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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

BEN WAGNER

It is an honor to now be serving as the Chair of the Chemistry Division. For those of us doing planning for the Denver 2007 Annual Meeting, it feels rather like we are in the home stretch as the final program deadline is just weeks away. I am thankful for having a most capable co-planner, Marie Fraties-Block of BASF Corp, to share the load. More on Denver in a moment, but I wanted to say how much I am looking forward to meeting leaders and potential leaders at SLA Leadership Summit in Reno, NV on January 24-27, 2007.

Although you no doubt will be reading this after the summit, I did want to note for next year that the Leadership Summit is open to all SLA members and would be especially helpful to anyone in any leadership capacity or simply considering future leadership roles. SLA staff have put much renewed effort in the Summit, providing top notch speakers and trainers, terrific professional development, position-specific sessions, and many opportunities to network with the SLA Board, staff, and other divisional/chapter leaders.

Since this is the first year our officer positions run from January-December, I will be holding a board meeting on Saturday morning in Reno and hope to establish this as an annual event. I hope other divisions will also increase their level of participation in the Leadership Summit.

In terms of Denver 2007, the preliminary program will be appearing in print shortly. Our division has posted DCHE events on our web site at <http://units.sla.org/division/dche/2007/index.htm>. If you are a member of our Chemistry Division, be certain to subscribe to our divisional list or you will miss many announcements. See <http://units.sla.org/division/dche/listserv.htm> for details.

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The Editor welcomes readers' contributions. Items wanted include: Articles of interest to the community of chemistry information specialists, book reviews for new reference materials, citations for new journals, accomplishments & accolades for the Members' Corner and website recommendations for "Beyond the Chemistry Web..." If you have something you would like to contribute, please contact the Editor or send it via e-mail as a text file or Word document.

Copy deadline for April issue:

April 5, 2007

Note that the 2007 Annual Meeting is unusually early, Sunday, June 3 through Wednesday, June 7. With only twelve program slots, including the three 7:00 a.m. breakfast slots (calling all morning people!), we all need to realize that, of necessity, Wednesday will be a full day of programming right up to 4:30 p.m. As an academic librarian who does not necessarily get full travel funding, I realize it is tempting to use Wednesday as a travel day and save a night of lodgings. But why not take full advantage of the conference and all the effort it takes to get there? Why not fly out as late as possible on Wednesday, or even better, fly out early Thursday when you are rested and can enjoy the beautiful city of Denver for one more night without five different vendor parties or committee meetings to attend?

We have a new chair-elect, Sue Cardinal of the University of Rochester; a new secretary, Margarete Bower from University of Pittsburgh; and a new treasurer, Bob Buchanan of Auburn University

Ted Baldwin and the previous chairs with the assistance of our entire board have built and maintained a strong division. By working together, we can continue the tradition. Please contact me at any time with questions or comments. ❖

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESKTOP

Welcome to my first issue as editor! Featured in this issue is a chemistry Su Doku puzzle from the Royal Society of Chemistry. Linda Shackle explores global warming and ozone depletion potentials in her Properties Help column, and Bob Buchanan has compiled some interesting websites. You'll also find news of the division. The Annual Conference in Denver is approaching quickly, and there will be lots more on that in the next issue.

I would love your suggestions about the newsletter and ideas about future articles. I'm always looking for contributors. Let me know what you think! ❖

Meghan



A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR-ELECT

SUE CARDINAL

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. A frequent comment in my family was "I ate too much." The food was so good! Speaking of food, do you know of any good restaurants in Seattle? Send me your favorites.

In late January at the Leadership Summit (<http://www.sla.org/content/resources/leadcenter/LeadershipSummit/07leadsummit/index.cfm>) Rachel Ellison and I, working with Nora Stoecker from the MRM section, will officially start planning the 2008 Seattle conference with the theme "Breaking Rules, Building Bridges."

What does this theme bring to mind for you? Here are some ideas that came to me.

- Meeting patrons where they are, not just at the reference desk
- Cafés in the library
- Noise in the library/ fostering collaborative spaces
- When it's online, it doesn't have to be returned
- Defining our patrons more broadly
- Librarians outside traditional roles
- Status of the e-journal archive
- New ways of publishing, new ways of budgeting

While these might be interesting in general, help us figure out what the chemistry or MRM angle might be. Nora has already polled MRM section members for their suggestions before the conference theme was published. Feel free to submit more ideas as soon as possible so we can incorporate them into the 2008 conference.

