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The ACS International E-Newsletter
ACS Office of International Activities

Dear Colleague:

Welcome to the second issue of the American Chemical Society's new International E-newsletter! This newsletter consolidates and extends two established ACS products, the ACS Boletín Latinoamericano and the ACS Bulletin Afrique.

Every two months, this newsletter will provide information and resources, organized by world region, that is relevant to chemists and chemical engineers with international networks and interests.

If you choose to subscribe (mail to: intlacts@acs.org), the ACS International E-Newsletter will be sent to you bimonthly via email. Each edition will feature informational resources, news items, reports, funding opportunities and more. You can find out more about ACS international activities programs at <http://chemistry.org/international>.

We also hope you will forward the newsletter to your colleagues and invite them to consider subscribing. Should you have questions, comments, or suggestions for content, please contact the ACS Office of International Activities at intlacts@acs.org.

Thank you and best regards.

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International Currents

Temporary visas for travelers to the US. The ACS Office of International Activities has prepared a brief primer for the benefit of chemists and students coming to the USA on the procedures necessary for applying for a visa, at

http://www.chemistry.org/portal/resources/ACS/ACSContent/international/visa_app.doc

PLEASE NOTE : International chemists who are planning to attend the next national meeting of the American Chemical Society, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA on 22-26 August 2004 should begin the visa application process at the US Embassy in their respective home countries now.

-CHEMRAWN XV : Chemistry for Water. The next meeting of [Chemical Research Applied to World Needs \(CHEMRAWN XV\)](#) will take place in Paris, France at the [Maison de la Chimie](#) on 20 – 24 June 2004 and will focus on the subject of “Water for all Humankind in the 21st Century” Full details on the CHEMRAWN program and registration can be found at their web site at :

http://www.chemrawn.org/?Jpto=116&KM_Session=072dfb873dd89516d15b9180ed197638&Tpi=home&Lang=GB

Europe

Trends in Science, Technology and Industry: the OECD Perspective. Ten countries in central and eastern Europe joined the European Union on 1 May. In this presentation, Jerry Sheehan, Senior Economist of the Science and Technology Policy Division at OECD, compares the research and development performance of eastern Europe and OECD.

[http://lnweb18.worldbank.org/ECA/ecspfExt.nsf/docbyid/4CBAB704E380642685256E3C003E00A1/\\$FILE/02%20Jerry%20Sheehan%20OECD.ppt](http://lnweb18.worldbank.org/ECA/ecspfExt.nsf/docbyid/4CBAB704E380642685256E3C003E00A1/$FILE/02%20Jerry%20Sheehan%20OECD.ppt)

The 7th **European Conference on Research in Chemical Education** and the 3rd **European Conference on Chemical Education** will take place on 24-28 August 2004 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. They are cosponsored by the University of Ljubljana and the Slovenian Chemical Society. More information and application for both conferences are available at :

<http://www.pef.uni-lj.si/7ecrice>

The next **International Conference in Chemical Education** will take place in Istanbul, Turkey on 3-8 August 2004. The full conference program is available at

<http://www.turchemsoc.org/icce/web/index.asp>.

Asia and the Pacific

Fulbright Environmental Fellowships to India. The Fulbright Indo-American Environmental Leadership Program is a program designed for middle / senior-level environmental professionals in the public, private or NGO sectors offering scholarships to cover fellowships in India. It combines 8 to 12 week practical fellowships in India with opportunities for networking with Indian counterpart organizations. The experience could enhance an organization's staff's professional and personal development as well as build and strengthen linkages between American and Indian institutions. The focus of the program is broad and may include any of the following disciplines:

- Environmental information management
- Environmental policy, regulations and law
- Environmental education
- Environmental science and technology

Fellows will receive a roundtrip airfare from the U.S. to India, a monthly stipend and health insurance. The application deadline for the 2004 cycle is Monday August 2, 2004. For more information please visit their web site

<http://www.iie.org/Template.cfm?Section=Home&Template=/Activity/ActivityDisplay.cfm&activityid=320>.

The program is designated for U.S. citizens. There is a parallel program for Indian citizens for travel to the USA; information can be found at the US Educational Foundation in India at :

www.fulbright-india.org.

If you have any questions please contact Megan Kennedy, Program Officer, by email at mkennedy@iie.org or by phone at (202) 326-7716 or check their site at :

<http://www.iie.org>

East Asia Regional Updates. The new East Asia Regional Update is being released in countries across the region and online April 20. This twice-yearly review of the economies of the region, produced every April and October, examines the state of growth in the region, investment prospects, and critical policy issues, trends and challenges. The updates also review economies in the region, policy trends and outlooks for growth and poverty reduction. This issue will focus on the impact of rising oil and commodity prices on East Asian economies, the effects on growth prospects from last year's SARS epidemic and this year's bout of avian flu, China's growth, and prospects for regional trade and integration following the breakdown of talks at Cancun and last year's spate of regional free trade agreements.

<http://www.worldbank.org/eapupdate>

A new national chemical society : The Chemical Society of Mauritius. The ACS Office of International Activities is the point of contact for the Society's relations with the world's chemical societies. We are happy therefore to recognize the establishment in June 2003 of the world's newest national chemical society, the Chemical Society of Mauritius. The Society, which begins as an Associate National Adhering Organization of IUPAC (the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry) held its official launching ceremony in January 2004. It is an important development in the evolution of the scientific community in one of the world's most swiftly developing economies. See :

http://www.iupac.org/publications/ci/2004/2603/3_jhurry.html

The Americas and the Caribbean

ACS activities at FLAQ. The Federación Latinoamericana de Asociaciones Químicas (FLAQ) is a federation of national chemical societies in Latin America. Its 26th Latin American Chemistry Congress, co-convened with the 27th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Chemical Society (SBQ), will take place May 30–June 2, 2004 in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil. Although ACS is not a formal

member of FLAQ, it will participate in several comprehensive events at this year's Congress. For details, see :

http://www.chemistry.org/portal/a/c/s/1/feature_pro.html?id=c373e9fb622f2fe98f6a4fd8fe800100

Africa

The 9th International Chemistry Conference in Africa. The deadline for abstracts for the 9th ICCA, which takes place in Arusha, Tanzania on 2-7 August 2004, is 31 May 2004. To register for the Conference and to learn more about the program, go to their website at

<http://www.9icca.org>.

SciDev NET Africa. The latest edition of the SciDev newsletter for sub-Saharan Africa is now available at :

<http://www.scidev.africanewsletter/apr04.pdf>

It includes a feature on attempts to boost science in war-torn central Africa and an article on the use of radio for development.

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<http://www.iocd.org/Brazil2.html>

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http://www.sqm.org.mx/congreso_2003.html

Information Resources and Links

New ACS nanotechnology website : Nanofocus. The American Chemical Society has a new nanotechnology website, NanoFocus, launched by Chemical and Engineering News in partnership with Nano Letters. Check out the new site at :

<http://pubs.acs.org/cen/nanofocus>

Free access articles by Nobel Laureates. ACS Digital Archives now offers free access to articles by Nobel Prize-winning scientists at the ACS Digital Archives site :

<http://pubs.acs.org/archives/timeline.html>

Master Government List of 36 Federally Funded R&D Centers. The National Science Foundation has made available a master list of 36 federally funded research and development centers with active links to each for fiscal year 2004 at

<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/srs/nsf04309/start.htm>

For links and information on **hundreds of forthcoming scientific meetings**, the ChemSoc events list can be found at

<http://www.chemsoc.org/CFCONF/newscevents.cfm>

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