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Triennium Convention 2002 Celebrating 100 Years of Excellence in Chemistry! June 12-16, 2002, Berkeley, CA

The Anticipation

Donna Nelson
National Vice-President

The 27th Triennial Convention will be a most exciting meeting; it will be a celebration of a century of Iota Sigma Pi! The meeting will combine perspectives of past and future; talks and posters sharing the rich and interesting history of Iota Sigma Pi, member research, and current women's issues.

The convention will be held June 12 - 15, 2002, in Berkeley, CA, the home of the first chapter of Iota Sigma Pi, Hydrogen. The designated hotel will be the historic and beautiful Durant Hotel (2600 Durant Ave.), which is within two blocks of the campus of the University of California at Berkeley. Meetings will be held at the hotel and on the University campus.

Dr. Debra Rolison of the Naval Research Lab will be one featured speaker. She has been a major force in the recent female chemists movement. This month, she became the first National Academy Fellow to receive this honor (in part) "for vigorous leadership in advancing women in the chemical sciences." You will want to attend our Triennial Convention so you can hear her novel ideas and experience her direct approach firsthand. She is an excellent role model and an inspiration for us all.

Tours of fascinating chemical industries and labs in the vicinity are now being arranged. And, of course, group dinners at excellent local restaurants, which will enable valuable networking, have been organized. Start thinking now about presenting a research poster or a poster

describing your chapter activities or history. Chapters will need to select a delegate to send to the meeting and submit an annual report by May 1 so that it can be analyzed along with the reports of the other chapters; a Triennial Award will be given to the chapter demonstrating the most outstanding activities.

Full details of the convention will be given in the next issue of *The Iotan*. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Convention

Susan Marine
National President

Every three years Iota Sigma Pi holds a national meeting to convene all chapters and conduct national business. Elected delegates represent their chapters: each chapter sends one delegate, chapters with more than 75 members send two delegates, and Members-at-Large send four delegates. National Council covers most expenses for delegates, the national council members, and others invited by the national council (e.g. awardees). Chapters may choose to send alternate delegates as well (covered by chapter funds). In addition, all Iotans are invited and encouraged to attend on their own for part or all of the convention.

The major function of the convention is to conduct business on a national level. We review what each chapter has accomplished in the past three years, thus measuring the health of our organization. Current issues are defined and discussed, and a plan of action is agreed upon. Policy

changes are discussed on a national level and brought to a vote. Delegates are assigned to committees to address awards, budget and finance, chapter programs, communications, publications, publicity, chemistry awareness, long-range planning, Members-at-Large, and outreach efforts. Goals, suggestions, and action items are set by the committees for the next three years. Another important item of business is the election of National Council members for the next triennium.

Although the schedule is tight and full of business agenda, the convention includes social events and plenty of opportunity to network, make new friends, share, and grow. National award winners will address us at our banquets for Friday dinner and Saturday lunch and in a special Saturday celebration.

Hydrogen chapter is hosting the 2002 convention in Berkeley, California. We begin the convention with a poster session and reception sponsored by the Hydrogen chapter on Wednesday evening. The poster session will feature activities and programs of active chapters and the national council during the past three years. All Thursday and Friday morning are packed with business.

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The Centennial Celebration

Susan Marine
National President

We acknowledge the excellent contributions of women to the field of chemistry during the past 100 years, acknowledge current excellence, and look forward during our celebration. Since the San Francisco Bay area is a thriving center of biotechnology and Berkeley is a center of scientific excellence, we will have the opportunity to tour local industries, research labs, or the University of California, Berkeley on Friday afternoon. On Friday evening, a banquet will honor the 2002 National Honor Member, the 2002 Professional Excellence Award winner, and our three triennial Agnes Fay Morgan award winners.

The celebration will continue on Saturday June 15 with a poster session of research and professional activities by Iotans, oral research presentations by the award winners, a panel discussion on overcoming obstacles, and several speakers on the history of Iota Sigma Pi. A commemorative plaque will be presented to Hydrogen Chapter and University of California Berkeley. A banquet is scheduled for noon. Dinner will be held at various local restaurants to sample the wide variety of local cuisine.

