# **ORGANIZATION OF THE NEW YORK SECTION**

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

(Chair, Past Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer)

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

(The Executive Board, Councilors, Chairs of Subsections and Topical Groups as well as the Umbrella Chairs for the Education, Membership, Program Review and Public Affairs Committees)

### **SUBSECTIONS**

Brooklyn, Hudson-Bergen, Long Island, Staten Island, Westchester

Rockland – non functioning at this time

### **TOPICAL DISCUSSION GROUPS**

Analytical, Biochemical, Chemical Marketing & Economics, Computers in Chemistry, High School Chemistry Teachers, Inorganic, Metrowomen Chemists, Nanoscience, Organic, Retired Chemists, Younger Chemists

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES**

Audit, ByLaws, Committee Advisory Group, Councilor Coordinating, Finance, Long Range Planning, Nichols Medal Jury, Nominating, Program, Site Selection, Coordinating Committees of EAS and MARM

### **EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEES**

Chemagination, Chemists Celebrate Earth Day, High School Chemistry Olympiad, IYC, National Chemistry Week, Nichols Teacher Award, Project SEED, Student Member Activities-URS

### **MEMBER AFFAIRS COMMITTEES**

Awards, Employment and Professional Relations, Fellows, History of the New York Section, The Indicator, Membership, Outstanding Service Award

#### PROGRAM REVIEW

#### **Subsections and Topical Groups**

#### PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEES

Environmental. Fund Raising, Government Affairs, Information Technology. Public Relations, Speakers Bureau

## **2011 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

## Dr. Hiroko I. Karan

The New York Section had an active and eventful 2011. Starting with the Section –wide conference in January, the section participated in IYC 2011 celebrations throughout the year by sponsoring and co-sponsoring six special programs and events. Subsections,

topical groups and committees incorporated IYC themes into their annual events.

The Joint celebration of NCW and IYC 2011, featuring "Health ", was a smashing success by having over 1000 participants (children, parents, students, members & international guests). Participants enjoyed hands on activities, chemistry Bingo, poem contest, etc. It was a great public outreach program. Student member groups from the colleges and scientists from local industry took an active role in the event, conducting the hand-on activities and demonstrations.

Another major Section activity is the Undergraduate Research Symposium (URS) held at College of Mt. St. Vincent in May 2011. One hundred and twenty (120) oral presentations were made by undergraduate students from colleges and universities in the New York and surrounding area. The high quality of both the research content and presentation skills was impressive. The NY Section proudly held the Annual William H. Nichols Symposium and Dinner in March, 2011. The Nichols Medal Award is one of the oldest awards of ACS and the NY section. The 2011 medalist was Dr. Julius, Rebek, Jr., of the Scripps Research Institute, CA. Approximately 280 scientist, faculty and students attended the symposium and Banquet. It was a successful event as usual. Many members of the Nichols family participated in the event.

The High school teachers group has been active, holding eight certificate bearing meetings. One session was "Demo Derby"; all members who attended presented their own chemical demonstration to share with others. Other successful High School programs such as Chemagination and Chemistry Olympiad showcased student achievement in the chemical science areas. Students presented their unique chemagination posters.

The New York Section added another National historic chemistry landmark at the Chemistry Department of Stony Brook University as the "Nuclear Magnetic Resonance and Magnetic Resonance Imaging" origination site. There was a wonderful cerebration at Stony Brook and we are pleased that ACS President, Nancy Jackson came to attend the ceremony. The committee also took a charge to help designate the Chemistry Department of Brookhaven National Laboratory as the New York Section designated Historic Chemistry Landmark for the original work on the development of FDG and its application to PET.

The New York Section is also proud to have seven additional ACS Fellows in 2011 whom the Section nominated.

Each subsection, topical group and committee has been very active and held 3-10 seminars, symposiums and students' achievement recognition evenings, respectively.

The Long Range Planning Committee began systematic Long Range Strategic Planning for the Section under the leadership of Dr. Anne O'Brien who has expertise in this area. Also the Section increased use of Tele- and Web-conferencing for meetings and the Chemical Marketing and Economics topical group Webcasted their meetings. The nomination committee established a slate of candidates for the 2013 section officers and councilor's election in spring 2012. Finance committee met and recommended the 2012 budget which was approved by the board at the November 2011 board meeting. The NY Section was vibrant and strong in every aspect of the Section activities with many dedicated members.

Following is the web address for a statistical review of the Sections for 2011.

http://portal.acs.org:80/portal/PublicWebSite/membership/ls/annualreports/CNBP\_0299 58