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Chairman's Corner

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Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends!

Welcome to the New Year of 2004! I am sure I'm not alone in saying that we wrapped up a spectacular year on December 11, 2003, with Fiona Case leading us through the major events and activities of our 75-year old Princeton Section of ACS. Her enthusiasm and dedication were essential for the success of this program, which has only been matched by contributions from many volunteers, section officers, and participants.

As a new Chair, I wish to extend a big thank you to Fiona first of all – it will be not be easy to step in her shoes for sure! At the same time, I can rely on great people in the Section Committee and beyond. We'll do the best we can to navigate through the upcoming year, and present an attractive program. We are hoping that many of you will join the activities, and will find the Princeton Section an inviting community.

During the coming year we will continue with lectures and seminars, focusing mainly on themes of interest according to the response to the recent survey. We will hear about the art of glassblowing, about exceptional achievements in organic synthesis, detection of anthrax spores at sub-microscopic levels, etc. There are plans about a talk on food chemistry, historical and philosophical aspects of very early chemistry research, visiting a nearby nuclear plant, and perhaps a somewhat futuristic, yet historically situated big NMR center in New York City. (Did I mention that I am an NMR spectroscopist?...) Our beloved former Chair, Fiona Case, also accepted an invitation to speak at one of our meetings later in the year. There are plans for many good dinners and other occasions for enjoying each other's company in various settings!

Talking about company... We should continue extending our contacts both at the institutional and personal levels in the coming year. We have a new officer in the committee to organize a woman's group, and reach out to existing similar organizations in Trenton and at Chemistry, Princeton University, perhaps more. We want to revive the “sisterhood” with the Trenton Section, and maintain relationships with young (and not as young) chemists at the Philadelphia Community College. We also want to find more interactions with our members and colleagues, who already enjoy their retirement, and make contact with the local business community, which is “chemically oriented”. In addition, we would like to recruit new members to our section, contacting and visiting new and well-established facilities and institutions alike in our area, and make our activity better known for the wider community. Your comments, suggestions and notes with regard to the program and future plans are, and will always be very welcome!

In conclusion, I wish you all a very happy and successful New Year, and look forward to seeing you often!

István Pelczer

January Meeting

Speaker: Michael J. Souza
Department of Chemistry
Princeton University
Princeton, NJ

Topic: "The Marriage of Science, Art,
and Engineering -- Glass and
Glassblowing"

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2004
Lecture at 6 PM
Room 324, Frick Laboratory
Princeton University

Dinner immediately after meeting
Prospect House
Princeton, NJ

Abstract: No abstract available at the
time of publication. 📄

February Meeting

Speaker: Erik J. Sorensen
Arthur Allan Patchett
Professor of Organic Chemistry
Princeton University
Princeton, NJ

Topic: "TBA"

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2004
Lecture at 6 PM
Room 324, Frick Laboratory
Princeton University

Dinner immediately after meeting
Prospect House
Princeton, NJ

Abstract: No abstract available at the time
of publication. 📄

Dinner Reservations:

Lectures are free and open to the public. 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 one week prior to the meeting night. Please call to cancel your reservations if you cannot attend. **NO-SHOWS WILL BE BILLED FOR THE COST OF THEIR DINNER.**

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