## Upcoming American Chemical Society Events

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Welcome to the October edition of the ACS-SR Newsletter

Last month was a joy with a Boat Ride Social, College Night, and Augusta University Seminar Series. As busy as September was, October is even more active for our local section, so please check our website for an updated event list.

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I would quickly like to highlight some major events this month to include: Science Enrichment Education Day (SEED) at the Ruth Patrick Science Center (USC-Aiken) on Saturday, October 6th from 10a.m. – 3p.m., our first ever Café Scientifique with guest speaker Dr. Matthew Wellons to be held Thursday, October 11th at 6:30p.m. at the SRNS building (230 Laurens St SW) with dinner catered by Margaritas Restaurant (order tickets now www.acs-sr.org/upcoming-events), ReCHARGE SRNS AMP on Thursday, October 18th from 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM at the Etherredge Center at USC-Aiken (this event is only open to SRNS employees), and last but not least, the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society, which will be held from Wednesday, October 31st – Saturday, November 3rd in Augusta, Georgia. Registration, event information, activities, exhibits, sessions, and awards can all be found at www.SERMACS2018.org.

We look forward to seeing you a lot this month!

Sincerely,
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ACS-SR Chair
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Ashlee.Swindle@srnl.doe.gov
ACS-SR is continuing to participate in the South Carolina Adopt-a-Highway Program, with the help of the local section of the YCC. ACS-SR is committed to maintaining a one mile section of Whiskey Road located in Aiken County (see map below). So, if you’re enthusiastic about keeping your town clean or want to help make a difference in your community, please come join us! We only ask that you can donate 1-2 hours of your time for a good cause.

Clean-up dates are currently scheduled for:

**November 10th**

We are currently looking for volunteers for the **November 10th** clean-up! We will meet at **9:30 AM** at the **Country Inn & Suites** parking lot. The clean-up will be followed by an informal social gathering, sponsored by ACS-SR, where we will provide lunch. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the attached doodle poll. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Beaumont at paul.beaumont@sml.doe.gov or 803-645-7639.

[https://doodle.com/poll/nngwv9pgvfixmyky](https://doodle.com/poll/nngwv9pgvfixmyky)

Thanks and hope to see you all there!

Paul Beaumont
Volunteer Opportunities

70th Southeastern Regional Meeting of American Chemical Society
October 31 - November 3

opportunities
- Helping with registration table
- Greeting conference attendees & helping with directions
- Being conference mascot
- Guiding mascot around conference
- Assisting with hands-on chemistry outreach demos

benefits
- Network with other chemistry professionals and volunteers
- Enhance job and career prospects
- Be involved in ACS community
- Conference attendees will get registration fee reimbursed
  Volunteer 4 hours, get 25% off
  Volunteer 8 hours, get 50% off
  Volunteer 12 hours, get 75% off

Volunteering jobs can be a short term (2 hour) commitment or all day

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ELECTIONS

ACS-SR Local Section elections are coming up in October so be on the lookout for your e-ballots and please vote!

Kaitlin Lawrence will be running for Chair-elect 2019

Lewis Baylor will be seeking reelection for Treasurer in 2019

Michael DeVore will be running for Secretary in 2019

If you are interested in running for an Executive Committee position or want to learn more about how to get involved in our other sub-committees, please contact Maria Kriz at maria.kriz@srnl.doe.gov.
Upcoming ACS Meetings

Southeastern SERMACS
Augusta, GA
October 31 - November 3, 2018
Registration opens April 9, 2018

257th National Meeting & Exposition: Chemistry for New Frontiers
Orlando, FL
March 31 - April 4, 2019

258th National Meeting & Exposition: Chemistry of Water
San Diego, CA
August 25-29, 2019
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SERMACS 2018

Augusta, Georgia
October 31 - November 3
Sermacs 2018

Why Attend a Regional Meeting - Tad Whiteside

In case you didn't know, SERMACS2018 (the 70th Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society) will be held in Augusta from 10/31 – 11/3.

Why should you bother to participate in SERMACS?

There are several important reasons besides that it's close and reasonably priced. The most important one (in addition to the excellent talks) is the interactions you have with fellow chemists between the talks, at dinner, getting a coffee, and browsing the expo.

