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November Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Rush Holt
U. S. Representative (D-NJ)

Topic: To be announced – current issues of relevance to the scientific community

Date: Thursday, November 8, 2001

Lecture at 5:30 p.m.
Room 120 (Kresge Auditorium)
Frick Laboratory
Princeton University

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Lahiere's
Witherspoon St.
Princeton, NJ

December Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Bill Chiang
Chair, Princeton Section

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2001

Discussion at 5:30 p.m.
Room 324
Frick Laboratory
Princeton University

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Prospect House
Princeton University

Abstract: The purpose of this meeting is to review the events of 2001 and the status of the local section overall. This is an opportunity for the members of the section to help shape the section's future. We encourage the membership to voice their opinions on issues and events that need to be changed or enhanced. In attendance will be the section officers to address questions and try to incorporate the inputs into future agendas. Special recognition of the 50-year members of the ACS is also a part of the meeting.

The lecture is free and open to the public. The cost for dinner is \$20.00 per person, including wine (students and retirees, \$10.00). Reservations are necessary to attend dinner, but not necessary for the lecture. For dinner reservations, please contact Denise D'Auria at (609) 258-5202, denised@princeton.edu. Dinner reservations must be made by Thursday, November 1 for the November meeting, and Wednesday, December 5 for the December meeting. Please call to cancel your reservations if you cannot attend. No-shows will be billed for the cost of their dinner.

National Chemistry Week **November 4 – 10, 2001**

National Chemistry Week is coming, and it's time to have some fun! Princeton ACS will hold its second annual Open House at Frick Laboratory from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, November 9, 2001. This year's theme is "Chemistry in Art". Children with their parents can make the art-chemistry connection through demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Many thanks to those of you who have pledged your help, but we need MANY more volunteers! Last year's program, "Chemistry in the Kitchen," drew over 150



visitors and a large number of inquiries about repeat performances. Since we got such a favorable response from our visitors last year, we may have an even bigger crowd this year. We will have more space to work, and we would like to provide as many activities as we can for everyone who attends.

If you will be available between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on November 9, and you would like to help kids have fun with chemistry, please contact **Kitty Wagner**, kmwagner@princeton.edu, (609) 258-2937. Necessary training will be provided. (If you'd like to help, but you prefer to keep one step removed from the messy stuff, we will need a photographer and guides as well as activity supervisors.) **Please call or e-mail as soon as possible!**

Since this is the first Newsletter after the tragic events of September, I would like to extend my thoughts and prayers to everyone, especially to those who were directly affected. As you know, **Rep. Rush Holt** will be our speaker for the meeting on November 8th. Prior to holding public office, he was trained as a physicist and had a scientific career in plasma physics at Princeton. No abstract was submitted for this talk, but we were informed that he would speak on issues relevant to the scientific community. Given his unique background and the recent events, I am certain that this will be a very special seminar. We anticipate a large turnout so it will be held in Room 120 (Kresge Auditorium) with dinner to follow at Lahiere's. I encourage dinner reservations be made early, because seating is limited. However, due to the recent activities of the government, there is a chance that Rep. Holt may have last minute obligations, so I advise you to check on the status of this meeting towards the beginning of November. The other event in November is **National Chemistry Week**, and this year's theme is "Chemistry in Art". Please go to our website at www.princeton.edu/~pacs for more details.

Trying to schedule a speaker to follow the events in November is a tall order, so I wasn't going to try. Instead, I decided to chair the last meeting of the year; it will be an overview of 2001, and an opportunity for the members to shape next year's agenda. I have asked next year's Chair, **Professor Marcel Nooijen**, and many of the other officers to attend, so the members' input will be heard. We have never lost sight that this section was formed to promote chemistry as the "central science," and to serve its members. We strive to improve this section every year, and member participation is critical.

In closing, I cannot believe that this is my last column of my term. I must say that I had a blast as Chair and really enjoyed each and every one of the dinners with the members. I would also like to give a special thanks to the officers, with recognition to **Lynne Greenblatt**. As I mentioned in the last Newsletter, she will be retiring May 2002 as our Newsletter Editor, a position she held for more than ten years. She will certainly be missed (although I am hopeful than she will be involved with the Section in some capacity) and I am very grateful to her for making my life so much easier. Well I guess no more to say other than "**Have a Wonderful and Safe Holiday Season!!!**"

Congratulations to the Princeton Section 50-year members:

Dr. Philip A. Cruickshank
Mr. Frank Schoenberg

Come join us at the December meeting to help us honor them!

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2001 COUNCILOR'S REPORT

Barbara L. Lences, Councilor

San Diego, CA –April, 2001

Attila Pavlath promised the council to end the council meetings on time during his tenure as President, and he did in San Diego with several minutes to spare. The council voted unanimously to increase 2002 membership dues to \$112 per annum (an increase of \$4). Council also approved a proposal to change the ACS by-laws to enlarge the membership of standing council committees. The goal is to increase council participation in governance. The proposal is subject to review by the Board of Directors. Two candidates were selected by council, from a field of four, as nominees for ACS 2002 President-elect. The successful candidates are Elsa Reichmanis of Bell Labs, Lucent Technologies and Bill Carroll, Jr. of Occidental Chemical Corp. It is noteworthy that both candidates are from industry.

At the request of Attila Pavlath, the Board appropriated \$300,000 for 2001/2001 to be used as stopgaps funding for those local sections and divisions that are struggling financially. A presidential task force was appointed by the Board to determine the distribution of the monies.

