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DID YOU KNOW

- Royal Society of Chemistry benefits for SACI members: 15% discount on RSC books, Up to £50 off the cost of RSC conferences and training courses, Use of the RSC Library email enquiry service, Receive the RSC online newsletter; Grapevine, Online access to selected RSC publications
- Any SACI member who gets a new member to join will pay half the membership fees for the following year

I find it interesting to read the news magazines of other Chemistry Societies. There are usually topics that are covered in them that have a bearing on our own Society. For example in Chemical and Engineering News (March 16, 2009 page 16) there is an article on Science Cafes. This is an interesting concept that relates to teaching the scientist and non-scientist about the chemistry of the world around us. In the example discussed the speaker described the chemistry of paints - in a PAINT SHOP!! Discussion was followed by coffee. I am sure here in SA we could follow up on some of these ideas.

This then leads to the issue of who is/is not a

member of SACI. Our membership rules allow for various categories of membership and so anyone with an interest in chemistry can belong. To date we in SACI have focused on the 'hard core' chemist, partly because of our limited time for SACI pursuits. To change this we need volunteers to start evaluating the needs of the scientists/engineers/technologists who have an interest in chemistry different from that of the 'hard core' chemist. Anyone interested in getting this part of SACI on track - please contact the SACI office.

A reminder of forthcoming SACI events. The SACI Inorganic conference will be held in September in Bloemfontein from Sun



13th to Thu 17th Sept 2009. See registration form in the newsletter. The date for our next SACI Convention (Johannesburg) has now been decided (23-28 Jan 2011). Check the programme in the newsletter for other events of interest to and/or organized by SACI members.

Neil Coville
President

ENCOURAGE A NEW MEMBER

At the last Council meeting a proposal was made as to how to increase membership. The proposal is that any SACI member who gets a new member to join will pay HALF fees for the following year.

This will not apply to student members. Also - the

maximum will be half of the membership of the **joining** member (i.e. to cover the possibility of associate member versus full member issues). The reduction will take effect ONCE the new member has paid his/her fees.

This proposal holds for 2009/2010 fees - they will be due in July 2009.

If you do get a new member to join: CONTACT Laila in the SACI office.

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SACI CONVENTION

One of the first events of the UNESCO International Year of Chemistry – 2011 – will be the SACI Convention. This will be an IUPAC event.

Further one day will be set aside for a Green Chemistry workshop to be held in conjunction with FASC (Federation of African Chemical Societies). More details later



A TOP HONOUR FOR SA CHEMIST

Prof Nelson Torto, Rhodes University, was recently awarded the 2009 Analytical Chemistry Award for Young Investigators at the recent PITTCON 2009 meeting in the USA. The award was for his work on the use of micro-dialysis for the sampling of metal ions (see C and EN March 20, 2009 p51/52)

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

1) 11th Frank Warren Conference to be held in Pietermaritzburg from 17-21 January 2010. Web: <http://chemweb.unp.ac.za/FW2010/> Correspondence: FW2010@ukzn.ac.za (also see flyers)

2) The 13th Royal Australian Chemical Institute Inc. National Convention <mailto:probarti.milton@raci.org.au> in Melbourne, Australia, 4 - 8 July 2010

3) 39th International Conference on Coordination Chemistry ICC39 Adelaide, South Australia and 2010 Inorganic Chemistry Divisional Meeting of RACI IC'10, 25 - 30 July, 2010
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4) 42nd IUPAC Congress: Chemistry Solutions, 2 – 7 August 2009, SECC, Glasgow, UK www.iupac2009.org

5) Indaba, the sixth in a series of interdisciplinary workshops organized by the South African Crystallographic Society in conjunction with the Structural Chemistry Commission of the International Union of Crystallography, will be held 30 August - 4 September 2009 at: Berg-en-Dal in the Kruger, National Park, South Africa. thereza@technoscene.co.za; www.sacrs.org.za/indaba6

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6) SAAFoST is organising the first-for-Africa IUFOST world Congress to be held from 22 to 26 August 2010 in Cape Town. The congress theme is, "Food Science Solutions in an Evolving World" and the venue is the International Convention Centre. Official Congress website: www.iufost2010.org.za;

e-mail: info@iufost2010.org.za or fax: 031-368 6623



7) Kinetics in Analytical Chemistry, 10th International Symposium; 2-4 December 2009, Cape Town. <http://associated.sun.ac.za/UWC/KAC2009> <http://associated.sun.ac.za/UWC/> Contact Person: Prof. Priscilla Baker pbaker@uwc.ac.za; 27+21+9593051

8) SACI Inorg2009, UFS Campus in Bloemfontein, South Africa, Sun 13th to Thu 17th Sept 2009. For more details see: <http://www.ufs.ac.za/inorg2009> (registration form below).

