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1. **NOMINATIONS ARE SOUGHT FOR THE 2008 ELECTION**

In the Fall 2008 DIC election, which will be held in October-November 2008, the following offices will be filled:

- CHAIR-ELECT
- CHAIR-ELECT, BIOINORGANIC SUBDIVISION
- CHAIR-ELECT, NANOSCIENCE SUBDIVISION
- CHAIR-ELECT, ORGANOMETALLIC SUBDIVISION
- CHAIR-ELECT, SOLID STATE SUBDIVISION
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER AT LARGE (2)
- COUNCILOR (1)
- ALTERNATE COUNCILOR (1)

The Nominations Committee of the Division seeks suggestions for suitable candidates for the above positions. Please forward your suggestions to Susan Kauzlarich, Chair-Elect, DIC Nominations Committee, smkauzlarich@ucdavis.edu.

2. **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR – Kristin Bowman-James**

Greetings Division members!

Once again we look forward to a year of activities in the Division, with a number of exciting symposia on topics in the forefront of inorganic chemistry. It is a pleasure to work with the newly elected officers of the Division and especially to witness the enthusiastic ideas of both officers and Division members, who have e-mailed their ideas and plans for potential symposia.

The meeting in New Orleans was an exceptionally well-orchestrated meeting, with a number of very high profile symposia. The Program Organizers, Bernadette Donovan-Merkert and Debbie Crans, are to be congratulated for their excellent handling of all of the talks and symposia at our meetings. Donna Nelson has also been of assistance recently with assisting in scheduling talks that fit into the nanoscience niche. You will possibly also be pleased to know that for the upcoming ACS meeting in Philly, Bernadette has been successful in arranging for no Thursday afternoon sessions! Along that vein, remember, if you are willing to organize a symposium that is held later in the week, you are eligible for a higher contribution from the Division. Current DIC funding is at \$2,000 per half-day session with a maximum of \$8,000 for four half-days. For organizers willing to hold symposia on Wednesday and Thursday, the DIC contribution is \$2,500 per session, with a limit of \$10,000.

This Spring we also experimented with a new procedure for awards nominations. The two new Awards Committee Czars, François Gabbai from Texas A&M University and Raymond E. Schaak from Penn State University, did an outstanding job in organizing the new procedures for submission of nominations on the web. The new format worked quite efficiently. We hope to streamline other aspects of the Division in the near future using similar mechanisms, for example, submission of symposia proposals.

In conclusion, it is an honor to have the opportunity to serve the Division as Chair this year. We have an excellent group of officers and I foresee a number of new initiatives coming down the pike.

3. **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR-ELECT – Susan Kauzlarich**

It is an honor to serve in the position of chair-elect for the Division and I look forward to a productive year getting to know the responsibilities of this position and working with the chair, Kristin Bowman-James. I plan to continue the spirit of inclusiveness and work with the other Division to put on cross-cutting symposia. Additionally, I plan to continue many of the innovative processes such as the

awards committee to oversee the awards such as student travel and the Young Investigator awards. I encourage all of you to consider other ways that the Division can help support, encourage, and facilitate young scientists in their career paths.

I strongly encourage you to propose a symposia, along with organizers, that might work well in the context of the larger ACS meeting (see email and form (15)). Topics that lend themselves to either small (1.5 day) or large (more than 2 days) symposia or topics that you would like to see in a cross-cutting symposia with other Divisions. Please forward your suggestions for any topics that you feel are important for the Division, for proposals and possible organizers for symposia, and candidates for the next election process for the Division Executive committee. I look forward to serving you during the next two years.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY – Mike Scott

Members and nonmembers may find information and news from the Division of Inorganic Chemistry at the DIC website (<http://www.acsdic.wustl.edu/>). On July 7th 2008, the website will be updated and moved to a new server (<http://www.ascdic.org>). The change will be announced by email. We have recently posted a new membership form for the convenience of those wishing to join the DIC. The first year of membership is free!

