

## ANNUAL REPORT OF NEW YOR SECTION FOR 2013

### Summaries of Full Reports

#### CHAIR'S SUMMARY DR. PHILIP MARK

The 2013 New York Section activities were started with the **Section-wide Conference** held on February 2 at St. John's University. Dr. Philip H. Mark, Professor Emeritus at Nassau Community College - SUNY and 2013 New York Section Chair, hosted the event. The conference began with a continental breakfast for all attendees. Dr. Mark welcomed the guests and acknowledged the students from the various local colleges. The Section-wide conference included the presentation of awards for volunteerism and achievement, the presentation of the candidates for the 2013 elections in April and an entertaining keynote address by Dr. Alfredo Mellace, of Nassau Community College, SUNY entitled "Ancient Roman Science and Technology". At the Award ceremony, Dr. JaimeLee I. Rizzo of Pace University NYC received an ACS plaque, past chair pin and a flower arrangement in appreciation of her excellent work as Chair of the New York Section in 2012. The 2012 Outstanding Service award was given to Dr. Stephen Goldberg of Adelphi University. Dr. Goldberg is a dedicated coordinator of the Chemistry Olympiad Program and former Treasurer of the Section. The Section presented the Nichols Foundation High School Chemistry Teacher Award for 2012 to Dr. Steven O'Malley of Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan. Mr. Stephen Radice introduced Dr. O'Malley and described his many accomplishments as an outstanding teacher of chemistry. Mr. Radice, himself, is a former Nichols Teacher awardee, and was honored with the James Conant Bryant Award at the National ACS meeting last April in New Orleans. After the awards, Dr. Pamela Kerrigan of the College of Mount Saint Vincent, 2013 Chair-elect of the New York Section, presented the names of the candidates for the upcoming 2013 elections and introduced those candidates who were present. After Dr. Mellace's presentation, during the coffee break, the attendees enjoyed the Project SEED Posters detailing the research of the Project SEED students. 65 Project SEED students from the Section participated in research projects at 15 academic and research institutions in the New York and New Jersey areas. The students entered several competitions including the North Jersey Regional Research Poster Competition that took place at Seton Hall University. The New York SEED students won all the top awards including four laptops. Project SEED has done outstanding work under the guidance of Ms. Nadia Makar. The last hour of the conference was devoted to a planning session for subsections, topical groups and committees and it concluded with reports from the chairs of each of the groups. The traditional luncheon with colleagues was enjoyed by many at Acquista Trattoria. The conference is always a great socializing and networking experience.

The most well known event of the NY Section is the **William H. Nichols Symposium and Medal Award Dinner**. The William H. Nichols Medal for 2013 was presented to Professor Richard Eisenberg of the University of Rochester on March 15, at an award dinner at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, White Plains, NY. Professor Eisenberg received the Nichols gold metal for "Outstanding Contributions to Inorganic Photochemistry." Over 250 industrial chemists, students and faculty from New York Section colleges and universities enjoyed the Distinguished Symposium and Award Dinner. The William H. Nichols Distinguished Symposium, titled "Addressing Cutting Edge Challenges in Catalysis and Energy, featured internationally known speakers: Professor Clifford P. Kubiak (University of California, San Diego), Professor William D. Jones (University of Rochester), Professor Marcetta Y. Darensbourg (Texas A&M University) and Professor Eisenberg who gave the Award Lecture titled "Making Solar Hydrogen." At the Award Dinner, Professor Philip H. Mark, 2013 Chair of the ACS New York Section, welcomed the guests and related the story of the founding of the Nichols Medal Award. The New York Section was honored to have in attendance Dr. Marinda Li Wu, President of the American Chemical Society, who graciously brought greetings and congratulations from the ACS to Professor Eisenberg and the Section. Professor Harry B. Gray of the California Institute of Technology introduced his friend and colleague, Richard Eisenberg. The Nichols Medal Award was established in 1902 by Dr. William H. Nichols to honor a chemical scientist for outstanding original research and was first awarded in 1903.



## SUBSECTIONS:

The **Brooklyn Subsection**, chaired by Dr. Theresa Cea, co-sponsored the Brooklyn College's H. Martin Friedman Lecture on March 5, 2013. Prof. Bonnie L. Bassler of Princeton University presented 'Manipulating Quorum Sensing to Control Bacterial Pathogenicity' to a crowd of 174 attendees. On Oct 24 the Brooklyn Subsection sponsored the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Brooklyn High School Chemistry Day on October 24, 2013 as part of National Chemistry Week. An audience of 116 high school students from the borough was entertained with chemistry demonstrations, tours of chemistry research laboratories and the presentation of awards to outstanding chemistry students.