An unscheduled Sunday of celebration includes the chance to tour wine country, take a train ride, tour San Francisco, cruise the bay, or visit Chinatown, the Exploratorium, the Wharf, or Embarcadero Center.

Join us in Berkeley to celebrate with other $\Sigma\Pi$ chapters, to conduct national business, to make new friends, to network, to share fun, and to grow together.



TENTATIVE AGENDA IOTA SIGMA PI 2002 CONVENTION and CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

June 12-16, 2002

Tuesday, June 11	National Council members arrive
Wednesday, June 12	National Council meeting (Hotel Durant)
8am-6pm	Delegate registration in suite (Hotel Durant)
10am-7pm	Reception and Poster Session (Hotel Durant)
7pm-10pm	
Thursday, June 13	Continental breakfast in McCollum Room (UCB Lattimer Hall)
7:30am	
8am-noon	Convention (UCB, McCollum Room)
noon-1pm	Lunch on own (Faculty Club)
1-6pm	Convention (UCB, McCollum Room)
6:30-8:30pm	Dinner at Yu Ying Garden (Shattuck Square)
Friday, June 14	Continental breakfast in McCollum Room (UCB)
7:30am	
8am-noon	Convention
noon-1pm	Lunch on own
1-6pm	Choice of tours
7-10pm	Award Banquet (Heyns Room; UCB Faculty Club)
Saturday, June 15	Continental breakfast in Bixby Commons (UCB)
8-8:30am	
8am-6pm	Poster session (Pitzer Auditorium, UCB)
8:30-9:30am	Posters attended
9:30-11:00	Research Presentations by award winners
11:00-noon	Photography session (Heyns Room; UCB Faculty Club)
noon-1:30pm	Banquet (Heyns Room; UCB Faculty Club)
1:30-2pm	Installation of Officers
2-3:30pm	Panel Discussion: Overcoming Obstacles (Pitzer Auditorium)
3:30-5pm	Historical Presentations; Closing ceremony
6:30-8pm	Dinner in groups at selected local restaurants
8-10pm	Post convention National Council meeting
Sunday, June 16	Free Time for all attendees; depart for home. Possible activities include tour of wine country, tour of San Francisco, visiting the science museum on Berkeley's hill, visiting the Exploratorium, the Wharf, Chinatown, Embarcadero Center, Ghiradelli's Square, cruising the Bay, seeing Alcatraz, walking among the redwoods in Muir Woods...

Hydrogen Chapter Invitation to the Bay Area

Christine M. Micheel
Hydrogen Chapter President

Greetings ISP members! All of us at Hydrogen Chapter, centered in Berkeley, California, would like to invite everyone to celebrate Iota Sigma Pi's 100 year anniversary at the convention this June. We would like to extend a special invitation to conference attendees to linger a while in the bay area, and take in some of the sights and good weather here. There's so much to see and do! There's San Francisco, with its historic architecture, great restaurants, and limitless shopping. There's Marin, with Muir Woods, Stinson Beach, and Pt. Reyes National Seashore. There's the wine country up north—with great wineries, bed-and-breakfast inns, and spas; Monterey to the south—with the aquarium, beaches, and shopping; Gilroy—the world's garlic capital, and so much more! We hope to see you in June!

Nominees Sought for National Officers for Next Triennium

Nominations are being sought for the following National Council offices: President (must have served on National Council within the past 12 years), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Coordinator of Members-at-Large, Records Chair, Editor, Director of Professional Awards, Director for Students Awards, and Historian (6 year term). Please consider nominating yourself or another member (with her prior approval) for one of these offices.

The Iota Sigma Pi Triennial Convention and Centennial Celebration is just over a year away. One of the important items of business that occurs during the convention is the election of National Officers for the coming triennium. All offices are for three years terms except for National Historian, which has a six year term. All officers except the President are limited to two successive terms in the same office

but may be renominated after being out of that office for at least one term. The President is limited to one term, but may be renominated after being out of office for at least one term. Serving on National Council is a rewarding experience that allows you to shape the direction Iota Sigma Pi will take as it moves into its next 100 years.