Email is the primary means by which the DIC corresponds with its members. Thus, members are encouraged to maintain current e-mail addresses in their ACS profiles. These profiles are used to generate the regularly updated email lists that the Secretary receives from the ACS. Members may view and edit their ACS profiles by logging in at www.chemistry.org. Current division and subdivision memberships may also be confirmed in the member's profile at this site. The DIC email list is confidential, and is used only to convey DIC news, announce DIC elections, and to inform members of upcoming meetings, and award and funding opportunities. This email list will never be provided to third parties, such as commercial advertisers.

DIC members may belong to one or more DIC subdivisions (at no additional cost). **One must be a subdivision member to vote in subdivision elections.** Subdivision membership can be changed or specified by calling the ACS at 800-333-9511, or by emailing the ACS at service@acs.org, with a request that the appropriate subdivision code(s) be added to one's membership record. All such requests must be accompanied by a membership number. The codes for the subdivisions are:

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| Bioinorganic | I17 |
| Nanoscience | J17 |
| Organometallic | H17 |
| Solid State and Materials | G17 |

Finally, the blue books of meeting abstracts are no longer mailed. Instead, DIC members may obtain meeting abstracts by logging in at www.chemistry.org, and following the "Inorganic Chemistry" and then "Abstract Separates" links near the middle of the corresponding webpages. **To ensure members access to the abstracts, the Secretary now emails to each DIC member a URL address where the abstracts may be downloaded, approximately two weeks before each national meeting, if they are available.**

5. MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER – Mary Neu

The Division of Inorganic Chemistry remains in strong financial health. The ACS DIC allocation income from membership dues for 2007 was \$84,335. In addition, the expenditures were average, which resulted in a surplus of \$437,000 as of March 31, 2008. Several obligations associated with the fall conference were not encumbered and will lower the actual surplus by approximately \$50,000.

6. NEWS FROM THE SOLID STATE SUBDIVISION – Julia Chan

Several upcoming conferences will have major sessions dedicated to inorganic materials chemistry that will be of interest to members. They are listed in Section 14, Meetings and Symposia

7. NEWS FROM THE NANOSCIENCE SUBDIVISION – Catherine Murphy

The Nanoscience Subdivision, inspired by the Solid State Subdivision and by the Division of Organic Chemistry (which has a lot more opportunities for national recognition of its members than we do!), has established a new award: the “Inorganic Nanoscience Award,” sponsored by the University of South Carolina NanoCenter and administered by the ACS Division of Inorganic Chemistry. This award was created to honor excellence and encourage perseverance at the intersection of inorganic chemistry and nanotechnology. We intend that this award be given annually, with a preference for mid-career candidates (to fill the gap between early career awards and the major senior awards of the DIC). Nominations will be solicited from the DIC each year, and nominees (including self-nominees) should submit a curriculum vitae, list of publications, and a short statement that highlights the research discoveries that they have made that merit a national award in the area of inorganic nanoscience. Three letters of support from colleagues (only one of which can be from the nominee’s home institution) should be submitted to the DIC Nanoscience Chair. Deadlines will be early in the spring so check the DIC website, and check your email for announcements from the DIC Secretary. Nominees must be based at a North American institution but need not be members of the DIC. The award consists of \$3000 and a plaque, to be presented at the Fall National ACS meeting. The inaugural award winner is Chad Mirkin, George B. Rathmann Professor of Chemistry, Professor of Medicine, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering and Director of the International Institute for Nanotechnology at Northwestern University (see item 11 below). Congratulations Chad!

8. NEWS FROM THE ORGANOMETALLIC SUBDIVISION – Seth Brown

There are a number of meetings in the field of organometallic chemistry in the summer and fall of 2008 and they are listed in Section 14, Meetings and Symposia

9. MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIRS – Debbie Crans & Bernadette Donovan-Merkert

The technical program for the upcoming Fall 2008 ACS meeting in Philadelphia will be available on the ACS website on June 30, 2008. The Spring 2009 ACS National Meeting will be held March 22-26, 2009 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Abstracts for this meeting will be due soon after the Philadelphia meeting.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR – Zi-Ling (Ben) Xue

Membership in the Division of Inorganic Chemistry (DIC) continues to increase. At the Fall 2007 ACS National Meeting in Boston, we were pleased to see many undergraduate and graduate students giving presentations as DIC members or affiliate members. They are the future of ACS and the Division!