The **Hudson-Bergen Subsection**, chaired by Dr. Jay Carreon, had another eventful year under the leadership of Dr. Jay Carreon. A meeting, jointly with the Sigma Xi chapter of Ramapo College, was held at Ramapo College on April 12, 2013. Professor John J. Shea delivered a talk titled "Myths of "Modern" Human Origins". A meeting, jointly with the School of Natural Sciences of Fairleigh Dickinson University, and The 15th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium and Student Award Night was held on April 26th with 80 attending. The students' academic achievements were acknowledged at this Student Achievement Award Night. Students involved in research presented their results in an Undergraduate Research Symposium held the same day. Some of the students involved in research presented their results at the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium organized by the ACS-NY section at the City College of New York.



The **Long Island Subsection**, chaired by Dr. Alfredo Mellace, was again very active in 2013. It held seven board meetings, six seminars, the 24th High School Awards Night and the 13th Annual Chemistry Challenge. The Chem Challenge was held on April 26 at Queensborough Community College. After dinner, 18 three student teams from various college and universities used clickers to answer 45 multiple choice questions testing concepts from General and Organic Chemistry. Awards were given to the top three teams in each student category (2- and 4-year teams were formed based on the students' standing). The LI Subsection's program ended with its Networking Seminar/Dinner Holiday Social on December 5, 2013. The subsection had a very successful year.



The **Westchester Subsection**, chaired by Rolande Hodel, held six monthly seminars by distinguished men and women chemists during 2013. On May 1, 2013, it held the Westchester Distinguished Scientist Award Meeting. The awardee was Dr. Sunghee Lee and her presentation was titled "One Droplet at a Time: Crystallization at the Liquid-Liquid Interface". A Service Award to Dr. Paul Dillon and student achievement awards were also presented at this meeting.



## TOPICAL DISCUSSION GROUPS:

The **Analytical Topical Group**, chaired by Dr. Robert Nolan, had two seminars in 2013. They were held at John Jay College in NYC. The topics covered were: The use of NMR spectroscopy for the identification of drugs of abuse in aqueous media, and Forensic Science in Federal and City Labs; A John Jay Grad's transition from Research to Casework. The group collaborates with the forensic faculty and students from John Jay School of Criminal Justice. Invited speakers were from local colleges

The **Biochemical Topical Group**, chaired by Dr. Barbara Petrack, was as active as ever in 2013. The Biochemical Topical Group of the NY ACS and the Biochemical Pharmacology Discussion Group (BPDG) of the New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS) collaborate. Together, they sponsor 8 symposia per year. The topics and speakers are selected from Proposals submitted to the Steering Committee. The 8 receiving the most votes constitutes the next year's Program. The scientist who suggests the topic then chairs that meeting. The symposia were held at NYAS, 7 World Trade Center. Half-day symposia had 4-5 speakers and 7-8 speakers for full- day symposia. Coffee breaks in the middle of each session enabled interactions. Full day symposia included a subsidized lunch and a reception follows, enabling discussion and interactions. More than 100 scientists attend each symposium. The total cost for the year exceeds \$100, 000. The NYAS, The ACS New York Section and various pharmaceutical and biotech companies subsidize these symposia. The purpose of this topical group is to bring together diverse institutions and communities, industrial and academic, to share new and relevant information at the frontiers of research and development.

The **Chemical Marketing and Economics Topical Group**, chaired by Dr. George Rodriguez, had another extraordinarily active year. The second annual CM&E Leadership Award was presented at a banquet at the Yale Club on December 5 to Jon Huntsman, Founder and Executive Chairman, Huntsman Corporation. The Group had 10 monthly luncheon meetings with talks by invited professional speakers on topics of current interest. The CM&E group membership has increased in size each year. From 2009 to 2013 CM&E membership went up **ten-fold**. There were 51 members in 2009, 257 in 2011, 406 in 2012 and 526 in 2013. The 2012 increase was mainly due to the awards event and the inclusion of webcasts in the count as a practical matter for using the Constant Contact event marketing system. CM&E has brought the spotlight to STEM education by making it an integral part of its Awards presentation. CM&E will be doubling its support to the Scholars program. CM&E subsidizes student luncheons. Over 20% of attendees at the largest event (December 5, 2012) were students from high school to college (undergraduate and graduate levels). CM&E had an excellent year.



