

## ACS Committee on International Activities Meets with US Department of State Officials



On Friday, August 14, 2009, five members of the ACS Committee on International Activities met with US government (USG) officials from the Department of State in order to discuss ways to facilitate international scientific collaboration, scientific mobility and science diplomacy. IAC members in attendance included (l-r in photo) IAC Chair Peter Dorhout and subcommittee chairs Zafra Lerman (Scientific Freedom and Human Rights), Alvin L. Crumbliss (Americas, Africa and the Middle East), Ellene Tratras Contis (Europe) and Ed King (Asia and Pacific Rim).

The IAC – State Department meetings constitute a first step in establishing deeper communication between the ACS and executive branch agencies to support future collaboration on mutually beneficial initiatives.

General themes that were explored include ways that the ACS could serve as a resource for the State Department, such as:

- Alerting ACS members to State Dept-sponsored projects and programs overseas;
- Informing members of opportunities such as Franklin Fellowships, Kaufman Fellowships and other programs, and continuing the ongoing participation of ACS members in the very successful Jefferson Science Fellows program;
- Assisting the USG in establishing sustainable “people connections” with the chemistry community;
- Pursuing International Year of Chemistry 2011 as a tool for scientific outreach and diplomacy

ACS staff will alert members of upcoming opportunities as programs and events are planned.

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