groups, architecture, etc.) is required if these materials are to be used successfully to create nanostructures in the sub-50 nm size regime. Equally important to the rapid introduction and incorporation of these materials into devices is the development of robust and simple techniques for their synthesis. This last feature will allow a wide range of materials to be prepared efficiently while also permitting non-experts to prepare well-defined materials. The development of facile chemistry for the design and application of materials in advanced storage devices and microelectronics for the information technology industry will be discussed. Further examples will demonstrate that these new synthetic techniques may also have applicability in other areas such as bio-sensors, DNA chips, delivery devices and high modulus hydrogels.

3:45 PM Using Organic Chemistry to Control the Properties of Nanoscopically Defined Materials: From Microprocessors to Hydrogels. Professor Craig J. Hawker

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4:30 PM How Much Reactivity Does a Chemist Need? Professor K. Barry Sharpless

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*Congratulations to the 2005 Nobel Laureates in Chemistry: Yves Chauvin, Robert H. Grubbs, Richard R. Schrock

This symposium is free and open to the public. Further information regarding the symposium is available on the website for the North New Jersey Section of the American Chemical Society. Due to limited seating, advance registration is required using a form located on the website.

http://njacs.org/caals2006.html
2005 ACS FALL MEETING IN WASHINGTON, DC

COUNCILOR REPORT

For the 2005 ACS Fall Meeting in Washington DC, North Jersey had full representation at the Council meeting. Representing the section were the following Councilors and Alternate Councilors: Anita Brandolini, Jeannette Brown, Maureen Chan, Alan Cooper, Jacqueline Erickson, Susan Fahrenholz, Robert Goodnow, Stan Hall, George Heinze, Bethynn Howson, Anne Kelly, Diane Krone, Valerie Kuck, Les McQuire, and Stephen Waller.

While in Washington DC, many of the councilors participated in committee meetings and other governance activities, including the Town Hall Meetings and Mid-Atlantic Councilor Caucus. The Mid-Atlantic Councilor Caucus was chaired by Steve Waller.

Some of the committees with North Jersey Councilors are Budget and Finance, Corporation Associates, Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs, Divisional Activities Committee, Local Section Activities Committee, Membership Affairs Committee, Nominations and Elections, SOCED, WCC and others. Below are a few highlights from some committee meetings and other activities.

Town Hall meetings were held by the Committee on Nominations and Elections. One meeting focused on election procedures and the results of a survey conducted by the committee. The other town hall meeting was a forum for candidates for the Director at Large position. These candidates include James Burke, Edwin Chadross, Gordon McCarty and Frankie Wood-Black.

Les McQuire, a member of the Local Section Activities Committee (LSAC), attended the LSAC meetings, and he chaired the subcommittee on Alliances and Partnerships. He is also a member of Corporation Associates (CA), and he chaired the Program Subcommittee, during that committee meeting. Les is also involved in a number of other governance activities, including the Regional Activities Coordination Team (ReACT), and he gave a presentation at the Mid-Atlantic Councilor Caucus. This presentation provided an overview of the recommendations for changing the role of regional meetings and regional meeting steering committees in the society.

Anne Kelly is a member of the Divisional Activities Committee (DAC). DAC discussed future plans to support the changes within the ACS: increasing multidisciplinarity and attracting members from fields outside the traditional definition of Chemistry. Ideas included possibly merging some divisions, having sessions of interest to multiple divisions located in the same geographical areas to facilitate attendance, and ideas to increase collaboration/multidivisional activities. This discussion will continue at the spring national meeting.

George Heinze and Jacqueline Erickson attended the Membership Affairs Committee (MAC) meeting and their respective subcommittee meetings. MAC has reorganized its subcommittee structure to have 3 subcommittees (Membership Categories and Dues, Recruitment and Retention, and Member Benefits), and a significant amount of time was spent on the committee’s strategic plan. The Categories and Dues subcommittee also spent time discussing possible recommendations for task force on ACS Governance Review, and the future of the ACS Council and Committee structure. Also, MAC adopted a resolution that expressed its concern that “the education requirements for an ACS-approved degree, and thus for immediate and welcoming eligibility for membership, should be revised to be more encompassing of the multidisciplinary and evolving nature of chemistry.”

At the Council meeting, reports were given by the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Chair of the Board of Directors, and the Executive Director &CEO of the ACS. Reports were also given by committees.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented councilors as candidates for the elected committees which include the Committee on Committees, Council Policy Committee and Committee on Nominations and Elections. Valerie Kuck of this section was elected to the Council Policy Committee.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections withdrew its petition on election procedures prior to the spring national meeting. This action was to allow the committee to discuss further the issues raised by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws and to solicit additional input from councilors and other members.