The **Computers in Chemistry Topical Group**, chaired by Dr. Seogjoo Jang, on January 14, organized the fourth New York Theoretical and Computational Chemistry Conference (NYTaC<sup>3</sup>) at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY). There were 88 participants from the Greater New York area. The seven invited speakers were as follows:

Roberto Car (Princeton University)  
Garnet Chan (Princeton University)  
Angel Garcia (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)  
Robert Harrison (SUNY, Stony Brook)  
Seogjoo Jang (CUNY, Queens College)

David Kofke (SUNY, Buffalo)  
Darin York (Rutgers)

In addition, there were 4 contributing talks and 11 poster presentations. The event was co-sponsored by the Initiative for Theoretical Sciences at the Graduate Center, CUNY, which waived all the room charges and provided major support for catering service. The Center for Functional Nanomaterials (CFN) of Brookhaven National Laboratory provided direct support for publication of Program Books and Name Cards.

The **High School Chemistry Teachers Topical Group**, chaired by Jean Delfiner and Joan Laredo-Liddell, co-sponsored, with the Physics Teachers Club of New York, eight excellent events that included seminars, presentations and the very popular demonstration derby performed by teachers for teachers.



The **Inorganic and Organometallic Topical Group** hosted the second annual Frontiers of Inorganic and Organometallic Chemistry lecture symposium on Friday, September 20, 2013 on the campus of Columbia University. The symposium attracted more than 60 academic and industrial chemists, including graduate and undergraduate students, to hear about new developments in inorganic chemistry from chemists in the NY metro area. The symposium featured presentations by Mark Biscoe (CCNY), Lynn Francesconi (Hunter College), Ahmad Moini (BASF), and Jack Norton (Columbia University). Pat Holland (Yale University) delivered the keynote address entitled "Nitrogen Fixation Using Low Coordinate Iron Complexes". The Topical Group co-chairs James Camara and Kathleen Kristian served as session chairs for the symposium

The **Nanoscience Topical Group**, chaired by Dr. James Canary, has been gaining popularity. In 2013, the group met three times (Feb 5, Mar 26 and Dec 3) at New York University, beginning at 7:00pm with greetings and refreshments, followed by science at 7:30pm. The science at the meetings consists of three speakers, representing different areas of nanotechnology within different disciplines. Speakers have hailed from universities such as Columbia, Yale, NYU and the California Institute of Technology, as well as from research institutions and industry. Departments represented have included, chemistry, physics, biomaterials and biomimetics, radiology and pathology, and chemical engineering, to name a few. Each speaker presented for 25 minutes, and entertained questions for 5 minutes. The atmosphere is informal and collegial. This year, the NYNDG celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the March 26<sup>th</sup> session. The usual fare was augmented with a champagne toast and specially designed cookies in honor of the occasion. The average attendance is 35.

The **Organic Topical Group**, chaired by Dr. Paramjit Arora, held two meetings (June 5 and Dec 11) in 2013 at the New York Academy of Sciences as part of the "Chemical Biology Discussion Group". These meetings were attended by 230 students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty members from the Tri-state

area schools including members of Albert Einstein College of Medicine, City College, Columbia, Hunter College, NYU, Polytechnic, Princeton, Rockefeller, Sloan Kettering, Stony Brook and Yale University. Attendance at Organic Topical Group Meetings are regularly rank as the highest among the 20 Frontiers of Science Discussion Groups at the New York Academy of Sciences. It is an excellent forum for new ideas.

The **Senior Chemists Topical Group**, chaired by Frank Romano and Dr. Ralph Stephani, organized and ran a very successful 50 and 60 year ACS Member Celebration and Luncheon on June 15th at Koenig's Restaurant, Floral Park. Pictures were taken of the awardees holding their plaques with New York Section Chair Dr. Philip Mark. The awardees enjoyed describing their careers in chemistry.