When you attend SLA national conferences, do you break rules by over-indulging on networking and learning activities until you are overwhelmed and worn out? Fortunately over-indulgence at a conference has a nice side effect of handouts, business cards, and web postings that we can review and act on at a later time. Maybe now is that "later time."

If you haven't attended DCHE events before, why not take 15 minutes to look at our website (<http://units.sla.org/division/dche/index.htm>) and see what is posted?

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BEYOND THE CHEMISTRY WEB...

BOB BUCHANAN

Feel free to send recommendations to me at buchara@auburn.edu.

FUN

- Search or browse the **Urban Legends Reference Pages** for stories that may become or already are urban legends. The commentary sheds light on how much fact may back up the stories.
<http://www.snopes.com>

GENERAL

- The **Washington Monthly College Rankings** ranks colleges on how much they, their students, and their alumni give back to society. The resulting list is much different than the more familiar *U.S News & World Report* rankings.
<http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/features/2006/0609.collegechart.html>
- The **Bad Analysis** blog takes on sloppy thinking, mostly in newspaper articles.
<http://badanalysis.blogspot.com>
- In "C&I is Not a Blog" (pages 3-10 of the December issue of *Cites & Insights*), Walt Crawford talks about blogging, with an emphasis on the library community. Includes summaries of the tongue-in-cheek **Annoyed Librarian Library Blog Taxonomy** and the more serious Pew Internet & American Life Project report **Bloggers: A portrait of the internet's new storytellers**.
<http://citesandinsights.info/civ6i14.pdf>
<http://annoyedlibrarian.blogspot.com/2006/07/annoyed-librarian-library-blog.html>
<http://www.pewinternet.org/pdfs/PIP Bloggers Report July 19 2006.pdf>

GENERAL SCIENCE

- **Google Patents** does not replace other patent databases, but the ability to keyword search the full-text of pre-1976 U.S. patents is a pretty nifty feature.
<http://www.google.com/patents>
- Updated almost every day, **Seed Magazine** offers science news, articles, podcasts, and videos. Its noble goal is "a science-savvy global citizenry."
<http://www.seedmagazine.com>
- *Science* magazine's **Science and Engineering Visualization Challenge** showcases winners and runner-ups for creative ways to visualize scientific information.
<http://www.sciencemag.org/sciext/vis2006>
- For authoritative information on alternative health products, including clinical studies when available, visit **Sloan-Kettering – About Herbs, Botanical, & Other Products**. There are separate tabs for consumers and health professionals.
<http://www.mskcc.org/mskcc/html/11570.cfm>
- Find out the science behind cosmetics and hair care products from two cosmetics scientists at **The Beauty Brains**.
<http://thebeautybrains.com>

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NEWS FROM THE MRM SECTION CHAIR

BETSY ALDRIDGE

Get back, JoJo. Yes, I'm back as your 2007 Chair of the MRM Section of the Chemistry Division. I've really enjoyed getting to know the CHEM Division folks and expect another invigorating year working with them to keep the Section going and growing. A big bravo to Marty Rhine and Ted Baldwin for leading the successful transformation of MRM into a section of CHEM last year.

I'm excited to represent the Section at the Leadership Summit in Reno and will report on it in the next issue. One speaker topic I'm looking forward to is sticky ideas. In Reno, we'll continue planning for the 2007 conference which is being held in (the currently very snowy) Denver in June. Appropriately, the 2007 theme is "Climbing to New Heights." To learn more about MRM program involvement, please read the 2006 Annual Report at the end of this column.

For the next issue, I'd like to provide information on interesting places in Colorado relevant to materials and manufacturing, in case members want to take side trips before or after the conference. One possibility is NIST which has a Boulder lab that does materials research; you can take a virtual tour at <http://www.boulder.nist.gov/doc-tour/doctour.htm> (see what NIST is up to in MRM-related areas at the Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory (<http://www.msel.nist.gov/>) and the Advanced Manufacturing Processes program (<http://www.msel.nist.gov/Advanced%20Manufacturing%20Processes.pdf>).

