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Mission Statement

The Division of the History of Chemistry ([HIST](#)) of the American Chemical Society (ACS) seeks to advance knowledge and appreciation of the history of the chemical sciences among chemists, students, historians of science, and the broader public by

- Encouraging research and scholarship in history of the chemical sciences;
- Providing a welcoming environment for the discussion of history of chemistry in a variety of venues, particularly in symposia at national ACS meetings;
- Serving as a resource for chemical scientists in general, and members of the ACS in particular, who seek to understand the roots of their discipline, sub-discipline, or interdisciplinary subject;
- Recognizing major achievements from the past in the chemical sciences and the individuals who made those achievements;
- Publishing a scholarly journal in history of chemistry;
- Interacting with other organizations interested in the history of science; and
- Adding value to the ACS by helping it achieve its vision and missions.

Message from Roger Egolf, HIST Division Chair

Dear HIST Colleagues,

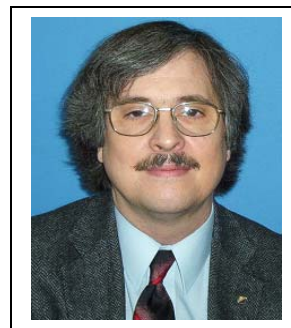
I thank our hard-working program chair Joe Jeffers for his efforts in putting together a very nice program. In addition to three excellent symposia filled with invited papers, it is good to see that there will be two full sessions of general papers this meeting.

I want to congratulate Tony Travis for his well-deserved reception of the Edelstein Award. If you are in Boston on the Tuesday of the meeting, be sure to attend the award symposium in his honor that afternoon; then join us in celebrating the award at dinner that evening at Dom's Italian Restaurant. The tickets are \$45 and can be ordered when you register for the meeting. If any tickets are left, they will be available on site at the meeting. Speaking of the Edelstein Award, I would like to thank Jim Traynham for his three-year's service on the Edelstein Award Committee. I have appointed this year's winner, Tony Travis, as Jim's replacement on the committee.

ACS has recently informed me that HIST is once again a finalist for a ChemLuminary Award. The award winners will be announced on the Tuesday evening in Boston, unfortunately at a time that overlaps with the Edelstein Award Dinner. We have won ChemLuminary Awards the last two times we were nominated, most recently last year.

Once again, I'd like to close by inviting you to volunteer to make the division even better. The division is always looking for members who would like to get more involved, by giving a paper, organizing a symposium, or volunteering to represent the division in some way at a local or regional meeting. I hope to see many of you in Boston in August.

Sincerely,
Roger



Report of Councilors, Division of the History of Chemistry ACS National Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 28, 2007

Election Results

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2008: Pat N. Confalone, Thomas H. Lane, William A. Nugent, and Howard M. Peters. By written ballot the Council selected Thomas H. Lane and Howard M. Peters as candidates for 2008 President-Elect. These two candidates will stand for election in the Fall National Election.
- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the results of the election to select candidates from the list of nominees to represent District II and District IV on the Board of Directors for the term 2008-2010. Nominees for District II included: Robin J. Hood, Joseph R. Peterson, Diane Grob Schmidt, and Steven W. Yates. Nominees for District IV included Paul F. Barbara, Eric C. Bigham, John P. Fackler, Jr., and Gregory H. Robinson. By mail ballot the councilors from these districts selected Joseph R. Peterson and Diane Grob Schmidt as District II candidates; and as District IV candidates, Eric C. Bigham and Gregory H. Robinson. Ballots will be mailed on or before October 10 to all members in District II and District IV for election of a Director from each District.

Candidates for Directors-at-Large

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for a 2008-2010 term: Janan M. Hayes, Helen A. Lawlor, Kent J. Voorhees, and Frankie K. Wood-Black. The election of two Directors-at-Large will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to the Council on or before October 10.

Committee Performance Reviews

- As part of a regular review, the Council VOTED to continue the Committee on Science, the Women Chemists Committee, and the Younger Chemists Committee - subject to concurrence by the Board of Directors. The Committee on Science provides an organizational framework to facilitate policy formulation, actions, and planning in several areas of ACS activity directly related to the science of chemistry. The Women Chemists Committee was established to recognize women chemists and to encourage them to take an active interest in Society activities; and the Younger Chemists Committee facilitates communication of ideas and attitudes between the governing bodies of the Society and younger chemists.