The **Younger Chemists Group**, chaired by Dr. Ruben Savitzky, on February 28<sup>th</sup>, held a food chemistry event at The Cooper Union in Manhattan. The event got off to a wonderful start with a presentation from Ms. Elaine Kellman-Grosinger, a flavor chemist at Citromax. Elaine defined what a flavor chemist does as well as discussed the importance of flavors and fragrances in the food industry. After Elaine's talk, there was delicious dinner prepared by Frankie's Kitchen (the cafeteria at Cooper Union). I-Ching Sandy Chen, a Ph.D. student at St. John's University, then gave a live demonstration on how to make a cherry foam using lecithin. The evening finished with an internet broadcast of "A Date with Science: Dinner and Dessert Chemistry" by Sally Mitchell and Guy Crosby. The webinar was provided by ACS Webinars and the ACS Younger Chemists Committee. On October 8, YCC hosted a Webinar entitled "Putting Your Best Foot Forward: Managing Your Paper and Online Resumes".



## EDUCATION COMMITTEES:

### Chemagination:

The Tenth Annual Chemagination High School student science essay and poster contest, organized by Dr. Vic Cesare and Dr. Gina Florio, had a total of 40 posters from 110 students from eight high schools. The event was held on April 27 at St. John's University. Written entries were received through web submission and the electronic entries were made available to the judges prior to the day of the contest. The contest began with welcoming remarks by Coordinators Dr. Cesare and Dr. Gina Florio and Dr. Philip Mark, Chair of the New York Section of the ACS. This was followed by the judging of posters. Judging criteria included scientific thought, creativity, clarity, thoroughness, and teamwork. The first and second place winners in each category were given trophies. All participants were given certificates of participation. The first place entry in each category was invited to represent NY ACS at the Regional 2013 MARM Chemagination.

### Chemists Celebrate Earth Day:

The 2nd annual Earth Day Parade, "Walk the Brooklyn Bridge" was held on April 20. Over 100 people met at Pace University (the host institution) at 11am to begin the celebration. The morning started with a welcome by Dr. JaimeLee Rizzo, Earth Day Coordinator, Professor of Chemistry, and Immediate Past Chair of the ACS-NY Section followed by opening remarks by Dr. Phil Mark, 2013 Chair of the ACS-NY Section. The keynote speaker, Dr. Marley Baucé, Pace University and Asst. Director of Awards at the NY Academy of Sciences gave his presentation in honor of our Earth. Each participant was given a goodie bag filled with fresh fruit, granola bars, dark chocolate, mints, water, and earth day gifts (recycled Earth Day coasters and Earth Day wristbands). Everyone was given a helium-filled Earth Day balloon to display while we all made our trek across the Brooklyn Bridge. An Earth Day Banner was carried by some participants and led the paraders on their route from Pace across the bridge.

Also, in celebration of Earth Day, student members of the Hofstra chapter of the ACS conducted a guided Nature walk on April 24th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Hofstra Arboretum and Bird Sanctuary. The student members of the Hofstra chapter of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) hosted the event. Members from the student members from SUNY Old Westbury also participated.



In celebration of Earth Day, the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) collaborated with the Great Neck Library for the 3rd consecutive year to offer a weekend filled with fun and "green" focused science experiments and demonstrations. This free public event was held to promote an appreciation of our blue planet (with a focus on the oceans), encourage its sustainability, and educate the local youth

about the importance of taking care of the environment. The event was also part of the New York Section's Annual Chemists Celebrate Earth Day effort. Community youth ages 5-17 and their families joined the USMMA midshipmen and faculty in this celebration.

### **High School Chemistry Olympiad:**

There were 345 students from 63 New York Section High Schools that participated in the 2013 Olympiad competition organized by Dr. Stephen Goldberg. Based on the size of the New York Section, 19 students were allowed to continue to the National Exam level. Of the 1062 students who took the National Exam 97 students attained honors and 50 attained high honors. These numbers were established by the national ACS. Of the 19 New York Section students who took the National Exam three obtained honors.

### **Nichols Teacher Award:**

The Nichols Foundation High School Teachers Award Committee, chaired by Mr. Stephen Radice, selected Steven O'Malley as the 2012 Nichols Outstanding High School Teacher Awardee. The Award was presented to him at the February 2, 2013 Section-wide Conference. The award was first presented in 1957 and is supported by the Nichols Foundation. The 2013 Awardee is Mina Armani and she received her award at the Jan 2014 conference. The award consists of an ACS plaque and \$1000.