We're already getting serious about planning for the 2008 conference in Seattle. Program planning chair Nora Stoecker (nkstoec@sandia.gov) is desperately seeking ideas for programs for Seattle; the theme is "Breaking Rules, Building Bridges." Use that as a springboard. 2008 program ideas that have been suggested so far include:

- Science of coffee (especially since 2008 is in Seattle!)
- Materials and manufacturing associations
 - What's out there, how could we partner with them, what valuable information do they provide?
- Collection development sources for materials science and manufacturing: books, bibliographies, journals, and websites.
 - This could be a moderated "roundtable" discussion of "must have" and/or "new & interesting" sources.
- Nanomaterials

The 2006 Annual Report is on page 9 and includes goals for 2008. Please let me know what you think and what you'd like to see happen in the Section in the future (betsy.aldridge@paccar.com).

FLASH!! We're looking for nominations or volunteers to provide leadership as future chairs of the Section. If you are interested or know someone who would be great, contact Marty Rhine (mrrhine@yahoo.com).

If you'd like to help our other committee chairs, Bette Finn, Earl Mounts, and Carol Tower, (membership, strategic planning and materials/manufacturing association liaison, respectively) please let us know. We also have a number of currently inactive areas such as MRM web, information literacy, professional development, and mentoring. If you're interested in getting involved, WE NEED YOU! As many have said (and I've experienced it), we get out of an association what we put into it! ❖

CHEMISTRY SU DOKU PUZZLE

Do you enjoy puzzles, especially Su Doku puzzles? If so, the newsletter has a treat for you -- a chemistry-related Su Doku puzzle from *Chemistry Su Doku: Volume 1* by D. Riddick in the Royal Society of Chemistry's Puzzle Series. According to RSC, *simply complete every row, column and cube in the 9x9 grid, as in a normal puzzle, but using chemical symbols and elements in place of numbers.* This is a "challenge" puzzle, but you can do it! If you need some help, the solution is on page 10. For more information about purchasing an item from the series, go to <http://www.rsc.org/Publishing/Books/rscpuzzleseries.asp>. You'll find chemistry-related crossword puzzles, Su Doku puzzles and greeting cards, and even a periodic table jigsaw puzzle. They're lots of fun and great presents!

Puzzle no 61

La			Pr			Pm		
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	Pr			Sm				
Tb					Pm			Nd
	Pm	Nd				Pr	Gd	
Ce			Sm					Pm
				Gd			Pm	
Eu	La				Pr	Tb	Ce	
		Pm			Sm			La

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property Help: GWPs & ODPs

Linda Shackle

As is typical at the end of the calendar year, there have been a number of articles lately reviewing 2006. Since I live in a desert climate, I noted with particular interest the announcement that 2006 was the hottest year on record for the continental United States in 112 years. In honor of that dubious distinction, this issue's column will be on global warming and ozone depletion potentials.

Global warming potentials (GWPs) compare other gases to carbon dioxide in ability to trap heat in the atmosphere. The GWP of carbon dioxide is set at 1 and other gases are compared at 20, 200 and 500 years. For example, the GWP for methane is 62 at 20 years, 23 at 100 years and 7 at 500 years; carbon tetrachloride's is 2700, 1800 and 580, respectively.

The generally accepted authority on GWPs is the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).¹ The IPCC is finalizing its Fourth Assessment Report "Climate Change 2007," and the first volume is expected to be released in February 2007. Global warming potentials are listed in the third report, Climate Change 2001², in Sections 6.12.2 and 6.12.3. Note that GWPs are estimates only. Even the IPCC's numbers are not constant. In IPCC's second report from 1996, methane's 100 year GWP was estimated at 21, while in the third report in 2001 it was listed as 23. Although GWPs are estimated for 3 different time frames (20 years, 100 years, 500 years), many times only one figure is given; this is frequently the 100 year estimate.

Ozone depletion potentials are, like global warming potentials, a relative measurement, in this case comparing a substance's ability to deplete atmospheric ozone to that of CFC-11 (Trichlorofluoromethane, CAS 75-69-4). ODPs can be found in the UN's Scientific Assessment of Ozone Depletion³ in Chapter 1, Table 1-5; this chapter also includes tables with GWPs.

