



ACS President Dr. Attila Pavlath to Speak in Richland on April 25

ACS National President Dr. Attila Pavlath will speak at the Battelle Auditorium in Richland at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, April 25th. Dr. Pavlath's talk is titled "Alternative Energy Sources – From the Sun to the Depths of the Earth". A wine and cheese social will follow, as well as the presentation of posters from the National Meeting by students from Eastern Oregon University.

All section members are invited to attend a no host buffet with our National ACS President after his presentation and the wine and cheese social. For many of us this is a one-time opportunity; you will find Dr. Pavlath a very engaging person. The buffet will be held at O'Callahan's in the Richland Shilo Inn at 7:30pm. The menu will include a choice of Roast Beef or Turkey and the cost will be \$16.36 tax and gratuity included.

Please contact Milt Campbell by April 22 (Sunday) for reservations at 946-1985 or on e-mail at campsoup@gte.net.

The Councilor's Report

by Richard A. Hermens

221st National ACS Meeting in San Diego.

The ACS council met at 8:00 A.M. on April 4 in San Diego. The following constitutes a summarized report to better inform the Richland Section members of ACS business, some of these decisions will affect you individually and some will affect the Richland section.

For the year 2002, the annual member ship fee will be raised from \$108 to \$112. This raise is in accordance with the bylaws by taking the last years dues multiplied by the CPI index increase from 1999 to 2000. Last year it was $\$108 \times 194.5/187.2 = 112.21$. It is rounded to the nearest dollar.

On Wednesday morning at the council meeting, it was announced that there were 17,824 registered at the meeting. There were 472 booths sold at the exposition. It is the third largest ACS meeting on record and may become the second largest when the rest of the week registrants are counted.

The career and placement center registered that there were about 1.5 times as many positions open as there was candidates interviewed.

Glenn Crosby's term as Director of Region VI will be ending this year. If anyone is interested in

being a nominee for the position of Director, I will be happy to submit your name to the chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee.

The two candidates elected from the Council to run in the general election for president elect of the ACS are Elsa Reichmanis, Bell Laboratories, and William Carroll, Jr., Occidental Chemical Corporation. All ACS members will have the opportunity to vote for one of these in the fall.

There is a significant amount of funds available for start up of high school chemistry clubs. If high schools in your areas wish to start one, I can find the details for you.

The theme for National Chemistry Week for the year 2002 is "Chemistry and Art". It is being determined if National Chemistry Week should be the end of October because of national and state elections during the first week of November. A decision will be made within 60 days on this issue.

Eastern Oregon University had 13 students at the ACS meeting and these students presented 8 posters.

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2001 Budget Approved

The 2001 Budget for the Richland Section was unanimously approved at the board meeting on March 26th after one unanimously approved amendment. 14 members and officers were in attendance.

Call for Nominations for Chemist of the Year

The Richland Section is soliciting nominations for its "Chemist of the Year" award. The award is given periodically by the Section to a local chemist to honor significant contributions in the chemical sciences. Nominations and questions concerning the award may be directed to Steve Krogsrud (laroy_s_steve_krogsrud@rl.gov), telephone 509-372-2302. Nominations will be accepted through June 30, 2001.

May 22 Speaker

On May 22, Dr. Dorit Noether will give a talk entitled "Nuclear Weapons – Technology and Consequences." This will be at CBC in room L-121 at 7:30 PM.