A report was also given by James Burke, chair of the ACS Board of Directors during the Council meeting. One of the main items in the report was the requests for the Society’s 2006 proposed budget, which include:

- A two-year pilot program for ACS High School Chemistry Clubs
- ACS activities in connection with the International Science and Engineering Fair
- A Leadership Development Program that delivers a pool of capable, effective, and motivated leaders for volunteer roles throughout the Society
- Reauthorization of, and continued funding for the Green Chemistry Institute
- A complete reinvention of the Society’s Web Presence

A special discussion item was also put on the Council agenda for this meeting. ACS President William F. Carroll described the process being used to develop a Society vision hypothesis (vision statement) that is to be tested with members, customers, governance and other interested parties. Dr. Carroll described the methods used to get member input at the national meeting. ACS national meeting attendees reported 15 common themes to be considered as important to the Society’s future. Dr. Carroll sought Council input on the most frequent themes: diversity, young people, governance, multidisciplinarity, globalization and outreach. Councilors then engaged in a thoughtful, yet lively exchange of their vision of the Society’s long-term future.

After the Council meeting, a special briefing on executive compensation was held. The purpose of this meeting was to describe the processes used to compensate executive staff positions within the ACS (e.g. Executive Director, Secretary, etc). Various professional societies and non-profit institutions were used as a benchmark for executive compensation, as were several for-profit institutions. It was noted that there are few non-profits similar to the ACS, and that the Publications division is much more similar to a for-profit institution, thus the inclusion of these organizations. Following the briefing, there was extensive discussion by the councilors on the process used.

If any North Jersey members would like more information on these topics or would like to provide feedback on this report, please contact the Chair at jacqueline.a.erickson@gsk.com.

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Cash prizes will be awarded. The winners of the 2005 contest are posted at: http://blake.montclair.edu/~olsenk/may%202005%20poster.htm
The student poster contest is being run in conjunction the chapter’s annual New Technologies Meeting. This meeting showcases the latest technologies for the laboratory from automated devices, to new instruments, and improved data management systems.
Date: Thursday, March 23, 2006
Time: 3:00 - 9:00 PM
Place: Montclair State University Student Center Montclair, NJ
For additional information, please visit our webpage at www.njacs.org/ms.html

Education

Graduate Chemistry Courses Spring 2006

519 Computational Chemistry (Special Topics in Physical Chemistry)
Dr. Susanne B. Raunig
Mon 6:00-8:50 pm, 240 Smith Hall

549 Electroanalytical Chemistry
Dr. Huixin He
Tue 6:00-8:50 pm, 240 Smith Hall

544 NMR Spectroscopy: Principles and Applications
Dr. Charalampios Kalodimos
Wed 6:00-8:50 pm, 240 Smith Hall

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MID ATLANTIC CHAPTER LABORATORY ROBOTICS INTEREST GROUP

New Technologies Meeting

Presentations are being sought from scientists and engineers who have developed or implemented new laboratory technologies. Possible topics include new applications for robotics, novel instrumentation, analytical techniques, or improved methods of data management and computation.

Date: Thursday, March 23, 2006
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Place: Montclair State University
Student Center
Montclair, NJ

For complete details please contact Kevin Olsen, Room 359 Richardson Hall, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ, 07043, 973-655-4076, OlsenK@Mail.Montclair.Edu

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Nominations are being sought for the 2006 Gold Medal of the New York section of the Society for Applied Spectroscopy. This coveted award was established in 1952 to recognize outstanding contributions to the field of applied spectroscopy. The Gold Medal will be presented at a special award symposium, arranged in honor of the awardee, at the 2006 Eastern Analytical Symposium. A nominating letter describing the nominee’s specific accomplishments should be submitted along with a biographical sketch by January 15, 2006. Eligibility is open to everyone. Please send nomination materials to:

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Rules of Eligibility: Individuals nominated for the award may come from any professional setting: academia, industry, government, or other independent facility. Nominees may also be organizations, including ACS local sections and divisions. The awardees will have increased the participation and leadership of persons from diverse or underrepresented minority group(s), persons with disabilities, or women.

To Nominate: For nomination of individuals, a letter of nomination of no more than three pages and a CV or resume is required. For nomination of institutions or corporations, a brief description of the institution or organization must be included. Nominations may also include up to two supporting letters of no more than three pages and up to five different samples of program materials.

Send nominations to:

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For information regarding the award, contact Stephanie Allen, 800/227-5558 ext. 6262, or e-mail: s.allen@acs.org

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