



AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY'S  
NEW YORK SECTION, INC.

**THE 2012 CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD**

Dear Colleague,

As Chairman of the Olympiad Committee of the New York Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS), I am pleased to announce that we will be participating in the year **2012 U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO)**. The primary goals of this program are to stimulate interest and achievement in chemistry among high school students throughout the United States and to provide recognition of outstanding young chemistry students, teachers, and schools.

Students competing in the USNCO are eligible to be selected as members of the United States team for the International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO). Every year since 1984 the U.S. has sent a team of four students to compete with teams from approximately fifty countries in the IChO. The students participate in both theoretical and laboratory examinations over several days. Gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded to the best performers and the IChO provides students the opportunity to interact with their peers from other countries. This year the international event will be held in Washington, DC, July 21-30, 2012.

My immediate task is to encourage you and your students to participate in this program. The identification of the four member U.S. team begins at the local school level. It is the responsibility of the New York Section to nominate students from this area to take the U. S. National Chemistry Olympiad examination. In order to identify who these students will be, we have decided to conduct a preliminary screening of students with a special examination prepared by the examination committee of the ACS. This examination will be administered on **Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at selected regional centers** ([www.newyorkacs.org/meetings/Olympiad/TestCenters.pdf](http://www.newyorkacs.org/meetings/Olympiad/TestCenters.pdf)) and will last for two hours. For those students who cannot take the exam on Saturday, the exam will also be administered on Sunday, March 4, at 10:00 a.m. at the alternate sites. Each school will be allowed to enter a maximum of 6 students. The fee for taking the exam will be \$25.00 per school and **must accompany the registration form** ([www.newyorkacs.org/meetings/Olympiad/Form.pdf](http://www.newyorkacs.org/meetings/Olympiad/Form.pdf)) (but see the note below). If you wish to enter students from your school in this competition, please note the attached information, and complete and return the enclosed registration form by **February 15, 2012**.

I encourage your school to participate in this academic Olympiad. All schools which participate in this year's Chemistry Olympiad will receive a copy of the Merck Index ([www.newyorkacs.org/meetings/Olympiad/Merck.pdf](http://www.newyorkacs.org/meetings/Olympiad/Merck.pdf)). Additionally, all students who participate will be recognized and presented with a certificate; the top students from the New York metropolitan region will receive an additional certificate and an Olympiad pin. We feel this recognition will serve to stimulate interest in chemistry and promote a positive attitude toward chemistry.

Thank you for helping us promote chemical education in this country.

Sincerely,

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**SPECIAL NOTE: If a school wishes to register more than six (6) students it may register up to twelve (12) students by submitting multiple registrations and a total registration fee of \$50.00. NO SCHOOL MAY REGISTER MORE THAN 12 STUDENTS.**