### **National Chemistry Week:**

This was the 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row that the New York Section had celebrated National Chemistry Week at the New York Hall of Science. There were 260 volunteers from 22 different institutions in academia/industry who engaged children and their parents in hands-on activities and demonstrations. There were over 1,000 visitors to the NCW Event! The theme this year was, "Energy – Now and Forever!" Through thirty-three tables packed with fun-filled and "green" focused hands-on activities, the volunteers demonstrated the values of chemistry in our everyday lives and the importance of using sustainable resources. Mr. Met, of the New York Mets made a special guest appearance and entertained kids and the volunteers! Mr. Met delightfully tried activities at different stations and cheerfully posed for pictures with the "chemists" of all ages. In keeping with this year's theme, a slideshow with images, animations, and videos was created to celebrate various green forms of energy. As the volunteers closed down the program, all were pleased with the day and many agreed – a year in advance – that they would be back for national Chemistry Week 2014. This successful event was chaired by Dr. Zhaohua, Dr. Ping Furlan and Ms. Erin Rent.



### **Student Membership Activities – Undergraduate Research Symposium:**

The New York Chemistry Students' Association of the New York Section held its 61st URS on Saturday, April 27, 2013, at The City College of New York, CUNY. It was chaired by Dr. Ling Huang, Dr. Joseph Serafin, and Dr. Yolanda Small. Around 130 papers from 28 different colleges and universities were presented in twenty concurrent sessions. The areas covered were analytical, biochemistry, environmental/green, inorganic, organic, nano- and surface chemistry, physical and polymer chemistry. A leadership workshop was also held once again for officers of student chemistry organizations to help develop their chapters and increase communication between the student chapters. This workshop was facilitated by Christopher Zeigler and Nancy Bakowski from the National ACS office. Opening remarks were given by Avrom Caplan, Dr. Pamela Kerrigan and Dr. Joseph Serafin to begin the program. Dr. Yolanda Small then introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Ruth Stark from City College. Dr. Stark's keynote address was titled – "Research Adventures in Molecular Biophysics: Fungal, Vegetable and Animal Tales." After several questions from the audience, pictures were taken and the students were then directed to their presentation locations. At the conclusion of the day, Dr. Small and Dr. Huang distributed participation certificates and commemorative gifts to the students, moderators and sponsors.



## MEMBER AFFAIRS COMMITTEES:

### Awards:

The Awards Committee, chaired by Dr. Stephen Goldberg, has been preparing award certificates for high school students in Manhattan and the Bronx. The reason that the section committee prepares certificates only for Manhattan and the Bronx is that award certificates, for other geographical regions of the section, are prepared by the respective subsections. In response to the mailing to schools a total of 45 certificates were sent to 34 different high schools. Many schools present the certificates at the school's end of year award ceremonies.

### Employment and Professional Relations:

The committee, chaired by Dr. HESSY Taft, has an article printed in the Newsletter *the Indicator* and on the New York Section website for employers seeking employees. There is a database on the New York Section website listing recent job openings from academia and industry.

### Fellows :

The NY Section posted a notice on their website and in the Indicator requesting nominations for the ACS Fellowships. The Committee, chaired by Dr. Robert Nolan, recommended nine nominees that were approved by the NY Section's Board of Directors. Three of the section's nominees were awarded ACS Fellowship in 2013. These were Dr. Anne T. O'Brien, Dr. Neil D Jespersen and Dr. James W. Canary. Other Fellows from the New York Section for 2013 were Dr. Erik Talley and Dr. Jingguang Chen



### History of the New York Section:

During a teleconference on July 1, 2013, PA&PR Task Force on Historic Chemical Recognition voted to recommend adoption of a naming and convention for local chemical recognition/landmark programs. Also, the Committee, chaired by Dr. John Sharkey, was contacted by The CHF to help celebrate the first solar powered airplane trip across the U.S.A. A group of NY Section members attended the Solar Impulse Innovation Conference at JFK Airport on July 12, 2013. The conference was sponsored by the Solvay Research Innovation.



### **Outstanding Service Award:**

In 2013, the OSA Committee, chaired by Dr. Barbara Petrack, met and chose Dr. Marc Walters of New York University as the award recipient. Dr. Walters received the award at the January 2014 Sectionwide Conference. The award is given each year to recognize the efforts of members of the New York Section who provide their time, leadership skills and dedicated service in promoting quality programs that contribute to the excellence of the Section.

### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEES:**

#### **Government Affairs Committee:**

The Government Affairs Committee, chaired by Dr. Marc Walters, has undergone a period of review and redesign during 2013. Chief among the issues discussed at the board meetings was the degree of independence of the GAC relative to the Office of Public Affairs(OPA) of the central ACS administration. The committee chair engaged in discussion with officers of OPA who provided valuable suggestions regarding the operations of GACs. After considerable discussion and reflection the GAC decided to implement govtrack.us to explore the positions and voting records of members of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The most effective role of the GAC is to educate the NY membership and the public on legislative issues that they might make informed choices at the ballot box.