The committee on meetings and expositions reported that LCD projectors would be available in every room by the Spring 2002 ACS National Meeting (Orlando, FL). This is good news for presenters and program chairs alike, since this technology has all but replaced slides and overheads. The committee also emphasized that the recording or broadcasting, transmission or reproduction of any presentation, oral or poster, is strictly forbidden without the written permission of the division chair (this includes photographs). So, if you plan to webcast at a National Meeting, make certain you get your division chair's approval in writing.

The committee on constitution and bylaws reported that all local section by-laws are now electronically available from the ACS. If you're curious, it's now yours for the asking.

San Diego attracted 17,824 attendees (3rd largest) and 252 exhibitors with 472 booths (2nd largest). The 2001 membership campaign came to an end at San Diego with a Y2K total membership of 163,016 and a 94% retention rate. That's definitely a successful campaign.

Chicago, IL– August, 2001

Attila Pavlath gave everybody a scare by spending the night before the council meeting in the emergency room, but he ran the meeting with his usual fervor and kept his promise to end on time. Our President has been busy forming task forces, five to be exact, to address topics as

diverse as by-law changes, interim funding, ethics, electronic survey of members, and long-term finances of local sections and divisions. The goal being service to the membership (that's you) on a more personalized level. In this, Attila and Nina McClelland, Chair of the Board of Directors are in concert. Nina reported that the Board's focus is on people and partnerships and she encourages all councilors to attend the open session of the Board meeting where it is intended a special time will be set aside to listen to input/concerns from the councilors. This actually means, if you tell me your concerns/interests, your message is guaranteed to get before the Board of Directors. This is a strong incentive for you to speak up.

Halley Merrell, ACS Secretary was honored by a standing ovation of the council for all he has done for the Society (Halley announced his retirement). John Crum, ACS Executive Director mentioned in his report that the development of Green Chemistry was vital to the chemical enterprise.

The local section activities committee announced the 2002 National Chemistry Week (NCW) theme will be "Chemistry keeps us clean" and most importantly the '02 NCW celebration has been moved to the fourth week in October. FYI, the 2001 NCW theme is "Celebrating chemistry and art" and will be held the second week in November. The committee on meetings and expositions reported an increase in the 2002 registration fee to \$265 (a \$10 increase). Chicago attracted 15,290 attendees and 328 companies participating in the Exhibition.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 4 – 10	National Chemistry Week	
Nov 8	Princeton ACS Monthly Meeting Speaker: Congressman Rush Holt (D-NJ) (609) 258-5202 or denised@princeton.edu	Princeton University Dinner at Lahiere's Princeton, NJ
Nov 8	ACS 125 th Anniversary Celebration in North Jersey "Chemistry is the Enabling Technology" Symposia in Lead Discovery and Lead Optimization http://www.njacs.org/acs125.html	College Center Middlesex County College Edison, NJ
Nov 15	Philadelphia ACS / Chemical Consultants Network Dr. Claire M. Fraser, Institute for Genomic Research Microbial Genome Sequencing: Insights into Physiology and Evolution www.chemconsultants.org (215) 382-1589 or CCNRESERVATIONS@aol.com	Wilson Student Center, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science Philadelphia, PA
Dec 8	Philadelphia ACS Herb Bassow - Chemical Demonstration Program http://alpha.lasalle.edu/~chemed/web/homepage.htm	To be announced
Dec 12	Princeton ACS Monthly Meeting	Princeton University



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Michael E. Condon – Chair-Elect

Michael E. Condon received his B.S. in Chemistry from Providence College in 1966, and his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from Yale University in 1970. He has been in the Princeton area since 1972, and has been employed by Squibb Institute for Medical Research, FMC Corp. and American Cyanamid Agricultural Research Division, where he was Assistant Vice President of Chemical Discovery. Dr. Condon has consulted for two start-up biotechnology companies in New Jersey and served as the Acting Director of the Patents & Licensing Office at the UMDNJ in 2000. He is a Patent Agent registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. He is a member of the New Jersey Intellectual Property Law Association and the American Chemical Society.

Istvan Pelczer – Secretary/Treasurer

Istvan Pelczer received his Ph.D. summa cum laude in Chemistry in 1989 from Jozsef Attila University, Szeged, Hungary. His research interests include multidimensional NMR spectroscopy in combination with molecular modeling, applications to structural and dynamical studies of complex systems, and development and optimization of novel experimental methods, data processing and analysis in NMR. Dr. Pelczer is on the staff at Princeton University, where he has been a Lecturer and Senior NMR Spectroscopist since 1996.

Barbara L. Lences - Councilor

Barbara L. Lences is a Sr. Patent Agent for American Home Products Corporation. She has served as Chair and Alternate Councilor of Princeton ACS, and is currently serving as Councilor. She is also Treasurer of Chemistry & the Law Division of the ACS, member of ACS joint Board-Council Committee on Patents & Related Matters and advocate for Princeton ACS Local Section and its members.

Sharon Sibilia – Alternate Councilor

Sharon received a B. A. in French Language and Literature from the College of William and Mary in 1981, a B.S. in Chemistry from George Washington University in 1988 and a Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1997. Her graduate work investigated the effects of peripheral substituents on the symmetry of the highest occupied molecular orbitals of selected metalloporphyrins. She has taught chemistry at the high school and college levels at Princeton Day School and Rutgers University. She currently works for AIL Research. She has been active in the ACS local section as Alternate Councilor (1994-present), and as a Demonstrator in several of the High School Chemistry Teacher workshops.



2001 Official Ballot - American Chemical Society, Princeton Section

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