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Update to the Committee of Visitors (COV) report

NSF policy now requires annual updates on how the Division of Chemistry has responded to the recommendations in its most recent Committee of Visitors (COV) report. The report and initial response (2004) may be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/od/oa/activities/cov/covs.jsp#mps>. The January 2005 update can be found at http://www.nsf.gov/mps/advisory/responses_cov/che-actions-01-31-05-04-COV-report.pdf. The Division welcomes additional feedback from its community, which may be sent to chemplans@nsf.gov.

Reception and town meeting at the ACS National Meeting in San Diego

We invite you to meet and speak with NSF staff members and Mathematical and Physical Sciences Advisory Committee (MPSAC) members at a reception and town meeting to be held at the upcoming ACS National Meeting in San Diego. On Monday, March 14, 2005, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the San Diego Convention Center, Room 30 D/E, the following NSF staff members and MPSAC members will be available to meet with you informally: Shenda Baker, Don Burland, Ron Christensen, Luis Echegoyen, Art Ellis, Rich Foust, Joan Frye, Jean Futrell, Mostafa El-Sayed, Janice Hicks, Susan Hixson, George Janini, Raima Larter, Carl Lineberger, Lee Magid, Ty Mitchell, Kathy Parson, George Rubottom, and Frank Wodarczyk.

A town meeting will be held from noon until 1:00 p.m. as part of the reception. This is an excellent opportunity to share information and perspectives on developments in the chemistry community and at NSF.

As part of the event, a continuous slide show of research "nuggets" provided by our principal investigators will be presented. Our website now includes nuggets submitted by principal investigators:

<http://www.nsf.gov/mps/che/nuggets/nuggets.jsp>.

We will also preview an upcoming national on-line poster session of undergraduate research supported through the Division's REU program.

Refreshments will be available at the reception.

Workshop reports

The Division of Chemistry supported community workshops to explore opportunities associated with: Terahertz science (organizers Mark Sherwood, Phil Bucksbaum, and Charles Schmuttenmaer; co-supported by DOE and NIH); and Models of Thought Processes (organizer Irving Epstein; co-supported by four NSF directorates). Reports for these two workshops may be found at

<http://www.sc.doe.gov/bes/reports/list.html> and <http://hopf.chem.brandeis.edu/thoughtworkshop.html>.

The Division will be exploring with the community initiatives in cyber-enabled chemistry. A workshop to help define cyber-related research and education opportunities was held (co-organizers Mark Gordon and Teresa Head-Gordon; co-supported by the Division of Shared Cyberinfrastructure). The workshop report is posted at http://bioeng.berkeley.edu/faculty/cyber_workshop/.

welcome qualified reviewers from academic, industrial, and government employment, as well as from other countries. It is important to recognize that the National Science Foundation reserves the right to choose reviewers. While we are unable to assure individuals that they will be asked to review proposals, we do attempt to call upon as many qualified reviewers as possible, and we try to limit the number of requests that we make to any single individual, recognizing the many demands our reviewers have on their time.

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