Petitions (For Action)

- The Council received three amendments to the ACS Bylaws (Petitions) for action: the Petition on Election Procedures 2006, the Petition on Rules for Nominating Members of N&E for National Offices, and the Petition on Multi-Year Dues.
- The Council VOTED to split consideration and action on the Petition on Election Procedures 2006 into two parts: Part 1 changes the timing of run-off elections and specifies an election process for situations in which only one Director-at-Large position is open. Part 2 addresses consistency in national election procedures. It proposes changes to standardize the petition and election processes for President-Elect and all Director positions based on percentages of voting members. It replaces language specifying a required absolute number of petition signatures for nomination of candidates for President-Elect, and Director-at-Large with

language specifying a higher requirement for petition signatures as a percentage of the membership for nomination of candidates for these offices.

The Council VOTED to accept Part 1. For Part 2, the Council VOTED to recommit this petition back to the Committee on Nominations and Elections and ask that they reconsider the signature requirements, procedures for processing electronic signatures, and those suggestions arising from the Governance Review Task Force pertinent to election procedures.

- The Petition on Rules for Nominating Members of N&E for National Offices establishes a one-year waiting period following service on the Committee on Nominations and Elections before an individual can be nominated for District Director, President-Elect or Director-at-Large. The Council VOTED by recorded vote to defeat this petition.
- The Council VOTED to accept the Petition on Multi-Year Dues. This petition will allow members paying full dues without any of the discounts to pay for periods of two or three years if they wish, at a rate equal to two or three times the rate for a one year period. Council also VOTED to make this petition effective when technical components are instituted to offer and track the payments, but no later than January 1, 2010.
- The Board of Directors will vote within 90 days on whether to ratify the approved petitions.

2008 Member Dues

- The Council VOTED to set the member dues for 2008 at the fully escalated rate of \$136. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

The Society's Finances

- The Society ended 2006 with a net contribution from operations of \$12.2 million, on revenues of \$424.0 million and expenses of \$411.9 million, which was \$7.8 million favorable to the approved budget. The favorable variance was primarily attributable to higher-than-budgeted electronic services revenue and investment income, as well as expense savings from lower-than-budgeted health care costs and reduced IT spending. In addition, the Society ended 2006 in full compliance with the Board-established financial guidelines.

Registration Report

- As of March 27, 2007, the ACS fall national meeting had attracted 14,520 registrants as follows: Regular attendees 7,152; Students 5,059; Exhibitors 1,283; Exposition only 573; and Guests 453.

Future National Meetings

- The Council VOTED to approve dates and sites for 2017 national meetings as follows: April 2-6, San Francisco, California; and September 10-14, St. Louis, Missouri.

New Local Section

- The Council VOTED to establish the Snake River Local Section with headquarters in Boise, ID. This brings the total number of local sections to 190.

Member Statistics

- ACS closed 2006 with 160,491 members, the highest year-end membership since 2002. Of the 17,857 applications processed in 2006, more than 1,000 came from the Member-Get-A-Member campaign, in which many councilors participated.

Governance Review

- The Council received a report on the recent activities of the Governance Review Task Force. Councilors were informed that since the last Council meeting, the task force has met twice and action teams have been actively addressing those areas under the “Advance” category. Councilors also learned that the Council Policy Committee and the Board of Directors VOTED, as recommended by the Governance Review Task Force, to accept four recommendations under the “Refine” category.

Chemical Professional’s Code of Conduct

- The Council VOTED to approve the Chemical Professional’s Code of Conduct as submitted by the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs. This document offers guidance for Society members in various professional dealings, especially those involving conflicts of interest.

Resolutions

- The Council adopted resolutions in memory of deceased councilors and ACS Past Presidents Robert Parry (1982), and Fred Basolo (1983).

ACTIVITIES OF HIST COUNCILORS

Ben Chastain is in his sixth (and final) year as a member of the Divisional Activities Committee, where he continues to serve as Chair of the Division Enhancement subcommittee (awards and grants).

Mary Virginia Orna continues her service as an elected member of the Committee on Committees. She is completing her sixth year on this committee and will be ineligible for re-election in the fall.

