

## Student Scholarship Award

In 1989, the Division established the annual Student Scholarship Award to recognize chemists pursuing graduate studies in information, library, or computer science, leading to a career in chemical information. The Award consists of a certificate and a \$1,000 stipend. It is usually presented at an ACS Local Section meeting in the vicinity of the recipient's residence or school.

The recipients of this Award were:

- 1989 - **Joan M. Evans** (College of Information Studies, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA)
- 1990 - **Eric A. Johnson** (School of Information Studies, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY)
- 1991 - **Leann Hankom** (School of Library and Information Science, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA)
  - **Craig Jenkins** (Department of Library and Information Studies, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC)
- 1992 - **James J. Heinis** (School of Information and Library Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC)
  - **Robyn Stewart** (School of Library, Archival, and Information Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada)
- 1993 - **Linda Halliburton** (School of Information and Library Studies, State University of New York at Buffalo, NY)

## Special Recognitions and Grants

**Herman Skolnik** was honored at the Divisional luncheon at the 184th ACS National Meeting in Kansas City on September 14, 1982, with a plaque for over 20 years of service as Editor of the *Journal of Chemical Information and Computer Sciences*.

**Harry M. Allcock** was presented at the Divisional luncheon at the 192nd ACS National Meeting in Anaheim on September 9, 1986, with an Award recognizing his numerous and various contributions to the Division. His hospitality at the "Harry's Party" on Monday evening at every ACS National Meeting as long as one cares to remember has become a Divisional tradition and a best place to renew professional acquaintances and to meet new members of the profession.

**Matthew Hahn** and **John Leneve**, graduate students at the University of California at Santa Cruz, were awarded a grant of \$250 each to attend the 1st

International Conference on Chemical Structures in The Netherlands in 1987.

**Carlos M. Bowman** and **Gerald G. Vander Stouw** were presented at the 204th ACS National Meeting in Washington, DC, in August 1992 with Certificates of Appreciation for service and valued contributions to the Division.

## Patterson-Crane Award

The Austin M. Patterson Award was originally established in 1949 by the ACS Dayton Local Section to acknowledge meritorious contributions in the field of chemical literature, especially in the documentation of chemistry. Austin M. Patterson was the first recipient of the Award in recognition of his work as Editor of *Chemical Abstracts* (1909-1914) and his leadership in organic chemical nomenclature.

In 1975, the Award was expanded to honor E. J. Crane, who was Editor of *Chemical Abstracts* (1915-1958) and the first Director of Chemical Abstracts Service (1956-1958), and renamed the Austin M. Patterson-E. J. Crane Award. From that time, the Award has been sponsored and administered jointly by the ACS Dayton and Columbus Local Sections. According to the agreement between the two ACS Local Sections, the seven-member selection jury consists of three members of the Dayton Section, three members of the Columbus Section, and the Chairman of the ACS Division of Chemical Information (or a designated personal representative).

The Award is presented every two years and consists of a personalized commendation and a \$2,000 honorarium.

Since the Division started to participate in the selection of the Award winner, the following distinguished members of the chemical information community received the Award:

- 1977 Benjamin H. Weil
- 1979 Dale B. Baker
- 1981 W. Conard Fernelius
- 1983 Eugene Garfield
- 1985 Bruno J. Zwolinski
- 1987 Kurt L. Loening
- 1989 George E. Vladutz
- 1991 David R. Lide, Jr.
- 1993 Hideaki Chihara

Each Award winner presented an Award address at a banquet held either in Dayton or Columbus. Each made a major contribution to the documentation of chemistry or to chemical information theory or practice. Each has been an active member of the Division, as an officer, a Committee member, or a speaker on numerous occasions at the ACS National Meetings.

## 8. Social Events, 1975-1993

### Luncheons

The most enduring tradition, Divisional luncheons at the ACS National Meetings, continued throughout that period, almost always capped with a talk by a knowledgeable, interesting, and often witty speaker. Some luncheons were joint with other ACS Divisions such as Computers in Chemistry, and Chemistry and the Law. The subjects covered up-to-date information on general societal concerns, on some of the ACS activities, on new technological developments in information storage, retrieval, and distribution, and on other "hot" topics.

