

## **Information Bulletin 06-08**

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All contributions are welcome from the members for consideration in the monthly bulletin. Please have submissions into the ACPA Office prior to the 15th of each month.

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### **Message from the President**

The last few days have been very busy with the short course and our activities at the Canadian Chemistry Conference in Edmonton. These activities have been very successful in raising awareness and increasing the credibility of our association and I am sure they will lead to an increase in the number of membership applications. I wish to express my thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this such a success. I have listed those involved below – I apologize if I have overlooked anyone.

Thanks to you all,

Roger Cowles

President

## **Industrial Oilfield Chemistry Course**

This course held in Edmonton in conjunction with the Canadian Chemistry Conference was a huge success with 49 attendees. Kathy Janzen and Ken Schmidt organized this short course with Wendy Lam of the CSC local section/CSC2008. The course will generate a considerable amount of income (to be divided between ACPA, CIC Local Section and CIC National Office) but more importantly the fact that ACPA organized the course provided conference attendees with credibility for our association.

Thank You Kathy and Ken for all the work you put into the course. Thanks are also due to Maurice Shevalier who was one of the presenters.

## **ACPA Booth at the Canadian Chemistry Conference**

Having a booth at the conference proved to be very successful and generated lots of interest in ACPA. I don't know how many membership applications will result from the discussions that took place at the booth but I do know that having the booth there with volunteers present throughout the exhibition demonstrated that ACPA is an active and growing organization. Our presence at the conference has increased chemist's awareness of ACPA both in Alberta and throughout Canada.

Many thanks to Kathy Janzen for organizing the booth and the volunteers, Ken Schmidt for providing parts of the display and averting a disaster by getting the display material printed at short notice and Stan Backs for providing the rest of the display and setting it up. Thanks are also due to the following members who volunteered their time to man the booth: Jose Zacharia, George Ruddock, Dave Wong, Patrick Steffes, Nancy Cyr and Katie Guenther. Katie deserves special mention because she drove from Calgary to help with the booth. Stan, Kathy and Ken also spent time at the booth.

## **Undergraduate Student Poster Competition**

Frances Sutherland and Ken Schmidt helped judge the poster competition and Frances also persuaded several of her colleagues to be judges.

Thanks Frances and Ken

## Science Policy Forum

This forum was also part of the conference and featured the presidents of the professional chemistry associations from BC, Alberta and Ontario together with representatives of the emerging organizations in Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia. The session was chaired by Pierre Beaumier (CSC President) and Dave Schwass (CSC Past-President) who are also members of the National Advisory Committee on the Profession of Chemistry in Canada. Adrian Pritchard, Director of Professional Licensing, Alberta Employment and Immigration was the guest speaker and he was very supportive of ACPA and the other associations. Having Adrian speak at a national conference for chemists, many of whom are not members of a professional association, was invaluable. He described how the Alberta government recognizes that professional associations play an essential role and that chemists need to support their associations. I am sure that his talk combined with the reports of progress being made in the provincial associations convinced many of the audience that they need to consider joining their association.

## Membership Drive

To support of activities at the conference we announced a membership drive at the AGM. All successful membership applications received in May and June 2008 will be entered into a draw. The winner will be entitled to either:

- \* One year's free membership when the membership is renewed
- \* Or a free Chemists Ring when the member is qualified to wear one.

Please make colleagues and friends, who have been putting off filling out an application, aware of this special offer. Membership forms are available on our website:

<http://www.pchem.ca/ACPA/Membership/ACPA%20Prof%20Appl.pdf>

## Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held in Nisku on May 10th the following are some of the highlights:

Election of board members - John Banks, Patrick Kalita and Paul Kucharczyk were re-elected to the board and Shane Harnish was elected as a new board member. Congratulations to all and welcome to the board Shane!

John Banks presented a report on the Professional Sign-off on Reclamation and Remediation Certificates – since January 1st 2008 suitably qualified members have been qualified to sign-off on reclamation and remediation reports. The requirements are five years of experience, professional liability insurance and signature with stamp or registration number. John also reported on the work of the Legislative Committee in developing a new chemist's act. Its purpose is to protect the sign-off. The draft act is based on the AIA act (Agrologists) and it will deal with the scope of practice within chemistry as well as with overlapping scopes. An important part of this concept is to have chemical technologists as members of ACPA. A motion to create a membership category for Chemical Technologists was passed. When this is done Chemical Technologist will be able join ACPA and use a title such as Professional Chemical Technologist (the exact title has not been decided yet) but they will not be able to vote or be represented on the board. Legislative changes will be required to allow technologists to become full members with their own scope of practice determined by their training and experience.

The National Advisory Committee on the Profession of Chemistry in Canada has developed a priority list for action:

- \* Professional liability insurance
- \* Transferability of the professional designations across Canada
- \* Inclusion of technologists
- \* Inclusion of professional subjects in chemistry curricula

Frank Bachelor presented the Frank Bachelor Award for Service to the Profession to Stan Backs. Congratulations Stan!

The Arthur Bollo-Kamara Scholarship was presented to Michael Gaultois by Kathy Janzen.

Three members received Chemist Rings together with the Chemist's Code of Conduct from Frank Bachelor.

Minutes of the AGM will be on the website as soon as they are available

## **Courses of Interest**

### **Privacy Legislation**

Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry is running several free courses on “Understanding Privacy Legislation.

<http://infosharing.gov.ab.ca/home/index.cfm>

### **Risk Assessment and Management for Continuous Improvement**

Toronto - June 16-17 Ottawa - Oct. 21-22

Presented in cooperation with the Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering

Course and registration details at [www.cheminst.ca/profdev](http://www.cheminst.ca/profdev)

### **Laboratory Safety**

Toronto - June 16-17 Ottawa - Oct. 21-22

Presented in cooperation with the Canadian Society for Chemical Technology

Course and registration details at [www.cheminst.ca/profdev](http://www.cheminst.ca/profdev)

### **The Canadian Institute of Forestry**

Edmonton – June 25

Presents: Reclamation and Remediation Professional Sign off - Implications for Natural Resource Managers

Registration form and agenda are available at <http://www.cif-ifc.org/en/events> or <http://www.cif-ifc.org/rms/MainPages/CIF-RMS-Sessions.html>

## **D.B. Robinson Distinguished Speaker Series**

Edmonton - June 19, 3:00pm University of Alberta E1-001 ETLC

### **Mackiw Lecture in Metallurgy**

The Application of Aqueous Ammonia Chemistry to the Refining of Nickel and Cobalt Sulphides by Dr Derek Kerfoot Details are available at

<http://www.engineering.ualberta.ca/cme/dbrspeakerseries.cfm>

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### **Job Posting**

Attention Employers and HR Professionals!

Job advertisements are posted on the Website for a one-month period and also emailed to the membership. There is a \$100 fee for this service (very reasonable for this highly-targeted audience of professionals).

This fee is waived for job advertisements submitted by Professional Chemist (members in good standing) on behalf of their companies. Ads may be emailed directly to the ACPA Office

[ACPAoffice2004@pchem.ca](mailto:ACPAoffice2004@pchem.ca) .

Current Job Postings listed at [www.pchem.ca](http://www.pchem.ca).

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