Ben B. Chastain, Mary Virginia Orna, Councilors

ACS ChemLuminary Awards

Since 1999, the American Chemical Society has honored the efforts of volunteer members through the ChemLuminary Awards. These volunteers provide exceptional programs and services to members and their communities. HIST is once again a finalist for a ChemLuminary Award, to be given in Boston on Tuesday night. HIST was awarded a Divisional Activities Committee-sponsored ChemLuminary Award last fall in San Francisco, cited as follows: [Division of History of Chemistry](#) - Presented to the Division of History of Chemistry to recognize its influential leadership, thoughtful innovation and effective creativity in the area of outreach to the Division and ACS members in particular and to the general public as well.

General Papers Sessions Need Presenters

Keep up the good work! After having only three General Papers in Atlanta and two in San Francisco, we had eight General Papers in Chicago and we have fourteen scheduled for Boston. **Please consider presenting at New Orleans** (April 6-10, 2008) or **Philadelphia** (August 17-21, 2008).

Joe Jeffers, HIST Program Chair

Bulletin for the History of Chemistry

In the spring of 1988, William B. Jensen, University of Cincinnati, founded the *Bulletin for the History of Chemistry* under the auspices of HIST. This was a response to a need expressed by chemists with a bent toward history for some outlet for communicating with one another on subjects pertaining to the historical background of their professional field. Ever since its first appearance, the *Bulletin* has been distributed to members of HIST as a part of their annual membership. Cumulative indexes appeared in 1997, 2000, and 2005. We welcome contributions on history of chemistry and particularly encourage those with an interest in history to come forward as reviewers of manuscripts and books. If your library lacks a subscription to the *Bulletin*, you should encourage your acquisitions librarian to consider one of the best bargains in periodicals.

Paul R. Jones, Editor

HIST Symposia, 234th ACS Meeting in Boston, MA August 19-23, 2008

Schedules and abstracts are listed at the end of this Newsletter.

Landmark Chemistry Books of the Twentieth Century IV – Spectroscopy.

[co-sponsors: Bolton Society; CHED]

The eight papers of the symposium are focused on publications that are historically significant or that have served as standards of excellence in spectroscopy during roughly the past one-hundred years. Presentations will describe the work of specific individuals and the significance of their publications, the impact of theoretical developments such as quantum theory, and the discovery of key technical developments such as light scattering spectroscopy. Links with astronomical and solar spectroscopy will be the subject of papers as well. The symposium is **all day Monday**, August 20, in the Seaport Hotel, Plaza C.

Ronald Smeltzer, Organizer

Going with the Information Flow: Chemical Abstracts Service 100th Anniversary Presidential Symposium. [Sponsor: PRES; co-sponsors: HIST, CINF, CHED]

The Chemical Abstracts Service celebrates its 100th anniversary of foundation this year. It is the premier print/electronic access point for the worldwide literature of chemistry. Its origins and evolution will be highlighted in talks that range from the President of CAS to the primary users of the services. Discussion on the future role of CAS in chemical communication will also be a feature of the symposium, **Tuesday morning**, August 21, in the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC), Room 205A.

Mary Virginia Orna, Janice Mears, Eric Shively, Organizers

Edelstein Award Symposium Honoring Anthony S. Travis.

Anthony S. Travis of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem is the recipient of the 2007 Sidney M. Edelstein Award for Outstanding Achievement in the History of Chemistry. Travis was chosen from a group of international nominees primarily for his work on the history of the synthetic dyestuffs industry and the history of the European chemical industry in general. Since 1988 Travis has served as Deputy Director of the Sidney M. Edelstein Center for the History and Philosophy of Science, Technology and Medicine in Jerusalem. The Edelstein Award consists of an engraved plaque and a check for \$3500 and is supported by a gift from Ruth Edelstein Barish and family to HIST. The award is partially supported by the Chemical Heritage Foundation of Philadelphia and will be presented to Travis by Roger Egolf, Chair of HIST, during this symposium. Other speakers include Mary Virginia Orna, Jim Bohning, Mary Ellen Bowden, and Kathryn Steen. The symposium is **Tuesday afternoon**, August 21 in the Boston Seaport Hotel, Plaza C.

