

The Minnesota Chemist



Chair's Corner

Greetings!

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the summer!

I enjoyed meeting many of you at the Awards Meeting and Banquet held on May 23rd. The local section honored our 50- and 60-year ACS members and presented several awards, including the Janet Tarino Volunteer Award to Dr. James Wollack, the Lyle Hall Senior Chemist Award to Mr. Wayne Haag, and the Minnesota Award to Dr. Phil Buhlmann. Dr.

Buhlmann then gave an exciting seminar on his research group's interdisciplinary work on the electrochemical ion sensors.

Here are some pictures from the Awards Meeting.

The MN ACS executive committee also met in June to plan new activities for the next few months, most of which are in-person! The nearest ones are the Young Chemists Committee Social on Wednesday August 2nd at the Malcolm Yards (contact Safia Jilani for more information) and the much-beloved ACS Family Day held in mid-September at one of the local parks (contact James Wollack and Becky Guza). Keep an eye out for more details.

Please feel free to reach out to me or the other officers and committee members at any time if you have suggestions, ideas, or needs that we can support [here](#).

Enjoy the rest of the summer and stay safe and healthy!

Ekaterina (Katya) Kadnikova, PhD

Chair, Minnesota Local Section of the American Chemical Society



Find Your Next Speaker: The ACS Speaker Directory

The ACS Speaker Directory is available to all our component group leaders to access a wide range of speakers for their in-person, hybrid, and asynchronous events. The directory provides users with access to over 500 speakers who are available to present technical science talks, lead career development & professional advancement presentations, explore general interest, popular science topics, and more. LSAC is actively recruiting interested speakers to join the directory. This member benefit is open to all ACS members who want to share their passion for chemistry, gain visibility and grow their professional networks. Users may access the directory at www.acs.org/spekerdirectory. (ACS ID and login required)

Updated ACS Governing Documents and Petition Deadline

The May 1, 2023, edition of the ACS Governing Documents is available at <http://www.acs.org/govdocs>.

New petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws must be received by the Chief Executive Officer (bylaws@acs.org) by November 29 to be included in the Council agenda for the spring 2024 meeting in New Orleans. Questions or comments may be sent to C&B at bylaws@acs.org.

Register for ACS Fall 2023!

Register and join us from August 13 - 17 for ACS Fall 2023! We'll be in-person in San Francisco at the Moscone Center or virtually globally. The theme, Harnessing the Power of Data, will be at the core of programming for the hybrid event. You can receive exclusive rates and benefits by booking your hotel through ConferenceDirect, the official housing service provider for ACS Fall 2023! Premium package ACS Members receive up to \$400 in meeting registration discounts. Standard and Basic Package Members can upgrade to save! [Register Now >>](#)



ACS Leadership Workshops in San Francisco

The ACS Leadership Development program is your opportunity to learn essential skills to strengthen your competitive edge in today's global economy and become a more effective leader in your local section. Seven different courses will be offered at the 2023 Fall Meeting in San Francisco. You can sign up for workshops when you [register for the Fall Meeting](#).

Celebrate ACS Volunteers on August 15!

The 25th Annual ChemLuminary Awards celebration will be held on **Tuesday, August 15, at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis, Salon 8-9**. The ceremony gives members the opportunity to recognize local sections, technical divisions, regional meetings, and international chemical sciences chapters for their tireless efforts and work in promoting chemistry and the chemical sciences. The evening will commence with a poster session and reception at 8:00 pm, an awards presentation at 9:00 pm, followed by a dance social. Let's honor and recognize our volunteers together!

Women Chemists Committee's (WCC) Fall 2023 Awards and Events

The WCC continues its mission of engagement, advancement, and advocacy for women. At ACS Fall 2023, WCC will recognize winners of the Overcoming Challenges Award, the WCC Merck Research Award, the Eli Lily Travel Award, and the Priscilla Carney Jones Scholarship. On August 14, WCC will host its Women in the Chemistry Enterprise Breakfast with speaker Atefeh Taheri. On August 15, the WCC Luncheon will feature speaker Ingrid Montes and will host its 'Just Cocktails' open meeting later during the day. The WCC breakfast and luncheon tickets are available via ACS registration. For more information, send email to WCC@acs.org.

DEIR Training Options at ACS Fall 2023!