GWPs and ODPs are now showing up in many environmental resources such as Handbook of Environmental Data on Organic Chemicals.⁵ Knovel included this data in their Critical Tables and Solvent databases.⁶ ❖

1. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (<http://www.ipcc.ch/>)
2. Climate Change 2001: The Scientific Basis (http://www.grida.no/climate/ipcc_tar/wg1/index.htm)
 - 6.12.2 Direct GWPs (http://www.grida.no/climate/ipcc_tar/wg1/248.htm)
 - 6.12.3 Indirect GWPs (http://www.grida.no/climate/ipcc_tar/wg1/249.htm)
3. Scientific Assessment of Ozone Depletion: 2002
http://www.wmo.ch/web/arep/reports/o3_assess_rep_2002_front_page.html
Chapter 1 (http://www.wmo.ch/web/arep/reports/ozone_2002/06_chapter1.pdf)
4. Class I Ozone-Depleting Substances (EPA) (<http://www.epa.gov/ozone/ods.html>)
5. Handbook of Environmental Data on Organic Chemicals
Open WorldCat: <http://worldcatlibraries.org/wcpa/isbn/159124482X>
6. Knovel (<http://www.knovel.com>)
 - Knovel Critical Tables (<http://www.knovel.com/knovel2/Toc.jsp?BookID=761>)
 - Knovel Solvents (<http://www.knovel.com/knovel2/Toc.jsp?BookID=635>)

NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING

CALL FOR POSTERS: SLA 2007 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

As the web has evolved, so, too, have programs that enhance our ability to communicate via the web. How have we, as librarians, been leveraging the creative potential inherent in these programs to communicate with and educate our patrons? Blogs, wikis, podcasts, webinars, RSS feeds, and personal response systems (clickers) are just some of the new technologies now in use throughout the web.

If you have been experimenting with interesting new technologies, please consider sharing the results of your efforts at the upcoming poster session at the annual SLA conference in June. The poster session will provide an informal and lively venue for sharing innovative ideas on a topic that should interest all of us. Which new technologies have been working well for you? Which have not? How has your own use of these technologies evolved through time? Your colleagues will be most interested in learning from your efforts, both successful and unsuccessful.

Guidelines for materials and layout of poster presentations are available on the SLA Chemistry Division website at <http://www.sla.org/division/dche/poster.html>.

Please submit your name, institution, fax, email address, poster title, and description (250 words or less) by email, fax, or surface mail to Bill Armstrong (see below). The deadline for submissions is **March 1, 2007**. Any SLA member may submit an abstract for consideration. If more submissions are received than can be accommodated, members of the three sponsoring divisions (Chemistry, Physics-Astronomy-Mathematics (PAM), and Science-Technology) will be given first preference. All applicants will be notified no later than April 1, 2007 as to whether or not their proposal has been accepted. The poster session will be held Wednesday, June 6, 11 am - 12:30 pm. Contact Bill Armstrong with questions.

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– Bill Armstrong and Irene Laursen

2007 MARION E. SPARKS AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Chemistry Division of the Special Libraries Association is sponsoring a student/new member scholarship essay competition in 2007. The award is named to honor Marion E. Sparks, a chemistry librarian at the University of Illinois from 1913 until her death in 1929. Ms. Sparks contributed a great deal to the field of chemical information, her achievements include teaching courses on chemical information, and authoring and publishing what is argued to be the first book to formally address chemical literature and library instruction.

This competition is intended to encourage student members or new members of the Chemistry Division to attend the annual meeting and participate in the activities of the Chemistry Division of the Special Libraries Association.

AWARD: The winner will receive \$1,500 to attend the 2007 SLA Annual Conference June 3-6 in Denver, CO. The winner will also receive a certificate of achievement and will be introduced at the Chemistry Division Business Meeting & Breakfast. This award is intended to reimburse the winner's expenses for attending the convention, including: registration, airfare, lodging, food and/or the continuing education course (registration in one of the Chemistry division CE courses - "Chemistry for the non-chemist librarian" or "Chemical Information Sources, Requests, and Reference", or any other continuing education course is recommended but not required).

ELIGIBILITY: All student members of the Chemistry Division and all individuals who became members of the Chemistry Division since January of 2006 are eligible to enter the contest. Preference will be given to library school students and recent MLIS graduates.

TO ENTER: Compose an essay to address the candidate's objectives for professional development and the outcomes if a person be granted the award. Essay should not exceed 400 words or two typed doubled-spaced pages. Please include a resume and the names of two references.