Jim Bohning, Organizer

HIST Cosponsored Events

Wolfrom/Isbell/New Investigator Award Symposium

[Sponsored by CARB; Cosponsored with BIOL, MEDI, ORGN, BIOHW, and HIST]

Sunday, **August 19, all day** in the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC), Room 207.

[No description received by press time.] For additional information please contact 713-792-3777, wp@wt.net.

Waldemar Priebe, Organizer

UPCOMING NATIONAL MEETINGS AND HIST DEADLINE

Offerings are subject to change. Check the [HIST website](#) for updates.

NEW ORLEANS, APRIL 6-10, 2008

Submit your abstract via the ACS Electronic Submission System ([OASYS](#)) by **November 12, 2007**. If you do not have access to a computer for use in the submission, contact Joe Jeffers. Check the call for papers in [Chemical and Engineering News](#) or the [ACS website](#) for changes in the abstract deadlines. Symposia ideas are still being accepted.

General Papers. (**Seeking contributors**) Joe Jeffers, Ouachita Baptist University, 410 Ouachita Street, Box 3786, Arkadelphia, AR 71998-0001, Phone: (870) 245-5216, Fax: (870) 245-5241, Email: jeffers@obu.edu

A Festival of Chemistry Entertainment. (Invited) [co-sponsors: Bolton Society; CHED] Jack Stocker, University of New Orleans, 2224 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA 70117, Phone: (504) 942-1444, Fax: (504) 280-6860, Email: JStocker@cox.net

Citation for Chemical Breakthroughs. (Invited) Jeffrey I. Seeman, SaddlePoint Frontiers, 12001 Bollingbrook Place, Richmond, VA 23236, Phone: (804) 794-1218, Email: jiseeman@yahoo.com

Women Chemists in the National Inventors' Hall of Fame: Telling Their Stories. (Invited) Mary Virginia Orna, Department of Chemistry, College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY 10805, Phone: (914) 654-5302, Fax: (914) 654-5387, Email: mvorna@cnr.edu.

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200 Years (More or Less) of Atoms in Chemistry. (Invited) Carmen Giunta, Le Moyne College, 1419 Salt Springs Rd., Syracuse, NY 13214-1399, Phone: (315) 445-4128, Fax: (315) 445-4540, Email: giunta@lemoyne.edu

Landmark Chemistry Books of the Twentieth Century V – Chemical Engineering. (Invited) [co-sponsors: Bolton Society; CHED] James J. Bohning, Department of Chemistry, Lehigh University, 6 E. Packer Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18015, Phone: (610) 758-3582, Fax: (610) 758-6536, Email: jjba@lehigh.edu

Leo Hendrik Baekeland and the Invention of Bakelite: 100 Years of Plastics. (**Seeking contributors**) Joe Jeffers, Ouachita Baptist University, 410 Ouachita Street, Box 3786, Arkadelphia, AR 71998-0001, Phone: (870) 245-5216, Fax: (870) 245-5241, Email: jeffers@obu.edu

News from the Chemical Heritage Foundation

The [Chemical Heritage Foundation](#) serves the community of the chemical and molecular sciences, and the wider public, by treasuring the past, educating the present, and inspiring the future. CHF is currently undergoing a major renovation of the first and second floors of the 1865 portion of its building. Scheduled to open in late summer of 2008, the new exhibits and conference center will include approximately 8,000 square feet of exhibition space. The two-story Masao Horiba Exhibit Hall will house the Arnold O. Beckman Permanent Exhibit and the Clifford C. Hach Gallery. The E. I. DuPont Conference Center will be a multi-use space with six conference rooms offering prime views of Philadelphia's historic Old City district. The conference center will accommodate up to 180 people at any given time and will be available for various meetings and events.

Thomas R. Tritton, Ph.D will become president of the Chemical Heritage Foundation effective January 1, 2008. He will be only the second president of CHF, succeeding Dr. Arnold Thackray, who founded the organization in Philadelphia 25 years ago and will continue with CHF in a new role. Tritton served as 12 th president of Haverford College from 1997-2007. "I am enormously excited to be returning to my roots as a scientist," says Dr. Tritton. "My life has been devoted to education and the CHF position offers a new way to continue that calling in directions that are both original and challenging." Tritton was selected following a worldwide search for someone with both scholarly and entrepreneurial talents, who combines a passion for the long sweep of chemistry and molecular sciences with the drive to build and sustain a successful enterprise.