Meetings of chemical professionals give you an opportunity to meet other interesting people who may share your technical and non-technical interests – for example, I have met chemists who share interests with me including: fountain pens, needlework, dancing, and gardening.

These interesting folks are invested in their field and enjoy what they do – meetings are a chance to “geek-out” with others who think chemistry and chemical engineering are neat.

Come to Sermacs: it's a chance to make new connections and expand your professional network, meet old friends, develop new ideas, and get excited about what you do.
Analytical Chemistry
- Current State-of-the-Art Micro and Nanoscale Analytical Techniques
- Electrochemistry and Microfluidics
- Advances in Chiral Analysis
- Chemistry Applications of Neutron Scattering
- Microwave Synthesis of Materials for Sensing and Radiological Applications
- Mass Spectrometry Methods in Nuclear Science
- Nuclear Measurements - Radiochemical Analyses and Nuclear Non-Destructive Assays
- Miniaturized Electrodes and Materials for Electrochemical Sensing, Imaging, and Energy Conversion
- Electrochemistry and 2D Materials
- Putting Science to Work at SRNL
- General Papers/Posters

Radioanalytical and Nuclear Chemistry
- Environmental Radiochemistry
- Pu-238 Production and Use
- Advances in Actinide Coordination Chemistry and Ligand Design
- Mass Spectrometry Methods in Nuclear Science
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- Nuclear Propulsion in Space Exploration
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Diversity in the Chemical Enterprise
- Panel Discussion
- Chemistry Braille Workshop
- Hispanic Perspectives
- LGBTQ+ Perspectives
- NOBCChE Perspectives
- Women Chemists of Color in the Southeast
- Women Chemists in the Southeast

Inorganic, Materials, and Colloidal Chemistry
- Nanophotonics and Plasmonics
- Anisotropic/Isotropic Nanostructures: Fabrication and Applications
- Advances in Actinide Coordination Chemistry and Ligand Design
- Microwave Synthesis of Materials for Sensing and Radiological Applications
- Advanced Materials for Energy Storage and Conversion
- Miniaturized Electrodes and Materials for Electrochemical Sensing, Imaging, and Energy Conversion
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Environmental Chemistry
- Environmental Radiochemistry
- Advances in Actinide Coordination Chemistry and Ligand Design
- Complex Systems and Polymers for the Environment
- Topics in Environmental Monitoring
- Green Chemistry Symposium
- General Papers/Posters

Organic Chemistry
- Cope Scholar Symposium: M.G. Finn
- Frontiers in Nucleic Acid Chemistry
- General Papers/Posters

Polymer Chemistry
- Complex Systems and Polymers for the Environment
- General Papers/Posters

Topics in Chemical Careers
- Alternative Science Careers
- Entrepreneurs Tool-Kits: Resources and True Stories
- Chemistry and Public Policy: Energy and Elections
- Protecting Your Biggest Assets: Using Patents to Secure and Leverage Your Innovations
- Innovation Track

Chemical Education
- Project SEED: 50th Anniversary
- General Papers/Posters

Physical and Computational Chemistry
- Spectroscopy and Dynamics
- Chemistry Applications of Neutron Scattering
- MoISI Workshop on Best Practices for Open-Source Modules and Packages
- General Papers/Posters

Visit www.sermacs2018.org for more information!
### Featured Plenary Speakers

**Oct. 31: Alan Marshall, PhD**  
Founding Director, National High Magnetic Field Laboratory Ion Cyclotron Resonance Program; Robert O. Lawton Professor of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Florida State University  
*An Olio of Omics: Nature’s Chemical Compositional Complexity Resolved and Identified by Fourier Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance Mass Spectrometry*

**Nov. 1: Cato T. Laurencin, MD, PhD**  
Albert and Wilda Van Dusen Distinguished Endowed Chair Professor of Orthopedic Surgery in the School of Medicine, University of Connecticut; Founding Director of the Institute for Regenerative Engineering, UConn Health  
*Regenerative Engineering: Convergence of Material Importance*

**Nov. 2: Jillian Buriak, PhD**  
Professor of Chemistry, University of Alberta; Canada Research Chair of Nanomaterials for Energy; AITF Industry Chair of Sun-Powered Generation of Fuels and Power  
Patterning with Polymers and Plasmons