I would like to remind you to encourage colleagues and students to join DIC. Inorganic chemists who are not ACS members may become DIC affiliate members. The first year of membership is free for everyone, and one may belong to one or more DIC subdivisions (at no additional cost). Membership in a subdivision is required to vote in subdivision elections and applicants for the DIC student travel awards are also required to be DIC members. We have posted the membership forms on the DIC website (<http://www.acsdic.wustl.edu/>), and it is easy to add DIC membership to a current ACS membership. If the person is registering to be an ACS member for the first time, he/she can join the Division by signing on the ACS membership form.

11. CONGRATULATIONS TO DIC AWARD WINNERS

The Division of Inorganic Chemistry is pleased to acknowledge the following inorganic chemists who will be receiving DIC awards in Philadelphia:

2008 Inorganic Nanoscience Award

Chad Mirkin of Northwestern University has won the 2008 Inorganic Nanoscience Award, sponsored by the University of South Carolina NanoCenter. This is a new award to honor excellent research in the area of inorganic nanoscience.

Mirkin received his undergraduate training at Dickinson College (B.S., 1986) and his graduate training at the Pennsylvania State University where he completed his Ph.D. in chemistry in 1989. That same year he moved to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow. Mirkin joined the faculty at Northwestern University in 1991 as an Assistant Professor in Chemistry. In 1997 he was named Charles E. and Emma H. Morrison Professor of Chemistry. His current positions are the George B. Rathmann Professor of Chemistry, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Professor of Medicine, and Director of the NU International Institute for Nanotechnology.

Mirkin is being honored for his wide-ranging and innovative research program that includes the use of biological molecules to organize inorganic nanoparticles, and its scientific “inverse” – the use of inorganic nanoparticles to detect biological molecules; methods to make gold and silver nanostructures of well-defined shapes; the development of two new types of lithography, dip-pen and on-wire; and advances in supramolecular inorganic chemistry using a “weak link” approach. Mirkin’s nominators call him “a force of nature” and “the most cited inorganic chemist in the last 10 years.” Mirkin will receive the award, which consists of a plaque and \$3000, at the Philadelphia ACS meeting in August 2008. A half-day symposium in his honor is arranged for Tuesday morning, August 19, 2008; besides Chad himself, Mark Ratner (Northwestern University), Ken Raymond (UC-Berkeley), Mostafa El-Sayed (Georgia Tech), David Ginger (University of Washington) and So-Jung Park (University of Pennsylvania) are scheduled to deliver talks.

2008 ExxonMobil Solid State Chemistry Faculty Fellowship

Song Jin, an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will receive the 2008 ExxonMobil Solid State Chemistry Faculty Fellowship at the ACS national meeting in Philadelphia in August 2008. The award, administered by the ACS Division of Inorganic Chemistry and made possible by generous support from the ExxonMobil Foundation, recognizes significant contributions to solid state chemistry by an untenured faculty member at a U.S. institution.

Jin received a B.Sc. degree in Chemistry from Peking University in China and a Ph.D. in Materials and Physical Chemistry from Cornell University in 2002 under the direction of Prof. Francis J. DiSalvo. After postdoctoral fellowship with Prof. Charles M. Lieber at Harvard University, Jin started his academic career as an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2004.

Jin’s research integrates synthetic solid-state chemistry with nanoscience and nanotechnology to advance the chemical synthesis, fundamental understanding, and technological applications of novel nanoscale solid-state materials. Jin and his coworkers have developed general chemical synthesis of intermetallic silicide nanowires and have discovered a new catalyst-free nanowire formation mechanism that is driven by screw dislocation. This growth process represents a new powerful mechanism to approach the growth of many one-dimensional nanomaterials. The Jin group studies the synthesis and

physical properties of magnetic semiconducting nanomaterials for spintronics applications, and semiconducting nanomaterials important for photovoltaic and thermoelectric energy conversion. Colleagues describe Jin as original, creative and high-impact. A symposium in honor of Jin's award will take place at the Fall 2008 ACS national meeting in Philadelphia and feature talks by Jin, Charles Lieber (Harvard), Julia Chan (Louisiana State University), Raymond Schaak (Pennsylvania State University), Thomas E. Mallouk (Pennsylvania State University), and Christopher Murray (University of Pennsylvania).