The luncheon speakers are listed in Table XI (page 70). They included:

- a Nobel Prize laureate (Melvin Calvin)
- a future chairman of the ACS Board of Directors (Paul V. Smith, Jr.)
- an ACS senior executive (D. H. Michael Bowen)
- the ACS Computer Secretariat founder (Rudolph J. Marcus)
- editors of the ACS journals (Thomas L. Isenhour, Benjamin J. Luberoff)
- pioneers in information processing (Carlos M. Bowman, Robert L. Chartrand, Everett H. Brenner, Peter B. Schipma, Harry M. Allcock)
- researchers and educators (William E. Hanford, Robert Fugmann, Charles H. Davis, Jack H. Stocker, Stephen Hanessian)
- government administrators (Adlene Harrison, Paul de Falco)
- a noted science historian (Pamela S. Richards)

### Receptions and Social Hours

At almost every ACS National Meeting, the Division held a reception or a social hour, usually on Tuesday afternoon. The receptions were often associated with the Herman Skolnik Award Ceremony. Those receptions were sponsored by the companies associated with the Award winner as employers, publishers, or service organizations. Other receptions were sponsored by database producers, publishers, and vendors who presented workshops and seminars at those meetings.

The sponsoring organizations were:

- BASF
- Beilstein Institute
- Chemical Abstracts Service
- Derwent Publications
- Dialog Information Services
- Hampden Data Services
- IFI/Plenum Data Corporation
- Institute for Scientific Information
- S. Karger AG
- Maxwell Online
- Merck Index
- Molecular Design Limited
- ORBIT Search Service
- Questel
- Springer-Verlag

Special celebrations to which the Division was invited were receptions commemorating:

- 75th anniversary of Chemical Abstracts Service in Kansas City on September 14, 1982
- 100th anniversary of the Merck Index in Miami Beach on September 12, 1989
- 25th anniversary of the CAS Registry System in Boston on April 24, 1990

Starting with the 195th ACS National Meeting (3rd Chemical Congress of North America) in Toronto in June 1988, the Division also held a Sunday evening reception to welcome new members, to meet old acquaintances and make new friends, to supply meeting programs and badge holders, and to provide information on the city's tourist attractions and restaurants. This has been continued through 1993.

Planned for the 206th ACS National Meeting in Chicago in August 1993 is the 50th anniversary gala celebrating the formation in 1943 of the Division's predecessor, the Chemical Literature Group. Especially honored going to be the Herman Skolnik Award winners and past Divisional chairmen.

**Table XI.  
Luncheon Speakers at the ACS National Meetings, 1975-1993**

170th	26 August 1975	Chicago	Paul V. Smith, Jr.
171st	6 April 1976	New York	C. Levinthal
172nd	31 August 1976	San Francisco	Carlos M. Bowman
173rd	22 March 1977	New Orleans	William E. Hanford
174th	30 August 1977	Chicago	Philip A. Greth
175th	14 March 1978	Anaheim	Melvin Calvin
176th	12 September 1978	Miami Beach	Robert Fugmann (panel moderator)
178th	13 September 1979	Washington	Robert L. Chartrand
179th	25 March 1980	Houston	Adlene Harrison
180th	25 August 1980	Las Vegas	Howard M. Peters (Subdivision)
	28 August 1980	Las Vegas	Paul de Falco, Jr.
181st	31 March 1981	Atlanta	D. H. Michael Bowen
182nd	24 August 1981	New York	Walter E. Buting (Subdivision)
	25 August 1981	New York	Everett H. Brenner
183rd	30 March 1982	Las Vegas	Einar Stefferud
184th	13 September 1982	Kansas City	J. Franke (Subdivision)
	14 September 1982	Kansas City	Peter B. Schipma
185th	22 March 1983	Seattle	Thomas L. Isenhour
186th	30 August 1983	Washington, DC	Jon A. Baumgarten
187th	10 April 1984	St. Louis	Charles H. Davis
188th	28 August 1984	Philadelphia	(Roundtable topical discussions)
189th	30 April 1985	Miami Beach	Rudolph J. Marcus
190th	10 September 1985	Chicago	Joseph P. Bremner
191st	15 April 1986	New York	Pamela S. Richards
192nd	9 September 1986	Anaheim	Harry M. Allcock
193rd	7 April 1987	Denver	Orville L. Chapman
194th	1 September 1987	New Orleans	Jack H. Stocker
195th	7 June 1988	Toronto, Canada	Stephen Hanessian
196th	27 September 1988	Los Angeles	Rudolph J. Marcus
197th	11 April 1989	Dallas	(Awards Luncheon)
199th	24 April 1990	Boston	Ching-Chih Chen
200th	28 August 1990	Washington, DC	Charles W. Harper
201st	16 April 1991	Atlanta	Howard W. Ory
202nd	27 August 1991	New York	Dauida Sharf
203rd	6 April 1992	San Francisco	Giuliana Lavendel
204th	25 August 1992	Washington, DC	Benjamin J. Luberoff
205th	30 March 1993	Denver	Martha Whittaker