**Nov. 3: Dale Ensor, PhD**  
Emeritus Professor of Chemistry at Tennessee Technological University  
The Road to Trinity Site: Project Y and the Manhattan Project (Undergraduate Plenary)

### Activities

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  - Hands-On Classroom Demos  
  - Using Balloons to Model Graphene, Graphite, Buckyballs, Carbon Nanotubes and Diamond  
  - Nuclear Science  
  - Nanotechnology  
  - Chemistry, Coding, & Combat: A Hands-on Introduction to the Sumo Robot League

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  - Saturday: 10 am – 2 pm  
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ACS-SR Science Cafe

Café Scientifique
203 Laurens St SW
Aiken, SC

SPEAKER
Dr. Matthew Wellons
Savannah River National Laboratory

TOPIC
Developing New Analytical QA Materials for Nuclear Safeguards

DINNER
Catered by Margaritas
$15

Thursday, October 11
6:30 PM

RSVP
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Developing New Analytical QA Materials for Nuclear Safeguards

Dr. Mathew Wellons
Savannah River National Laboratory

Abstract

The characterization of nuclear material particulates from swipes samples collected at nuclear facilities by safeguards inspectors often relies on individual particle analyses via secondary ionization mass spectrometry (SIMS). Currently, SIMS methods are limited by the availability of uranium and plutonium-containing reference particulate materials, negatively impacting analytical efficacy. The lack of reference materials has led laboratories to produce in-house reference samples for various microanalytical methods, but efforts have been hindered by synthesis challenges. SRNL has demonstrated a synthesis method capable of manufacturing particulate reference materials with monodisperse diameters with potential applications for mass spectrometry methods in nuclear safeguards applications. Particles produced are a uranyl oxalate speciation, which are generated via a flow focusing aerosol generator (FMAG) and collected with either a custom built electrostatic precipitator or with an aerosol to liquid impinger. The particle size can be tuned by simple modification of aerosol generation parameters including airflow, feedstock concentrations, and FMAG operation frequency. Particles are typically characterized by SEM/EDS, Raman spectroscopy, and SIMS. Additionally, methods have been developed to calculate and mix multiple actinide-containing certified reference materials to meet specific isotopic concentration targets.
QUESTION: If my weight is 99 kg and I eat 1 kg of nachos, would I be 1% nachos?

ANSWER: No, the human body is primarily comprised of Carbon (C), Hydrogen (H), Nitrogen (N) and Oxygen (O), and well we consume plenty of sodium (Na). So arguably, you’re 100% NaCHO.

In other news...

Tuesday, October 23
Mole Day 2018

Have jokes to share. Please send them to ACSSavannahRiver@gmail.com
On the evening of Saturday September 22nd, the ACS-SR hosted their annual riverboat tour with a tropical theme to celebrate the end of summer, through Patriot Riverboat Tours of Augusta, GA. Guests were greeted with leis as they boarded and offered refreshments to cool themselves off with assorted beverages, including chilled tropical rum drinks, to the musical stylings of Jimmy Buffet playing in the background. To tie it all together, dinner was provided by Hawaiian Style BBQ, serving up BBQ chicken, noodles, and rice complemented by a fruit salad. Throughout the night, prizes were raffled off, with the main prizes being two Alexa Dots. In total, 28 guests were in attendance including several new faces to this event. Everyone had a great evening cruising up and down the Savannah River on that warm end-of-summer evening.
CREECH AWARD

2018 Denise L. Creech Award Call

The Savannah River Section of the American Chemical Society (encompassing Aiken, Barnwell, Edgefield, McCormick, Columbia, Richmond, Burke, Emanuel, Jenkins, and Screven Counties) is currently accepting nominations for the 2018 Denise L. Creech Outstanding High School Chemistry Teacher Award. This award includes a $500 gift to the teacher and a $250 grant for laboratory supplies to the school.

The Denise L. Creech Outstanding High School Chemistry Teacher Award, given out by the Savannah River local section, is named in honor of Denise L. Creech, an outstanding South Carolina high school chemistry teacher, who has since moved on to a position at the American Chemical Society's headquarters in Washington, D.C. Please help us encourage and support high school chemistry education by passing this notice on to appropriate teachers and/or students.