#### **Information Technology Committee:**

The Information Technology Committee, chaired by Dr. Anne T. O'Brien, has guided, encouraged and facilitated the use of electronic meetings in the Section, and arranged, for example, a teleconference for the Nominations Committee. Conducted by the Section's Chair-Elects, these "electronic" meetings have been quite successful. A Millennial study and SWOT Analysis by the Long Range Planning Committee have suggested that the average age of volunteers in the Section is too high, that meetings occur in a traditional way, and that there is little interactive communication within the Section. There is a need for younger members to take active roles in the Section. Millennials like familiar, quick, "on the go" communication modalities; they want defined opportunities for short term contributions. A major element in the thrust for contemporary technologies is the need to meet younger members where they are, to offer familiar ways of interacting and participating.

#### **Speakers Bureau:**

Maintains a list of available speakers. Dr. Ruben Savizky, chair of Speakers Bureau, is seeking new additions to the database.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:**

### **Councilor Coordinating:**

The New York section had all its councilors at the council meeting held in New Orleans. The council meeting took place on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside hotel- Grand ballroom. The District I caucus took place on Tuesday April 9 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the same hotel. In addition, many of our councilors attended the Local section Officers and Tour Speakers reception held on Tues afternoon. The ACS council dealt with several major issues important to all ACS members. The Council policy committee authorized a joint task force on election timelines and procedures. The task force will examine the entire election system. The Council voted to set member dues for 2014 at the fully escalated rate of \$154. As part of a regular performance review, the Council VOTED to continue the Committee on Chemical Abstracts Service, Environmental Improvement and the Younger Chemists. In the Fall, the New York section had all its councilors at the council meeting held in Indianapolis. The council meeting took place on September 11 at the JW Marriott hotel. The district I caucus took place on Tuesday September 10 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the same hotel. Some of our Councilors attended the ChemLuminary awards ceremony on Tuesday Sept 10th. The New York section won three ChemLuminary awards. As is standard at fall national meetings, the council elected some members to the Committee on Committees (CONC), the Council Policy Committee (CPC) and the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E). The candidates for President Elect for 2014 were announced as well as Directors-at-Large. The Council VOTED to continue the joint Board-Council committee on International activities and the Council committee on Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols. Submitted by committee chair, Dr. Ronald D'Amelia, coordinator of councilor activities.

### **Eastern Analytical Symposium:**

The Eastern Analytical Symposium and Exposition (EAS), which the New York Section co sponsors, is the world's leading community for analytical chemists seeking the highest quality education and career development. A wide variety of technical programs, globally recognized speakers, and large exhibition offer attendees highly applicable job training and an exceptional professional networking experience. In 2013, EAS was held from November 10 to November 13 in Somerset, NJ. There were 2472 attendees and the event was based in the Garden State Exhibit Center. There were 1295 full conferees, 571 for Expo only and 606 Exhibitors. The number of attendees increased from the previous year. New York Section members participated in and chaired EAS committees. Dr. Barbara Hillery served as Vice Chair of Short Courses and Mr. Frank Romano served as Vice Chair of Housing. Other members working at EAS were Dr. Brian Gibney (Delegate from the NY Section), Dr. Neil Jespersen (Past President of EAS) and Dr. Larry Kobilinsky (Forensic Chemist and Criminologist) and others. The New York Section also set up a booth in the exposition hall. Dr. Robert Nolan (Delegate from the NY Section) managed the table with other members assisting. They recruited new and returning ACS members and provided literature on ACS and NY Section' activities.

### **Long Range Planning:**

The Long Range Planning Committee continued it activities in 2013 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Brian R. Gibney. The LRPC considered three initiatives in 2013. On April 13, 2013, the LRPC met to discuss possible implementation of Constant Contact, the email marketing software. Dr. George Rodriguez of the Chemical Marketing & Economics Topical Group gave a presentation to the LRPC on Constant Contact. On June 7, 2013, the LRPC met to consider the organization of the Section as a whole. With the recent completion of the 'Jobs Manual' the LRPC reviewed the Committees, Topical Groups and Subsections with an eye to improving services to the membership. Lastly, the LRPC met on November 15, 2013 to consider reformatting the forms used by the Committees, Subsections and Topical Groups for budgeting purposes.