
C O N T E N T S

INTERNATIONAL CURRENTS

NEW ! Updated information on US Visas and the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) for visitors from selected countries. If you are traveling to the US scientific meeting or another purpose, you should know that requirements have changed for visitors from Visa Waiver Countries as of 26 October 2004. For full information on these changes, see our **International Activities website**:
http://www.chemistry.org/portal/resources/ACS/ACSContent/international/visa_program_info.pdf

and for a **direct link to the US Department of State's website**, click to
<http://usinfo.state.gov/xarchives/display.html?p=washfile-english&y=2004&m=October&x=20041025131744cmretrop0.6283228&t=livefeeds/wf-latest.html>

In *Chemical & Engineering News*, read [Publishers' Suit](#), about four organizations that are suing the Treasury Department over restrictions on publishers regarding the publication of papers from countries against which the United States has enacted sanctions:
(<http://pubs.acs.org/cen/news/8240/8240notw5.html>)

The ACS Office of Government Affairs is currently seeking experienced chemical professionals and recent Ph.D. or Master's graduates to apply for the **2005–2006 Public Policy Fellowships**. The application deadline is December 31, 2004. The selected fellows must be eligible to work in the United States. See:
<http://www.chemistry.org/portal/a/c/s/1/acdisplay.html?DOC=government%5Cfellowships%5Cfellowship.html>

The US National Committee for the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) is now accepting applications from US scientists under the age of 45 to participate in the 2005 IUPAC Congress in Beijing, China, on 13-21 August 2005, through the Young Observer Program. The Young Observer program offers \$2000 travel grants to enable young US scientists to establish international contacts, observe IUPAC committees at work, liaise with the official US delegation, and gain knowledge of global research activities. More information on the IUPAC Young Observer program:
http://www7.nationalacademies.org/usnc-iupac/USNC_IUPAC_Young_Observer_Program.html

REGIONAL NEWS

AFRICA, ASIA & SOUTH AMERICA

AFASSA is an acronym for **Africa Asia and South America** and stands for a group that co-ordinates activities of several networks involved in natural products research in the three continents of Africa, Asia and South America. AFASSA was founded at the Intercontinental Symposium on Natural Products Research in Montevideo in December, 1999 under the chairmanship of Dr Federico Dajas of Clemente Estable Institute, Montevideo University, Uruguay. AFASSA's objectives are to promote collaborative multidisciplinary research in natural products in countries of the South; build capacity to deal with South-specific problems in health, agriculture and the sustainable use of biological resources by sharing expertise and experience in the field available in the three continents; and influence the future direction of research and education in natural products sciences in countries of the South. For full information, visit <http://www.afassa.org>

The Organization of American States' first Hemispheric Meeting of Ministers of Science and Technology took place in Lima, Peru on 11-12 November 2004. Discussions were held on the role of science, technology, engineering, and innovation on the economic, social, cultural and scientific development within the Member States. See the program and the more information on the OAS Initiative at

<http://www.oas.org/main/main.asp?sLang=E&sLink=http://www.oas.org/OASpage/eng/latestnews/latestnews.asp> Visit also the site of the Regional Metrology Organization for the Americas at <http://www.sim-metrologia.org.br/>

For National Chemistry Week

(http://www.chemistry.org/portal/a/c/s/1/acsdisplay.html?DOC=ncw%5Cncw_index.html), the American Chemical Society offers Chemistry for Kids, an interactive webpage for children to learn more about chemistry <http://www.chemistry.org/portal/a/c/s/1/acsdisplay.html?DOC=kids\index.html>

You can see the site in Spanish at

http://www.chemistry.org/portal/a/c/s/1/acsdisplay.html?DOC=kids%5ccc_kidspage_index_sp.html

EUROPE

A new network is being developed for **European researchers** in the US. It will provide web-based and other services for researchers who are interested in strengthening their contacts with other European researchers in the US and Europe. A survey has been launched to identify your needs, expectations and potential interest in this [project](#). This project has been conceived by the European Commission (Directorate General for Research and the EC Delegation in Washington) in collaboration with Embassies of the EU Member States in Washington. For more information on the network go to their web site at <http://www.eurunion.org/legislat/STE/ERALink.htm>

CHEMICAL CALENDAR

Electronic Conference : Applications of Cheminformatics and Chemical Modelling to Drug Discovery November 8, 2004 - November 19, 2004 Zeiningen (but attend via <http://echeminfo.com/>), Switzerland. See <http://echeminfo.colayer.net/>

The 3rd AfricALMA/ESALAMA Workshop, Nairobi, Kenya, 13-17 December 2004. For full information on the workshop program, see <http://www.labmanagers.org/events/africAlmaMeeting/2004/index.shtml#theme>

International Symposium on Advanced Materials and Processing, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India, 6-8 December 2004. <http://www.isamap2k4.iitkgp.ernet.in/index1.html>

The XXI InterAmerican Congress on Chemical Engineering will convene in Lima, Peru, April 24-27, 2005. For more information, see <http://www.congreso2005iq.org/eng/index.htm>

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<http://www.chemistry.org/portal/a/c/s/1/acsdisplay.html?DOC=acsprospectives\index.html>

For information on other meetings, visit the ACS meeting locator at <http://center.acs.org/applications/meetinglocator/home.cfm>

NEW LINKS

Sci-Tech : Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) has expanded its Scientific Century project by making thousands of additional early-20th-century articles from American Chemical Society (ACS) journals and others available online. The enhanced content will enable researchers to access more than 7,000 additional records dating back to 1900, including publications older than the beginning of Chemical Abstracts [800/753-4227; 614/447-3751; www.cas.org].

Access the first articles and editorial for the newest ACS journal, *Journal of Chemical Theory and Computation*, now available on the Web!

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