

New York Section Councilor Corner
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As a councilor for the New York section, I am a member of the ACS national Committee on Community Activities (CCA). The CCA provides guidance and support to the ACS office of Community Activities (OCA) and is classified as a Joint-Board Council committee. The mission of CCA is to deliver high-quality community-based outreach programs, products and services; to connect chemists with their local communities in an effort to improve the public's perception of chemistry. To accomplish this mission, the committee has three subcommittees. I am a member of the Program Development and Promotion (PDP) subcommittee which provides guidance and develop resources for the Office of Community Activities outreach programs such as National Chemistry Week (NCW) and Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (CCED). The PDP team suggests theme names, facilitates collaborations and connections to other related organizations and advises OCA on activities, games, and resources associated with each year's respective celebrations. Important information regarding CCA activities and programs for CY 2009-2011 that all ACS members should be aware of are:

National Chemistry week in '09 will be held from Oct 18-24. The Theme is "Chemistry-Its Elemental"

Chemists Celebrate Earth Day will be in April 2010. The Theme is "Plants: The Green Machines"

National Chemistry week in 2010 will be in October and the theme will be "Behind the Scenes with Chemistry"

Year 2011 will be the International Year of Chemistry and many events will take place in support of this year's chemistry celebration.

The Committee on Community Activities like the national ACS is trying to "Improve people's lives through the transforming power of chemistry"