

the Alembic



Chair's Corner

First order of business is to apologize for the late Alembic and to announce that the program originally scheduled for mid November has been postponed. We were going to have a plant tour at Gusmer Enterprises and a discussion of depth filtration media in biopharmaceutical applications led by our chair, Steve Nieland. But Steve's schedule has become "insane" of late. He wanted to just postpone the event for a week or two, but now says that he just can't get it done this year.

We will not have a regular meeting until January of this coming year. Sometime in late January, after the universities are back in session, we will either have the filtration media program or a "Meeting in Miniature" as discussed elsewhere in this issue of the Alembic.

Please read the meeting-in-miniature discussion and give me your opinion on date, location, format, etc. and/or volunteer a presentation. The past meetings in miniature have been very successful and I hope we can do it again.

Also in this issue of the Alembic is a ballot for 2008

Chair-elect (Chair in 2009) and 2008 Secretary-Treasurer. About a year ago when Dave Lewis and I were both getting our arms twisted to become chair-elect candidates, Dave said he would do it for 2008 if I would do it for 2007. At our last regular meeting in Eau Claire Dave graciously reminded me of that agreement even before anybody twisted his arm. Thanks, Dave. Also at the same meeting, Tip Randall volunteered to continue his secretary-treasurer duties. Thanks to you too, Tip. I realize that we have only one candidate for each position, and that the ballot therefore doesn't mean much, but your vote amounts to a vote of confidence in our candidates. Please give them your support.

I am seeking opinions on what kind of program to offer in May when we also present our awards. In the last couple years we have only had a meal and award presentations. We could also offer a short general-interest program. Any suggestions?

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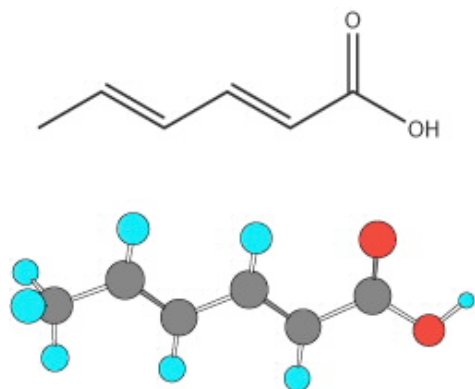
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ACS - Central Wisconsin Section 2008 Meeting Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	SPEAKER	TOPIC	HOST
January TBA Either 	Waupaca or Location TBA	Steve Nieland CWS Members	Depth Filtration Media in Biopharmaceutical Production - Plant Tour Meeting-in-Miniature	Steve Nieland
February 7	Eau Claire	James Boulter	Atmospheric Ice Particles	
March 5	Marshfield	Mark Thomson	The Role of Chemistry in the Development of Regional Styles of Beer and Ale	
April 22	Eau Claire	William F. Carroll	From Garbage to Stuff: How We Recycle Plastics	
Sept. 18	Stevens Point	Al Hazari	Periodic Fun	
Oct. 15	Wisc. Rapids	E. Gerald Meyer	Green Chemistry and Coal	Dave Thiel

Molecule of the Month



Sorbic acid (2,4-hexadienoic acid) was first discovered in 1816 from the fruit of the Rowan (genus *Sorbus*). Today sorbic acid and its salts (called sorbates) are widely used as preservatives in food, and are often used in cheese to prevent mold growth after the cheese is made.

(Visit the new ACS web site at:
<http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content>)

Let's have a "Meeting in Miniature"!

We have had several "Meetings in Miniature" in the past, but none recently. I would like to arrange one for 2008 if we have enough interest.

At a meeting in miniature we have several short talks or poster sessions presented members of our own Central Wisconsin Section. We get to learn more about what our colleagues are doing. Sometimes we discover somebody doing something that is absolutely fascinating to us. It might be academic. It might be industrial. Good productive

networking can result. The presentations do not have to be highly technical or polished.

At past meetings in miniature we have forgone the usual pre-meeting dinner and substituted that with snacks between sessions. Poster sessions were in the same room with the snacks. Talks were in a nearby lecture hall.

I would like to try scheduling our meeting in miniature in late January, though November and December of 2008 are both still open as well.

If you would be willing to present either a 20 minute talk or a poster please contact me by e-mail at dthiel@uwsp.edu or by telephone at 715-346-3714.

I will also appreciate input regarding location and/or date.

Thanks, Dave Thiel 2008 Chair

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Dave Lewis write-in _____

Secretary/Treasurer 2008

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