

ACS Division of Chemical Health & Safety

Spring 2017, San Francisco, CA - 253rd National Meeting

Program Chair Report

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Philadelphia was a very successful meeting with 3 days of programming and 40 papers were presented. A companion poster session with our Tuesday morning symposia was well-attended. Entitled "Safety and Ethics in our Chemical Community," 15 posters were presented. Unfortunately, we won't be able to repeat this symposium/poster model in San Francisco but we hope we can in DC in Fall, 2017. On Monday evening, Russ Phifer hosted the 4th quadrennial, "Chemistry you can Taste!" wine and cheese reception. Held in the Marian Mitchell Garden at the Philadelphia History Museum, it was a wonderful event in beautiful surroundings.

For Spring 2017, in San Francisco, we have a packed meeting with eight symposia and a strong Sci-Mix presence planned. The symposia planned are here:

- **Best Practices in Selecting and Presenting Safety Training Content**
D. M. Decker, F. Wood-Black, Organizers
- **Cannabis: Emerging Challenges in Regulations, Product Analysis and Processing**
J. Marcu, E. Pryor, Organizers
- **Sci-Mix**
J. M. Pickel, Organizer
- **Ask Dr. Safety: Chemical and Occupational Safety in the Cannabis Industry**
H. J. Elston, N. R. Langerman, Organizer
- **Information Flow in Environmental Health and Safety**
R. Stuart, Organizer
- **What Have we Learned and Where are we Going: Post-Settlement in the University of California**
D.M. Decker, J. Palmer, Organizers

For Fall 2017 in DC, the symposia which appear in the Call For Papers include Chemophobia – Communicating Chemistry, Soft Skills in Training and Interactions, Division Awards, Ask Dr. Safety: Chemical Security, Cannabis Processing: Innovations and Legal Protections. Joe Pickel has taken the lead to help plan a Presidential Symposium entitled Building a Safety Culture Across the Chemical Enterprise. He's also organizing a companion poster session of the same title. As of this writing, most of the invited speakers have accepted the invitation for what promises to be a fascinating symposium. Deadline for submissions is April 10th. Because the San Francisco meeting is late in the year, the organizer schedule is compressed.

For the Spring 2018 meeting in New Orleans, your Programming Committee has precisely zero proposed symposia. Hopefully, a bit of symposia brainstorming will be fruitful.