

# Attachment 6

## ACS Division of Chemical Health & Safety Spring 2016, San Diego, CA 251st National Meeting

Program Chair Report

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Boston was a busy meeting with two and a half days of programming. Peter Reinhardt planned a full day symposium, focused on Lab Safety 25 Years after Promulgation of the OSHA Lab Standard. A very interesting paper from Mary Beth Mulcahy (from CSB) about compliance does not equal “safe” was very interesting to me. The Awards Symposium was tinged with some sadness. The Division had recognized one of our founders, Eli Pearce, with the Tillmanns-Skolnick Award. But Eli passed away before we could recognize him. His family attended in his stead and it was lovely to learn about him. Tuesday was chemical information day, with Ralph Stuart and Leah McEwen organizing an excellent symposium on Current Topics in Chemical Safety Information. We also heard remarks from Naveen Sangji. All were deeply affected by hearing her talk about her sister, Sheri.

For Spring 2016, in San Diego, we have a packed meeting with seven symposia and a Sci-Mix poster session planned. Additionally, CANN is also planning two symposia – one with AGFD and one with SCHB. The symposia planned are here:

- **Safety Begins in the Classroom: Demonstrations, Awareness, & Pre-Lab Planning**  
D.M. Decker and F.K. Wood-Black, *Organizers, Presiding*
- **Ask Dr. Safety: About Incident Reporting**  
H.J. Elston, N.R. Langerman, *Organizers, Presiding*
- **How Texas Tech & UCLA Have Affected Laboratory Safety Nationwide**  
D.M. Decker, *Organizer, Presiding*
- **Developing, Implementing & Teaching Hazard Assessment Tools**  
S.B. Sigmann, *Organizer*, R. Stuart, *Presiding*
- **Chemical, Sample & Asset Management Tools**  
**L McEwen, J. Pickel, R. Stuart**, *Organizers, Presiding*

A social is planned for Monday evening at Café Sevilla, where we have been before. Promises to be a busy and enlightening meeting.

For Fall 2016 in Philly, we have an ambitious program planned, including a PRES Town Hall meeting on safety and ethics, organized by Neal Langerman (and a cast of thousands). A companion PRES poster session and a symposium entitled “Chemical Safety in the K-12 Classroom” (organized by Joe Pickel) is also planned. Our Awards Symposium, Ask Dr. Safety: About Chemical Safety, a public policy symposium, ADA accommodations in the laboratory, Microbrewery Safety, and a Biochemistry of Cannabis symposium round out the Call in Boston. Deadline for submissions is March 21<sup>st</sup>, very shortly after we return from San Diego.

Your Programming Committee is working hard to create technical programming that is of interest and applicability to the membership and the wider chemical enterprise.