12. DIC STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD WINNERS - NEW ORLEANS, SPRING 2008

| Student | Institution | Advisor |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Pascal Binda</i> | University of North Dakota | Prof. Ewan Delbridge |
| <i>Julie Boyer</i> | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | Prof. Thomas B. Rauchfuss |
| <i>Kimberly Brien</i> | Texas Christian University | Prof. Tracy Hanna |
| <i>James Camara</i> | Columbia University | Prof. Jack Norton |
| <i>Shawn Fitch</i> | Texas A&M | Prof. Donald J. Darensbourg |
| <i>Sergio Garibay</i> | University of California, San Diego | Prof. Seth M. Cohen |
| <i>Charles Hall</i> | Roger Williams University | Prof. Clifford Murphy |
| <i>Matthew Hertel</i> | University of Toledo | Prof. Joe Schmidt |
| <i>Jennifer Hess</i> | Texas A&M | Prof. Marcetta Y. Darensbourg |
| <i>Matthew Hilfiger</i> | Texas A&M | Prof. Kim R. Dunbar |
| <i>Linda Kaufmann</i> | Goethe-University, Frankfurt | Prof. Matthias Wagner |
| <i>Donald Kavanagh</i> | Coastal Carolina University | Prof. John A. Goodwin |
| <i>Cameron Lippert</i> | Georgia Institute of Technology | Prof. Jake D. Soper |
| <i>Benjamin Lund</i> | University of Texas at Dallas | Prof. John W. Sibert |
| <i>Bryn Lutes</i> | Washington University, Saint Louis | Prof. John R. Bleeke |
| <i>Teresa Helgeson-Mendoza</i> | California State University, Fresno | Prof. Melissa Golden |
| <i>Michael Nippe</i> | University of Wisconsin, Madison | Prof. John F. Berry |
| <i>Molly Ohagan</i> | University of Delaware | Prof. Charles Riordan |
| <i>Claire Parker Siburt</i> | Duke University | Prof. Alvin L. Crumbliss |
| <i>Gregory Soja</i> | University of Buffalo | Prof. David Watson |
| <i>Calden Stimpson</i> | University of Oregon | Prof. Darren Johnson |
| <i>Kathryn Taylor</i> | University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill | Prof. Wenbin Lin |
| <i>Kalyan Vasudevan</i> | University of Texas at Austin | Prof. Alan H. Cowley |
| <i>Dong Wang</i> | University of Minnesota | Prof. Lawrence Que |
| <i>Yoshitha Wanniarachchi</i> | Oklahoma State University | Prof. Leigh Slaughter |
| <i>Curtis Wray</i> | University of Nebraska, Lincoln | Prof. Wonyoung Choe |

DIC has 20 Travel Awards of \$400 each to award for each meeting. Please encourage students to apply! The deadlines are Jan. 15th for the Spring ACS National Meeting and June 20th for the Fall ACS National Meeting each year.

13. 2008 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR SYMPOSIUM

This DIC symposium honors talented young inorganic chemists, and provides a high-profile forum for them to present their research results. The fourth Young Investigator Symposium will be held on Sunday afternoon of the Fall 2008 ACS meeting in Philadelphia. The 8 speakers listed below

will each give a 30-minute presentation. The DIC will provide a \$1000 honorarium for each speaker and a plaque to commemorate her/his participation in the event.