### Tours and Excursions

Special events which the Division organized or was invited to were tours and excursions, most with buffet dinners or receptions, at the ACS National Meetings such as:

- Moonlight cruise on a catamaran boat along Waikiki Beach in Honolulu on April 3, 1979
- Engineering Societies Libraries tour in New York on August 26, 1981
- Chateau St. Michel Winery tour near Seattle on March 22, 1983
- Library of Congress reception in Washington, DC, on August 30, 1983
- Anheuser-Busch Brewery tour in St. Louis on April 10, 1984
- Boat cruise on Delaware river in Philadelphia on August 27, 1984 (courtesy of the Institute for Scientific Information)

- Walking tour of the Philadelphia Historical Area on August 28, 1984 (courtesy of the Chemical Information Topical Groups of the ACS Philadelphia and Delaware Local Sections)
- Getty Conservation Institute tour in Marina del Rey, CA, on September 8, 1986 (courtesy of the Institute)
- Boat cruise with music and dance on Mississippi river in New Orleans on August 31, 1987 (courtesy of the Institute for Scientific Information)
- Exploratorium Science Museum tour in San Francisco on April 7, 1992 (courtesy of Dialog Information Services)

### Executive Committee Dinners

The Executive Committee has usually been meeting twice a year at the ACS National Meeting on a Sunday preceding the week of technical sessions.

For many years, the Committee members, together with other Committees' chairmen, enjoyed a leisure dinner on Sunday nights in local restaurants. Some of them are still remembered for their decorum (The Forge in Miami Beach in 1985) or elegance (Brennan's in New Orleans in 1987). On the other hand, the dinner at Bookbinders in Philadelphia in 1984 is better to be forgotten by some participants.

Often enough a discussion continued at the table on a topic not quite wrapped up at an earlier formal session. Primarily, however, this social event helped the members to get to know each other better and to cement the working relationships which helped considerably in cooperating on Divisional matters for years to come.

Since 1975, these dinners were subsidized by the Division. Some Executive Committee members questioned, however, whether the expense was justified since only a relatively few members directly benefited. In 1986 the subsidy became partial and in 1987 the arrangement for dinner payment went "Dutch". The last well-attended dinner took place at the June 1988 meeting in Toronto and is remembered by the participants for the restaurant making an error in addition and presenting a bill with at least twice the amount owed.

The demise of these dinners was primarily caused by the lack of time. In 1988 the Division introduced another regular social event, a Sunday night reception which has become a welcome feature and a good place to meet old and make new friends. The ACS on Monday nights has now another combined technical/

social function, SCI-MIX, where posters are presented and in which the Division regularly participates. And, at most ACS National Meetings, the Divisional Tuesday night reception is also held, which is specially popular when it follows the Herman Skolnik Award Symposium.

### Harry's Party

Harry's Party has been hosted by Harry M. Allcock (IFI/Plenum Data Corporation) at every ACS National Meeting since the early 1960's. While "unofficial", it has become a Divisional tradition to which every attendee looks forward on Monday evening.

Every party is well attended and is always considered as the best place to renew old acquaintances, to make new friends, and to exchange most-up-to-date information, especially on newest trends in information processing as well as who manages whom and what. The best remembered party was the one in the Caesars Palace in Las Vegas on August 25, 1980, when Harry and his associates served drinks standing in a huge decorative bathtub.

### 9. Financial Aspects, 1975-1993

The main sources of Divisional revenues continued to be:

- Divisional dues
- allotment from the ACS, based on membership and attendance at the ACS National Meetings
- fees for advertisements in the *Chemical Information Bulletin*
- interest and dividends on investments
- royalties from the ACS-published symposia proceedings

In 1979, the dues were increased to \$3 for a full member and \$4 for an affiliate. The income from dues in the early 1980's averaged \$3,000 per year.

In later years, the dues were as follows:

1983-1984	\$3 and \$4 for a member and an affiliate, respectively
1985	\$3 and \$5
1986-1993	\$4 and \$7

With the membership approaching and exceeding 1,400 in the late 1980's and early 1990's, the income from dues averaged \$5,300 per year.

From the ACS Program Development Fund, started in 1975, a steady regular income developed in the following years. Since 1978, the ACS apportioned the fund on the basis of Divisional membership, attendance at the Divisional sessions at the ACS National Meetings, and the stated preference for Divisional programs as noted on the meeting registration form. This ACS allotment brought the Division an average \$3,800 per year in the early 1980's and increased to \$4,500-\$5,000 in more recent years.