Are you looking for opportunities for additional DEIR-related training while in San Francisco for ACS Fall 2023? The course Transforming Microaggressions into Microinclusions will be offered LIVE in San Francisco on **Monday, August 14th at 2:30 PM PDT and Tuesday, August 15th at 9:30 AM PDT**. Each offering is 2 hours in length. Learn how to identify and define microaggressions, and how to respond in the moment as a bystander. Your response as a leader sets an example for others; gain the skills to do so with confidence. Light refreshments will be served, but registration is required. Register today!

Team USA Chosen for the 55th International Chemistry Olympiad

The US National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO) program is proud to announce the Team USA that will represent the U.S. in the 55th International Chemistry Olympiad July 14-25, 2023, in Zurich, Switzerland :

- Mingwen Duan, CT, Connecticut Valley Local Section
- Alice Liu, MO, St. Louis Local Section
- Anurag Sodhi, MD, Maryland Local Section
- Phoenix Wu, TX, Greater Houston Local Section

Alternates:

- 1st: Sebastian Kumar, WA, Puget Sound Local Section
- 2nd: Brian Li, MA, Northeastern Local Section

Team USA will be supported during the IChO by the following mentors:

- Ms. Esther Hines, Billerica Memorial High School, MA, Head mentor
- Dr. Joseph Houck, Penn State University, PA, College mentor
- Dr. Laura Serbulea, University of Virginia, VA, College mentor
- Dr. Songwen Xie, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, MA, College mentor

Please join us in congratulating the members of Team USA and wish them luck at IChO. Photo credit: Sri Balasubramanian ACS Staff.



ACS MN Local Section News

Minnesota Local ACS Section Officer Positions Open!

The Minnesota Local ACS Section is looking for volunteers willing to serve as officers in the Local ACS Section. If you are looking to serve the broader community of chemists, chemical engineers, and educators working in Minnesota and Western Wisconsin, this is a great opportunity to gain that experience and give back. This is also a great opportunity to meet and work with other academic and industrial chemists and chemical engineers in the area. The election of new officers will be held from November 1st – 15th and new officers will not officially begin their terms until January 2024.

If you are interested in serving in any of the officer positions listed below or have further questions about the positions, please contact the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Cassie Joiner at joiner1@stolaf.edu.

The following positions are open:

- (1) Chair Elect (from academia) – 3 years term
- (2) Secretary – 2 years term
- (3) Councilor – 3 years term

Senior Chemists Awards May 2023

The MNACS Awards Ceremony was held on May 23 2023 at the Green Mill in Woodbury. Several MNACS Seniors were eligible for awards for their years of service to ACS. The awards were:

50-Year Members: Dr. Albin Loren, Dr. Richard Amos, Dr. Ian Armitage, Dr. Robert Bowman, Mr. William Hughes, Dr. Joe McGrath, Dr. Henry Mizioroko, Mr. Thomas Murdock, and Mr. Thomas Robison.

60-Year Members: Dr. Bruce Blumentritt, Dr. Thomas Bohnert, Dr. Larry Cook, Dr. Terry Gilbertson, Dr. Patrick Hanna, Dr. George Hardgrove, Mr. Elliot Jackson, Dr. Theodore Labuza, Prof. Larry Miller, Dr. Richard Newmark, Mr. Jon Stephanie, and Mr. Bruce Weeks.

70-Year Members: Mr. Wallace Haus and Dr. Charles Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE LONG SERVING ACS MEMBERS!

All these seniors were individually invited by Ken Latham to attend the awards ceremony, but unfortunately only a few were able to do so. Those present were: Dr. Loren Albin, Dr. Richard Amos, Dr. Ian Armitage, Dr. Joe McGrath, and Dr. Richard Newmark. They were awarded their certificates at the meeting. Lynn Hartshorn mailed certificates to those who were unable to attend.

Fall 2023 ACS National Meeting Travel Grants from the MN ACS Section

Grants are available to support travel to the Fall 2023 ACS National Meeting in San Francisco, CA: Harnessing the Power of Data.

Two \$750 travel grants are provided for senior graduate students to present their research at the ACS national meeting. Application criteria and instructions can be found in [this document](#).

One \$500 travel grant is provided for chemistry faculty at PUI or community colleges to attend the ACS national meeting. Application criteria and instructions can be found in [this document](#).

The deadline for both is **July 31** at noon.