Chemical Heritage Foundation has awarded the first **Roy G. Neville Prize in Bibliography and Biography** to **Robert E. Schofield** for *The Enlightenment of Joseph Priestley. A Study of his Life and Work from 1773 to 1804* (Pennsylvania State University Press: University Park, PA, 2004). Schofield, Emeritus Professor of History at Iowa State University, has spent a lifetime studying the work of Priestley and science during the Enlightenment.

Contributions from the Historical Group of the Royal Society of Chemistry

The Historical Group exists to encourage an interest in the history of chemistry and chemical industry among members of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) and others. Membership is open to non-members of the RSC and embraces a wide range from those whose interest in the history of chemistry is a hobby to teachers of chemistry at all levels and professional historians. The Group holds twice-yearly meetings when academic papers are read and discussed. Summaries of papers read at these meetings are included in the Historical Group Newsletter along with reviews of recent books in the subject and news of other meetings and forthcoming events. The Newsletter is published twice yearly. Contributions of not more than 500 words on topics of current interest in the history of chemistry are invited for inclusion at the discretion of the Editor. For more information, go to <http://www.chem.qmul.ac.uk/rschg/>. For membership forms, contact Dr. John Hudson, membership secretary, johnhudson25@hotmail.com.

From the Editor

I am indebted to all of you who have sent me items for inclusion in this issue, especially David Leaback and Alan Dronsfield, for pursuing the theme of Sir William Perkin and the discovery of mauveine, Anna Simmons for her extensive and evocative conference and meeting reports, and Peter Reed for his book review of R. W. A. Oliver and M. P. Carrier's *The Library of John Dalton*. Bill Brock was kind enough to send us two contributions for this issue. The first is a challenge: "Lost to chemistry – who was it?". The second, a thought-provoking addendum to the last issue's brief obituary of Owen Hannaway. As well as an encouragement for us all to register with the RSC, our Secretary, Bill Griffith, wrote a tribute to Charles Rees, a member of this group. Once again, I apologise for any items I may have omitted. Please send me reminders so that I can include them in next summer's Newsletter. Please send your contributions to (vquirke@brookes.ac.uk) as an attachment in Word or rich text format, or on CD Rom (post to 16 Drayton Road, Dorchester-on-Thames, OXON, OX10 7PJ). We are also pleased to accept photographs, but these need to be sent to me in hard copy form to the address above. *Viviane Quirke*

News and Updates

Over 340 years of landmark science available for first time

The complete archive of the Royal Society journals, including some of the most significant scientific papers ever published since 1665, is available electronically. The archive contains seminal research papers including accounts of Michael Faraday's groundbreaking series of electrical experiments, Isaac Newton's invention of the reflecting telescope, and the first research paper published by Stephen Hawking. The Society's online collection, which until now only extended back to 1997, contains every paper published in the Royal Society journals from the first ever peer-reviewed scientific journal, Philosophical Transactions in 1665, to the most recent addition, Interface. Professor Martin Taylor,

Vice President of the Royal Society and Chair of the Publishing Board, said: "The Royal Society archive is a unique source of information for practicing scientists, science historians and indeed anyone with an interest in history. The rich, varied and sometimes entertaining archive documents the earliest accounts of the seventeenth century's new experimental philosophy, through which an understanding of the natural world was acquired by experiment and observation. This provided the foundation of the modern scientific method." The archive provides a record of some key scientific discoveries in the last 340 years, including Halley's description of his comet in 1705, details of the double helix of DNA by James Watson and Francis Crick in 1954 and Edmond Stone's breakthrough in 1763 that willow bark cured fevers, leading to the discovery of salicylic acid and later the development of aspirin. Some of the more obscure papers explore rudimentary prototypes of modern day technology. Trials proposed by Robert Boyle in 1665 hypothesize on the possibilities of blood transfusions, pondering "Whether a fierce dog stocked with the blood of a cowardly dog may not become more tame?". A forerunner for ventilators was also discussed in a paper by Robert Hooke in 1667 entitled "An account of an experiment made by Mr. Hook [sic], of preserving animals alive by blowing through their lungs with bellows". The archive also contains more amusing experiments and observations such as the use of electrical conductors to cure muscle stiffness and a bizarre description of a "Very Odd Monstrous Calf" which illustrate the inquisitive nature of science's early pioneers. The electronic archive contains papers documenting the discovery of new planets, the first descriptions of organisms through a microscope, and the first account of photography. Early journal papers contain fascinating descriptions of how Captain James Cook preserved the health of his crew aboard the HMS Endeavour and the astonishment of 18th century Society by the performance of an eight year-old Mozart. The archive is available as part of Royal Society journal subscription packages or alternatively on a pay-per-view basis.