A couple of detailed examples show how the allotment was calculated:

	<u>for 1980</u>	<u>for 1985</u>
Membership at \$1 per member	865.00	1,141.00
Base fee	500.00	500.00
For Spring Meeting	802.86	1,816.96
For Fall Meeting	<u>1,002.40</u>	<u>1,744.97</u>
total	<u>3,170.26</u>	<u>5,202.93</u>

In 1991, the ACS Council approved a change in the formula for the allocation of ACS funds to the Divisions, as recommended by the Committee on Divisional Activities. The new formula is based on a different percentage ratio of allocation for orally presented papers *versus* displayed poster papers, and for attendance at regular sessions *versus* attendance at the Exposition. It follows from all the sample calculations that this Division, unlike some other ACS Divisions, will not experience much change in this source of income.

In 1977, the revenue from advertisements in the *Chemical Information Bulletin* increased significantly. In the early 1980's, it amounted, along with institutional subscriptions to the Bulletin, to some \$1,800 per year. Under the management of Ruthann Bates (1986-1987) and Ronald R. Dueltgen (1989-1991) it rose to an average of \$6,800 per year in the late 1980's and early 1990's.

The last significant and steady source of revenue was interest on investment. As the Divisional assets grew in the late 1970's, \$5,000 were invested in a saving certificate and another \$2,500 in a saving account. In 1979, \$13,000 was reinvested in money market certificates. Renewed and increased investments brought \$2,500 per year in interest in the early 1980's. In 1981, a money market certificate earned as much as 16.4% annual interest.

How to invest the Divisional assets has been the subject of many discussions. Counsel of experts was sought on occasions. With increasing Divisional assets and decreasing rates of interest for regular saving certificates and saving accounts, the Executive Committee in the early 1990's started to look into ways of improving return on investment. At the 204th ACS National Meeting in Washington, DC, in August 1992, the Committee heard a presentation by Ross M. Wilson from the ACS Office of the Treasurer on how the ACS invested its assets. In December 1992, the Division invested a portion of its assets in the ACS Investment Pool.

Typical expenses over the years were:

- publication of the *Chemical Information Bulletin* (and also, more recently, of *CINF News*)
- support of special meetings and symposia such as PAC CHEM Congress and Tri-Society Symposia
- support of technical sessions and demonstrations at the ACS National Meetings (this started in earnest in the mid-1980's)
- membership promotion such as printing and distributing Divisional brochures
- subsidy of social events
- administrative costs such as printing and mailing ballot forms
- educational activities, especially the production of a videotape in 1981-1983 (while a total cost was \$17,269, some \$6,300 was recovered through sales and rentals)
- support of special activities such as those of the Subdivision of Chemistry and the Law, the ACS Secretariats, and the ACS Divisional Officers Group (DOG)
- Divisional awards (honoraria and costs associated with award administration)
- special recognitions (luncheon speaker's gift, past-chairman's pin)

In 1986, the Division opened the Herman Skolnik Award Fund with a transfer of \$2,500 from the Divisional treasury. A donation for the Award Fund was received in the form of stock which on sale realized a profit of \$7,916. Over the years, annually \$2,500 or \$5,000 were transferred to the Fund. With the accrued interest the Fund had a total of \$29,027 by the end of 1992.

Originally, the Award Fund was specifically destined to be the source of regular annual interest to support the Herman Skolnik Award when it becomes the ACS National Award. When the Division decided not to go in that direction, but to keep the Herman Skolnik Award under its wing and jurisdiction, the Fund became an overall Award Fund for all Divisional awards, including the Student Scholarship Award and any future monetary awards the Division might establish.

In the 1980's the Divisional total assets grew at a much higher rate than during the preceding decades. By the end of 1982, Jean G. Marcali, the 1982 Divisional Chairman (who was the Treasurer for 1976-1980) reported total assets at \$29,180. By the end of 1991, the total assets were at a record high of \$70,162, even after the Division made unbudgeted contributions such as:

- \$2,000 for the continuing development of the Standard Molecular Data (SMD) Format, then under review by a subcommittee of the ASTM Committee E-49 on Computerization of Material and Chemical Property Data
- \$1,000 to the Chemical Structure Association Trust established to promote internationally the education of information scientists and information specialists
- \$300 to the ACS Campaign for Chemistry

The 1992 expenses and the 1993 projected expenses exceeded the income and the total assets were accordingly reduced. The Executive Committee, however, felt that the Division should support technical sessions and educational activities to the fullest extent possible.

To look into new ways of adding to the Divisional treasury and to be able to financially support some additional activities, the Executive Committee established for 1993 the Fundraising Committee (Louis P. Torre, chairman).