9) Pan Africa Chemistry Network

(a) Green Chemistry and Sustainability Workshop, 25th August, 2009. University of Nairobi, College of Biological and Physical Sciences, Chiromo Campus, Nairobi pacn@uonbi.ac.ke

(b) Sustainable Water Conference, 25 – 28th August, 2009. University of Nairobi, College of Biological and Physical Sciences, Chiromo Campus, Nairobi, Kenya pacn@uonbi.ac.ke

10) South African SMEOS 2009 conference will be held over the period 7 – 9 September 2009 at Skukuza in the Kruger National Park, South Africa. The South African SMEOS 2009 conference will focus on the field of sensors, with a scope ranging from detector devices (including materials and processing), through readout circuits, to electro-optical detector systems. **Conference website:** www.technoscene.co.za/smeos/

11) On Metals and Materials Processing in a Clean Environment. Between 4 - 7 December 2011 An International Symposium is being organized to honor the very distinguished work and lifetime achievements of Prof. Derek Fray of University of Cambridge, UK. This symposium will be held in Cancun, Mexico, from 4-7 of December 2011. <http://www.flogen.com/FraySymposium>



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12) 4th SETAC Africa meeting. International Conference on Environmental Pollution and Toxicology in Africa: Status and Strategies for Sustainable Environmental Quality , 2nd - 5th November 2009 Speke Resort & Conference Centre *Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda*. <http://kampala.setac.eu/>

13) CATSA 2009, 8th to 11th November, Robertson - Western Cape; <http://www.catsa.org.za/>

COURSES

(I) Short course in Polymer Science June/July 2009

The Department of Chemistry and Polymer Science at the University of Stellenbosch will be presenting the 2nd annual short course in Polymer Science from **Monday, June 29, 2009, to Friday, July 3, 2009**. **Contact details:** website: www.sun.ac.za/polymer; Prof AJ van Reenen (Phone +27-21-8083168, e-mail ajvr@sun.ac.za); Dr PE Mallon (Phone +27-21-8082071. e-mail pemallon@sun.ac.za)

(II) Chemical Engineering for Chemists

SACI are currently negotiating for a **course to be given in Johannesburg** to post grads, PhDs and staff members at Universities/UoFs later this year. Dates still to be confirmed. Costs for SACI members will be about R1800 per person for the three day course.

Preliminary Information: The School of Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering and The Centre of Material and Process Synthesis, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg will present a 3-day short course leading to a Certificate of Attendance on Chemical Engineering for Chemists

Course objectives; Different technical terminology used by scientists and chemical engineers, or by engineers from different disciplines, often results in miscommunication. Yet these professionals are required to work closely together in the process industry. This course has been designed to give people who are not chemical engineers an introduction to the fundamental concepts and terminology of chemical engineering and an understanding of why these concepts are important.

Lecturers include Professor David Glasser and Professor Diane Hildebrandt are Directors of the Centre of Material and Process Synthesis (COMPS) at the University of the Witwatersrand. Diane Hildebrandt was the first woman chemical engineer to be awarded an A-rating by South Africa's National Research Foundation. David Glasser is also Professor of Chemical Engineering and also an A1-rated scientist.

(III) Entrepreneurship for Scientists and Engineers from Developing Countries in

Africa Cape Town – South Africa. The first African workshop on Entrepreneurship

for Scientists and Engineers will be held in South Africa, at iThemba Labs in Cape Town from 9 to 13 November 2009. The main goal of this project is to encourage and impart entrepreneurship skills in scientists and engineers from Africa. Information regarding the workshop will be available on the SAIP website <http://www.saip.org.za/OtherConferences.html> Conference Organisers

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The web site can be found at: <http://www.ufs.ac.za/inorg2009>

Registration Form: INORG2009

Bloemfontein; 13-17th Sept 2009

Complete the following MSword form by word processor, and then send to Ms Marietjie Schutte via (i) email: chemar.sci@ufs.ac.za

or (ii) FAX: 011 5075193 or International: +27 11 5075193

Please note: Each delegate must send a separate form (may include accompanying person/s)

Personal Details		First name	
Title		Last name	
Phone		Organization	
Postal code		Email	
Postal address			

Fees		
Please confirm amounts in the <u>columns provided</u> . Registration includes accommodation, program, book of abstracts, meals, lunches, teas, all transport between airport, lodge and conference venue, game drive and all official social functions. (For accompanying persons, registration includes accommodation, meals, lunches, teas, all transport between airport, lodge and conference venue, game drive and all official social functions)		
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Academic Registration: Sharing (R3500; after 15 June 2009: R4000)		
Academic Registration: Single (R4300; after 15 June 2009: R4800)		
Student (& post doc): ^{b)} Sharing: (R2800; after 15 June 2009: R3300)		
Student (& post doc): ^{b)} Single (R3700; after 15 June 2009: R4200)		
Day Visitors: (R2300; after 15 June 2009: R2800) ^{c)}		
Accompanying Persons: Sharing (R2500; after 15 June 2009: R3000)		
Kimberley Excursion (R400; Includes transport; fee at big hole & light lunch on bus)		
Total amount		

^{a)} See website for fees in \$, £, €; then indicate in currency column

^{b)} Bona Fide students, letter from supervisor may be requested by INORG2009

^{c)} Fee covers everything for the full duration of the conference **EXCEPT (i) accommodation and (ii) Kimberley excursion on Wed 16 Sept.**

Participation (Mark with 'X')	Yes	No
I intend presenting a poster		
I would be happy to present an oral on my poster		
Lecture slots are limited and by invitation only. Please use the abstract template for posters or talks (see 'Abstracts' page on website; and email as indicated).		

Accompanying persons [Mark with 'X']	Yes (number)	No
I will bring an accompanying person/s (indicate number)		
I and/or partner have special dietary requirements (indicate number)		

Excursions (Wed 16 Sept)		
Please note: you can only join one of the following tours as they are held at the same time. Additional payment for Kimberley trip applicable and booking essential!		
	Yes	No
1. I / we would like to go on the game trip (no additional cost)		
OR:		
2. I /we would like to go on the Kimberley trip [6hours total; additional cost R400]		

Note: You will shortly receive an email confirming your registration and giving payment options via an official Invoice