<http://www.pubs.royalsoc.ac.uk/index.cfm?page=1373>

Meeting and Conference Reports

History of the Food Chain: From Agriculture to Consumption and Waste

From 27-31 August 2006 the First European Chemistry Congress was held in Budapest, Hungary. As a satellite conference to this Congress, the [Working Party on the History of Chemistry](#) of the European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences and the Committee on the History of Modern Chemistry for the International Union for the History and Philosophy of Science jointly organised the "History of the Food Chain: From Agriculture to Consumption and Waste." This conference took place from 31 August to 3 September 2006 at the Museum of the History of Agricultural Machinery at Szent István University. The meeting was also in conjunction with the Hungarian Chemical Society, the Hungarian Museum for Science and Technology, the Complex Committee of History of Science and Technology of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Hungarian Museum for Chemistry and Chemical Industry. The papers broadly focused on five topics:

- History of agricultural chemistry;
- History of the veterinary aspects of food chemistry;
- The history of food and nutrition chemistry;
- History of analytical chemistry, especially relating to the control of fertilizers, food stuffs, drinking water and mineral waters, and also the role played by chemical analysis in the agricultural and food industries;
- History of environmental chemistry as related to food production and consumption.

Chemistry and Publishing

The autumn meeting of the [Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry](#) was held on 26 October 2006 in the Science Museum Lecture Theatre in London. This half-day meeting examined various aspects of chemistry and the written word from early modern times to the present. The first paper entitled “‘Arcana publicata vilescent’: Early Modern Chymistry and the Publication of Secrets” was given by Dr. Peter Forshaw of Birkbeck College, University of London. In his paper, Forshaw put forward a different perspective on the early beginnings of alchemical printing. Professor David Knight of the University of Durham then spoke about “Publishing Chemistry in the Regency”. Knight looked at *Annals of Philosophy* as a vehicle for chemistry, and compared it with the Royal Society’s *Philosophical Transactions* and the Royal Institution’s *Quarterly Journal of Science, Literature and the Arts*; taking the Regency to be a bit longer than its actual decade of the 1810s. The third paper “Chemical News in the *Chemical News*: Publishing, Property and Secrecy in Late-Nineteenth-Century Chemistry” was given by Dr. Jim Mussell, also of Birkbeck College, University of London. *Chemical News* was a long-running, relatively cheap publication which described itself on its frontispiece as “a journal of practical chemistry in all its applications to Pharmacy, Arts, and Manufactures”. This subtitle was actually retained from the journal’s predecessor, the *Chemical Gazette*, when it was launched in 1859 by William Crookes. From these beginnings, *Chemical News* ran weekly until it folded in 1932. The final paper “RSC Journals Publishing: a view from the 21st Century” was given by Dr Richard Kidd, Manager of Editorial Production Systems at the Royal Society of Chemistry. In this project over 3 tons of published material was digitised, a quantity of 250GB, and two-thirds of this material was owned by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Forthcoming Meetings

6th International Conference on History of Chemistry

This will be held in Leuven, Belgium on the subject “Neighbours and Territories: The Evolving Identity of Chemistry,” from 28 August - 1 September 2007. José Ramón Bertomeu-Sánchez and Ernst Homburg briefly described the current situation regarding the scientific programme and the arrangements being made by the local committee. The first circular has been distributed amongst WP members and further details will be available in the autumn on the website <http://www.6ichc.be/>

The Three Societies Meeting, to be held at Keble College, Oxford, on 4-6 July 2008, is a major international event, taking place once every four years and organised jointly by the [British Society for the History of Science](#), the [Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science](#), and the [History of Science Society](#). For the forthcoming call for papers, consult the BSHS website.

7th International Conference on the History of Chemistry

The International Congress on the History of Science will be held in Budapest from 26-31 July, 2009.