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Dear ACS Committee Colleagues:

It is my good fortune to share with you important news: In celebration of the achievements of chemistry and its contributions to humankind, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution on December 30, 2008, formally declaring 2011 as the International Year of Chemistry (IYC).

Working through our international alliances and networks, our leadership takes pride that the American Chemical Society played an instrumental role in the advocacy efforts culminating in the United Nations' IYC designation.

The principal goal of IYC is to celebrate the achievements of chemistry and its contributions to the well-being of humankind. We are pleased that this goal dovetails with the ACS vision and mission and several of ACS's top strategic goals: to create and sustain global scientific community; to address global challenges through chemistry; and to communicate the nature and value of chemistry and related sciences.

There are four main IYC objectives:

- a. Increase the public appreciation of chemistry in meeting world needs;
- b. Increase interest of young people in chemistry;
- c. Generate enthusiasm for the creative future of chemistry;
- d. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the International Association of Chemical Societies and of the award of the Nobel Prize in chemistry to Mme Maria Sklodowska Curie - providing an opportunity to recognize the contributions of women to the chemical sciences.

As our partners, sister societies, and colleagues around the world take steps in 2009 towards planning and implementing activities in support of this historic occasion, I am asking your committee, at its gathering in Salt Lake City, to identify how you might contribute to IYC's success.

Please consider your potential IYC contributions in the context of your existing activities (across web and physical platforms) which can be designated to support IYC's goals and themes. This could involve repurposing materials and resources, event planning, outreach, and community engagement.

Please send the outcomes of your thinking on what you would like to do as a committee for IYC 2011, by April 30, 2009, to IYC2011@acs.org

Many thanks for your cooperation and energy to help activate this worthy endeavor.

Yours truly,



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