



**AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY'S NEW YORK SECTION
2008 SECTION-WIDE CONFERENCE at ST JOHN'S UNIVERSITY**

Date: Saturday, January 19, 2008

Times: 9:30AM – 1:00PM

Place: St. John's University, Bent Hall, Room 277, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Jamaica, NY

Cost: Free to all

PROGRAM

9:30 AM **Arrival and Refreshments - Welcome to the ACS, New York Section's 2007 Section-wide Conference and to St. John's University.**

10:00 AM **Greetings from the 2008 Chair of the ACS New York Section.** Marc A. Walters

10:10 AM **Award Presentations.**
Service Plaque and Pin to the 2007 New York Section Chair Joan A. Laredo-Liddell
New York Section Outstanding Service Award for 2007 Vijaya L. Korlipara
Nichols Foundation H.S. Chemistry Teacher Award for 2007 Stephen Radice
Edward R. Murrow H.S. Brooklyn, NY

10:30 AM **Report of the 2008 Elections Nominating Committee.** Barbara R. Hillery, 2008 Chair-elect
(Presentation of Candidates)

10:45 AM **Keynote Presentation. The Chemistry of Advocacy**
Glenn S. Ruskin, The American Chemical Society
Director, Office of Legislative and Government Affairs

The ACS Congressional charter passed in 1937 and signed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, calls upon the ACS to "encourage in the broadest and most liberal manner the advancement of chemistry in all its branches; increase the diffusion of chemical knowledge, ...promote scientific interest and inquiry, ...foster public welfare and education, aiding the development of our nation's industries, and adding to the material prosperity and happiness of our people."

This presentation will examine how ACS fulfills its Congressional charter through the advocacy efforts of members, governance and staff. At the core of ACS advocacy are the members of the Society – without them there would be no ACS positions or advocacy.

The members decide through the ACS committee structure what the positions and priorities of the Society shall be and staff in the ACS Office of Legislative and Government Affairs, joined by members of the ACS Legislative Action Network and local section Government Affairs Committees and ACS governance, communicate those priority positions on Capitol Hill, with the Executive branch and other interested organizations.

The presentation will pull together all the various pieces of ACS advocacy to give participants an overall understanding of how ACS policies are created, communicated and advocated.

11:45 AM **Coffee Break. Poster Presentations by New York Section Project Seed and Chemagination Students**

12:00 PM **ACS, New York Section Committee Planning Sessions for 2008.**

Educational Activities (Chemagination, Chemical Education, Continuing Education, Graduate Student Posters, High School Olympiad, National Chemistry Week, Nichols Foundation Teacher Award, Project Seed, Student Affiliate)

Chair: S. Mary L. Maier

Member Affairs (Awards, Employment and Professional Relations, History of the New York Section, Indicator, Membership, Outstanding Service Award)

Chair: Ralph Stephani

Program Review (Subsection and Topical Discussion Group Chairs)

Chair: Anne T. O'Brien

Public Affairs (Academe and Industrial Relations, Congressional Science Counselors, Environmental Chemistry, Fund Raising, Information Technology, Public Relations, Speakers Bureau)

Chair: Robert P. Nolan

12:45 PM **Reports from the Chairs of the Committee Planning Sessions.**

1:00 PM **Conclusion of the Meeting.** Join with colleagues for lunch at a local restaurant.

To inquire about the Section-wide Conference, please call the New York Section Office at 516-883-7510 or e-mail Marilyn Jespersen, Office Administrator, at: njesper1@optonline.net

**Directions are at <http://www.stjohns.edu/about/general/directions/directions/queens>
*Scientists, teachers and students of all levels are invited to participate. Hope you can attend.***