Entries may be submitted by email or regular mail to:
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Deadline for submission: **March 15, 2007**

2006 ANNUAL REPORT: MRM SECTION

MARTY RHINE AND BETSY ALDRIDGE

At the beginning of 2006, the MRM Section membership was a fraction of the former Division membership. This was probably because it was only possible to choose MRM section membership by write-in on the renewal forms at the end of 2005. Members of the division in late 2005 who were not members of the section in 2006 were contacted. Many indicated intention to continue as members of the section; however, some joined other divisions instead, especially Engineering and Sci-Tech. It was many months before one could select the MRM division to find members in the SLA online directory. The Online Directory shows 39 members on 12/11/06, slightly more than half the DMRM membership a year ago. We know of members who indicated they were MRM section members but whose names do not appear in the online directory, so 39 is not an accurate total. Membership Chair Bette Finn is persistently working with headquarters to remedy the situation. We are happy to note that some new members have joined the Section this year.

Attendance at the Six Sigma roundtable discussion at the Baltimore conference was less than the 2005 attendance, but the content was substantial, thanks to Betsy Aldridge's soliciting presentations from SLA members /corporate librarians she knew who had conducted Six-Sigma projects.

Our Denver programs on the schedule will be an IHS tour with ENG as lead division, and a session on Hybrid vehicles with TRANS as the lead division.

Committees functioning so far, all in cooperation with similar CHEM committees, are:

Strategic Planning chaired by Earl Mounts.

Membership chaired by Bette Finn

Program Planning chaired by Nora Stoecker.

Nominations Committee chaired by Marty Rhine

Materials/Manufacturing associations liaison committee chaired by Carol Tower.

2007 Goals

- 1) Help with the Hybrid Vehicles and IHS Field Trip programs at the Denver 2007 conference;
- 2) Plan at least one solid materials/manufacturing program for the Seattle 2008 conference;
- 3) Increase participation of MRM members in all CHEM programs and continuing education offerings;
- 4) Increase section membership;
- 5) Increase member involvement in leadership and liaison with CHEM Division;
- 3) Contribute to the strategic planning process of CHEM.

Anticipated resources needed from CHEM for 2007:

Financial resources:

- 1) Reimburse Chair with 2007 registrations to Leadership Summit and Annual Conference;
- 2) Help pay for part of the Engineering and Transportation Division expenses for the 2007 programs (if needed). ❖

CHEMISTRY

- The number and quality of chemistry blogs are catching up to other disciplines. Good examples include **Totally Synthetic** and **Peter MR's Blog** which link to other chemistry blogs.
<http://www.totallysynthetic.com/blog>
<http://wwmm.ch.cam.ac.uk/blogs/murrayrust>
- Roche offers Web versions of its two wall maps on **Biochemical Pathways** and **Metabolic Pathways**. Enzymes are linked to the corresponding ENZYME Data Bank entry.
http://www.expasy.ch/cgi-bin/show_thumbnails.pl
http://www.expasy.ch/cgi-bin/show_thumbnails.pl?2
- Use **MnM Minimotif Miner** to search a protein for short amino acid sequences that have demonstrated functionality in other proteins, such as binding and modifying other biological molecules.
<http://sms.engr.uconn.edu>
- The title says it all, **RNA Base: The RNA Structure Database**.
<http://www.rnabase.org>
- Create nucleotide and protein sequences using **GeneDesign** developed by the Johns Hopkins Medical Institution.
<http://slam.bs.jhmi.edu/gd>❖

Solution to puzzle no 61

La	Nd	Sm	Pr	Tb	Ce	Pm	Eu	Gd
Pm	Ce	Tb	Eu	Nd	Gd	La	Sm	Pr
Gd	Pr	Eu	Pm	Sm	La	Ce	Nd	Tb
Tb	Eu	Pr	Gd	Ce	Pm	Sm	La	Nd
Sm	Pm	Nd	Tb	La	Eu	Pr	Gd	Ce
Ce	Gd	La	Sm	Pr	Nd	Eu	Tb	Pm
Pr	Sm	Ce	La	Gd	Tb	Nd	Pm	Eu
Eu	La	Gd	Nd	Pm	Pr	Tb	Ce	Sm
Nd	Tb	Pm	Ce	Eu	Sm	Gd	Pr	La

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