If you wish to nominate someone or yourself, please complete the nomination form below or contact Maria Kriz (Maria.Kriz@sml.doe.gov) for more information. This award has an open nomination period and a winner will be selected in November 2018. Nominees not selected this year will remain under consideration for the award for 3 years.

Please see the nomination form on the next page.
CREECH AWARD

2018 Denise L. Creech Outstanding High School Chemistry Teacher Award

Nominee Information:
Nominee Name: _________________________________________________
Present Position (Exact Title): ______________________________________
School: ________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: __________________________
Telephone: _____________________________________________________
E-mail: ________________________________________________________
Website (optional): _______________________________________________

Nominator Information (can be self):
Nominator Name: ________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: __________________________

Please supply the following information on the Nominee, separate pages may be used:
1. Teaching experience, including years and location, chemistry courses taught; other teaching experience/courses taught
2. Description of nominee's qualification for the award and reasons for nominating
3. Educational background (encouraged but not required)
4. Provide the names and contact information of at least 2 references (colleagues, former students, etc.) that we may contact.

Please send completed forms by October 12, 2018 to
Maria.Kriz@srnl.doe.gov
ACS Molecule of the Week: 2,4-Dithiapentane

My pal adipic acid and I make a lot of nylon.
What molecule am I?

Hexamethylenediamine (formally hexane-1,6-diamine) is a colorless, low-melting solid with an important industrial use. It and adipic acid (Molecule of the Week for February 9, 2015) are the starting materials for manufacturing nylon 6,6, a polyamide used widely in textiles and plastics.

The earliest synthesis of hexamethylenediamine is attributed to Theodor Curtius and Hans Clemm, Heidelberg University (Germany) chemists, who in 1900 made it by hydrogenating adiponitrile. In 1929, biochemists Karl H. Slotta and R. Tschesche at the University of Breslau (Germany) improved this process by generating hydrogen in situ from sodium metal and ethanol.

Nylon 6,6 market value in 2018 is estimated to be more than US$3 billion; this value is expected to double by 2026. For more on the status of the nylon 6,6 industry, see the October 8, 2018, issue of Chemical & Engineering News.

MOTW Update

L-Tartaric acid was the Molecule of the Week for November 10, 2008. It is a wine industry byproduct that is used as a food additive and industrial chemical. Tartaric acid is also important in the history of chemistry because Louis Pasteur, who most people think of mainly as a biologist, used it to demonstrate molecular chirality. Pasteur’s notebooks that described his work, however, turned up missing after his death. For an account of how the “lost” notebooks were found, see this week’s issue of Chemical & Engineering News.
2018 Webinars

Hundreds of webinars presented by subject matter experts in the chemical enterprise. LIVE every Thursday at 2pm ET!
https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/acs-webinars.html

Creating a Lab Safety Culture for Industrial Chemists, Educators, and Grad Students
October 11, 2018 @ 2-3pm ET

How can you develop your safety skills and support a safe lab to work in everyday whether you are in industry or academia?

In 2018, the American Chemical Society recognized that chemical safety as an integral part of its strategic mission. During this free interactive broadcast, join ACS President Dr. Peter Dorhout as well as three experts in a lively discussion of how this initiative influences their roles as educators, industry and graduate students as well as the valuable new ACS lab safety resources for both the teaching and research chemistry laboratory.

How to Predict Human PK/PD: Preclinical Experiments and Advanced Mathematical Modelling
October 18, 2018 at 2-3 pm ET

The ultimate aim in central nervous system drug discovery is to accurately predict the drug’s effects on the human brain. As there is no ethical way to take samples from a human brain it can be difficult to know how much of the drug is reaching its target and if it is having the desired effect.

Join Elizabeth de Lange of the Leiden Academic Center for Drug Research in this free interactive broadcast as she presents the development of a comprehensive CNS physiologically-based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) model that adequately predict CNS drug concentrations at multiple locations in human brain, and a pharmacokinetic-pharmacodynamic (PKPD) model that predicts the PKPD relationship of a CNS drug in humans.
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