



## ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

### CIC Environment Division - March 2011 Newsletter

Spring is here and with it come a flurry of activities. April and May are the months when many of you are participating in a variety of community outreach activities; the Science Fair and the Second National Science Rendezvous are just two of the many examples. To ensure that the public has the right information it remains important to explain the role that environmental chemists play in understanding and mitigating environmental issues such as the Deepwater Horizon oil spill off the coast of Mexico, the current events in Japan and the fate and transport of contaminants in Canada and abroad.

In this newsletter we highlight a number of recent and future events that we hope are of interest to you.

#### Division News:

Congratulations to the **2011 Environment Division Research and Development Award** winner:

**Dr. X. Chris Le**  
University of Alberta

This award is presented for distinguished contributions to research and/or development in the fields of environmental chemistry or environmental chemical engineering while working in Canada.

The award lecture will be given during the Environmental Award/General Session of the CSC conference on the afternoon of **June 6<sup>th</sup>**. It promises to be an interesting afternoon with presentations by William Cullen, Ken Reimer and Steve Hrudý leading up to Dr. Le's lecture. The **Annual General Meeting** will follow the award lecture. After last year's success, we will be holding a **mixer** again to foster relationship building. This year, we will visit one of Montreal's famous microbreweries. Hope to see you there!

Kevin Wilkinson along with the many session chairs coordinated a marvelous program for this years' **CSC conference in Montreal**. There is an environmental session every day.

The symposia are:

- Atmospheric Chemistry and Atmosphere-Air-Water-Soil Chemical Interactions
- Experiments and Models for Heterogeneous Chemistry in the Environment
- General session / Environmental award session
- Organic Compounds in the Environment
- Speciation and Bioavailability of Metals
- Toxicity and Mobility of Nanomaterials in the Environment

The Environment Division is sponsoring a number of student competitions: The Undergraduate Student Poster Competition, the Graduate Student Poster Competition and the Student Oral Competition. We acknowledge the sponsorship by the CSIRO Journal Environmental Chemistry in the form of a \$200 award and a 2 year subscription for the Journal.



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We are in need of judges for these awards, though! Please let us know if you are willing to judge one of these competitions. The contact is Kevin Wilkinson at [kj.wilkinson@umontreal.ca](mailto:kj.wilkinson@umontreal.ca).

The Division is taking a more active role in the 2011 program of **Canadian Chemical Engineering Conference** held from October 23 – 26 in London, Ontario. The program can now be accessed on-line. [http://www.csche2011.ca/program/theme\\_environment.html](http://www.csche2011.ca/program/theme_environment.html)

### Call for Proposals:

*The **2012 CSC Conference** will be held in Calgary May 26-30, 2012. This is the 2nd (and hopefully final) call for environmental chemistry symposia proposals for the conference. In line with the conference theme "Energizing Chemistry", the organizing committee is especially interested in considering, but not limited to, suggestions for "energy" related symposia.*

*If you are interested in organizing or co-organizing a symposium in the general field of environmental chemistry (which may be jointly sponsored by other divisions) and haven't already done so, please send a preliminary title and/or short description to Hans Osthoff ([hosthoff@ucalgary.ca](mailto:hosthoff@ucalgary.ca)), March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Please put CSC 2012 in the subject line.*

*All proposed symposia will be considered, and a preliminary program will be compiled in the spring of 2011 (soon!). Thank you in advance for your input. I look forward to hearing from you, and hope to see many of you in Calgary in 2012.*

*Hans Osthoff*

Please don't forget to nominate a deserving colleague for the Environment Division Research and Development Award. Nominations are due July 02, 2011 and the full terms of reference can be found at: [http://www.cheminst.ca/index.php/ci\\_id/1823/la\\_id/1.htm](http://www.cheminst.ca/index.php/ci_id/1823/la_id/1.htm)

We would like to hear from you about what interests you and what divisional activities would be of value to you. We would also like to honour special achievements of our members. The Division's website is now updated ([http://www.cheminst.ca/index.php?ci\\_id=2598&la\\_id=1](http://www.cheminst.ca/index.php?ci_id=2598&la_id=1)). Please contact one of the executive members with ideas and suggestions.

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