| Young Investigator | Institution | Current Advisor |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Tülay Ateşin</i> | University of Wisconsin, Madison | Prof. Shannon S. Stahl |
| <i>Ludovico Cademartiri</i> | University of Toronto | Prof. Geoffrey Ozin |
| <i>Ching-Wen Chiu</i> | Texas A&M | Prof. François P. Gabbaï |
| <i>Vincent Lavallo</i> | University of California, Riverside | Prof. Guy Bertrand |
| <i>Shengqian Ma</i> | Miami University, Ohio | Prof. Hong-Cai Zhou |
| <i>Wayne Ouellette</i> | Syracuse University | Prof. Jon Zubieta |
| <i>Michael Pluth</i> | University of California, Berkeley | Prof. Kenneth N. Raymond |
| <i>Gregory Welch</i> | University of Toronto | Prof. Douglas W. Stephan |

14. MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIA

ACS - INORGANIC SYMPOSIA

Fall 2008 – Philadelphia, PA

- (1) *Activation of Dinitrogen: Past, Present & Future* [Paul Chirik].
- (2) *Frontiers in Metal Dithiolene Chemistry* [S. J. Burgmayer and P. Basu]
- (3) *Fullerene Fragments & Carbon Nanotubes: Designed Synthesis, Unusual Reactions & Coordination Chemistry* [M. A. Petrukhina and L. T. Scott]
- (4) *Guilty Pleasures: The Joys of Metal Complexes of Noninnocent, Redox-Active Ligands* [A. F. Heyduk and S. N. Brown]
- (5) *Pyrrolic Ligands: Synthesis, Coordination & Anion Recognition Chemistry* [C Brückner and S. M. Cohen]

Other Future Meetings of Interest to Inorganic Chemists

Gordon-Kenan Graduate Seminar on Organometallic Chemistry

July 5 – 6, 2008

Salve Regina University

Newport, RI

Chairs: Daniela Buccella & Victoria K. Landry

Conference Website: http://www.grc.org/programs.aspx?year=2008&program=grad_orgmt

Organometallic Chemistry Gordon Research Conference

July 6-11, 2008

Salve Regina University

Newport, RI

Chair: Alan S. Goldman

Conference Website: <http://www.grc.org/programs.aspx?year=2008&program=orgmet>

Inorganic Chemistry Gordon Research Conference
July 13-18, 2008
Salve Regina University
Newport, RI
Chair: Kim A. Johnson
Conference Website: www.grc.org/programs/2008/inorchem.htm

Solid State Chemistry Gordon Research Conference
July 27-August 1, 2008
Colby-Sawyer College
New London, NH
Chair: Mercuri G. Kanatzidis
Conference Website: <http://www.grc.org/programs.aspx?year=2008&program=sschem1>

25th Rare Earth Research Conference (RERC08)
June 22-27, 2008, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
<http://bama.ua.edu/~rdrogers/RERC08/>

International Union of Crystallography (IUCr)
21st General Assembly and Congress August 23 – 31, 2008, Osaka, Japan
<http://www.iucr2008.jp/>

Materials Research Society
December 1 - 5 Boston, MA
http://www.mrs.org/s_mrs/sec.asp?CID=6688&DID=174641
Abstract deadline: June 24, 2008

Dalton Discussions 11: The Renaissance of Main Group Chemistry
June 23-25, 2008, University of California, Berkeley, CA
<http://www.rsc.org/ConferencesAndEvents/RSCConferences/DD11/index.asp>

Fourth International Symposium on Bioorganometallic Chemistry
ISBOMC'08, July 6-10, 2008, University of Montana
http://www.umt.edu/chemistry/ISBOMC08_000.htm

16th International Symposium on Homogeneous Catalysis
ISHC XVI, July 6-11, 2008, Florence, Italy
<http://www.ishc16.it/>

23d International Conference on Organometallic Chemistry
ICOMC2008, July 13-18, 2008, University of Rennes
<http://icomc23.univ-rennes1.fr/>

15. SYMPOSIUM TOPICS

I would like to suggest the following symposium topic(s) (and organizers) for Symposia in the Division of Inorganic Chemistry for ACS National Meetings in the year 2010.

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Organizer (please print):

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Fall or Spring Meeting 2010:

Email your suggestions to Susan Kauzlarich at dicsymposia@acsdic.org

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