Volunteer opportunities



The Chemists-in-the-Library event goes to East Lake Library, Minneapolis, Saturday, July 22

Our next library event will be:

Saturday, 22 July, 1:30 - 3:30 PM: East Lake Library
(2727 E Lake St, Minneapolis, MN 55406. See map: [Google Maps](#))

If you are interested in volunteering in our future events, please contact Prof. Phil Buhlmann at buhlmann@umn.edu



Chemists-in-the-Library Events 2023

22 Jul 1:30 PM: East Lake, Minneapolis

19 Aug 1:30 PM: Brookdale

16 Sep 1:30 PM: Brooklyn Park

21 Oct 1:30 PM: Minneapolis Central Library

18 Nov 1:30 PM: Oxboro

9 Dec 1:30 PM: Roseville



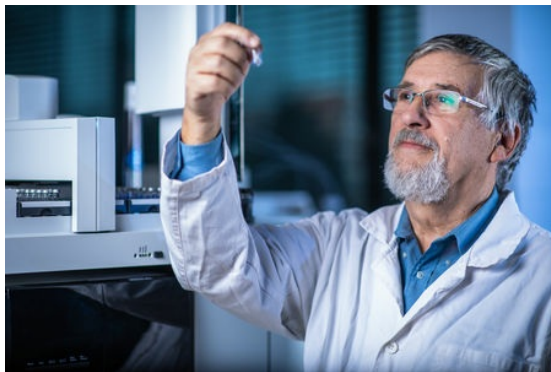
Greetings!

The Younger Chemist Committee (YCC) would love to connect early career scientists with each other and promote professional development with different networking, professional development, and community engagement opportunities. If you are interested in learning more about YCC events and being on a [YCC email list, feel free to share your information here.](#)

YCC will also be hosting a summer social on 08/02/2023 at Malcolm Yards from 6-8pm. (Malcolm Yards: 501 30th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414 ; it is a 2 min walk from the Prospect Park green light rail stop)

We will have some free appetizers and 5 [dot cards](#) raffled off!

If you are interested in coming to the summer social, [please RSVP here](#) so we can plan the amount of appetizers accordingly - thank you!



MNACS Senior Chemists

On Thursday, June 2, 16 members of the Senior Chemists group of MNACS, including a few spouses met at St Croix Winery, just off HWY 36 and Manning Avenue in Stillwater, at 11am for a private tour of the vineyard and a wine tasting. We were first served a glass of wine or a "slush" containing wine, fruit juice and ice, and then a member of the vineyard staff took us out into the vineyard and explained the history of the vineyard, which was originally a farm, later became an apple orchard, (Aamodts Apple Orchard) and then in 1992 started producing a range of wines. The wine-makers worked with the University of Minnesota to produce high-quality cold-hardy and disease-resistant cultivars. (The University of Minnesota is recognized as one of the top wine grape research programs in the country).



The St Croix Vineyard now produces several kinds of white, rose, and red wines, and they have won many awards. They produce 100% of their wine on-site and harvest most of their grapes by hand from their four acres. Every step of the wine-making process is done at the vineyards. Our guide took us into the winery and explained how the wine is made from the grapes, and the testing that is done during the process, and then we went into a tasting room where we tasted five kinds of wines accompanied by crackers ("palate cleansers") and a variety of cheeses and fruit. The group was very interested and asked several questions. We also enjoyed tasting the wine!

Lynn Hartshorn, Senior Chemists' Coordinator

Local Symposium: Underrepresented Students in STEM Symposium - Twin Cities

The Underrepresented Students in STEM Symposium is a research symposium for BIPOC undergraduate students local to the Twin Cities. The goal of USSS-TC is to give BIPOC undergraduates a free way to share research and scientific ideas, learn about graduate school, connect with

UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS IN STEM SYMPOSIUM - TWIN CITIES (US³TC)

The US³TC Symposium is back at UMN Twin Cities! Share your research, learn about graduate school, connect with STEM professors and receive mentorship from graduate students.

REGISTER BEFORE: 09/09/2023
ABSTRACT AND POSTER DUE ON: 09/09/2023
SYMPOSIUM DATE: 09/23/2023

For more info, visit:

<https://sites.google.com/umn.edu/ussstc/home>



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Visit our Website

STEM professors and professionals, and increase their sense of belonging in STEM. [Register now](#) for the 3rd annual USSS-TC held on Saturday, September 23rd, 2023!

For more information, visit

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