Nominations should be sent to Linda C. Brazdil, Chair of the Nominations Committee, 22W061 Marston Avenue, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137-6819 or by email to brazdil@imsa.edu. Any questions regarding nominations or the nomination process can be email to this address or you can phone Linda at work (630-907-5069) or home (630-545-1868).

Call for Posters for Triennial Convention

Iota Sigma Pi invites members to display posters of their chapter activities and/or their chapter history at a reception to be held Wednesday evening June 12, 2002, at the triennial convention in Berkeley, CA. Iotans who attend the convention and centennial celebration are encouraged to share their accomplishments, research, and professional activities in a second poster session during the Centennial Celebration on Saturday June 15, 2002, in University of California Berkeley's Pitzer Auditorium.

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Abstracts should be submitted no later than April 30, 2002. Please specify the Wednesday or Saturday poster session.

Sources of Iota Sigma Pi Supplies and Information

Supplies

The publicity pamphlets: "Membership Information" and "National Awards". History, Constitution and Bylaws, Rituals of Iota Sigma Pi, Rules and Regulations, *The Iotan*, Speakers Bureau

Supplies Coordinator
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See National Council listings elsewhere in *The Iotan* for officers' names and addresses.



Member News

Ivy Krystal Jones is pictured left with her undergraduate Analytical Chemistry Professor, Dr. Emmanuel Sikabwe. Jones, an Iotan of two years, graduated with honors in the spring with a B.S. in chemistry and a B.A. in psychology from Tuskegee University. She has entered a Master's program in Biotechnology and Chemical Science at Roosevelt University in Chicago.

Lily Ng (F), National Director for Student Awards, was recently promoted to full Professor (effective August 2001, fall term). Lily is the first female full professor in the history of the Chemistry Department at Cleveland State University, the only female full professor in the natural sciences departments (chemistry, biological, environmental and geological sciences and physics) in Cleveland State University, and one of only two female full professors in a chemistry department in Cleveland. The other full professor is Mary Barkley, also an Iotan, who was hired in as a full professor in Case Western Reserve University.

Jody Kocsis (F), above, was promoted (12/00) to technology manager in the engine oil product development group at Lubrizol Corporation headquartered in Wickliffe, Ohio. She also was interviewed by the American Chemical Society for an article (July 2nd issue of *Chemical & Engineering News*) on "Women in Industry Speak Up". It highlighted several women who talk about their views of women in science.

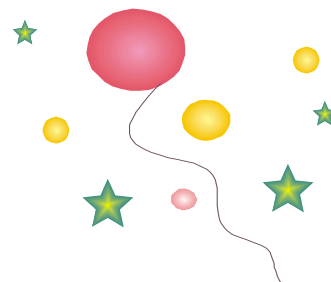
Elizabeth Weisburger (Cm) was the author of two chapters in "The Handbook of Chemical Health and Safety", published recently by the American Chemical Society and Oxford University Press.

Celebrating Locally 100 Years of Excellence in Chemistry!

Susan Marine
National President

As you know, Iota Sigma Pi was founded in 1902 at the University of California, Berkeley, and soon we will begin a celebration of our society's centennial. To make this truly a *national* celebration, I urge each chapter to commemorate the event with special activities in their home location during the year. Some possible ideas follow.

- Make a poster of your chapter history. Have the chapter delegate bring it to the convention, and display it at a chapter meeting also. It is amazing how inspiring some of our predecessors can be!
- Display ISP posters at all college and university chemistry departments in your area. Contact Jeanne Buccigross, Supplies Coordinator, (address page 3) if you need more copies.
- Hold a special initiation; reach out more than normal. Remember that a new triennial directory will be printed this spring/summer and new Spring 2002 initiates will be listed; next year's initiates will not be listed for 3 years!
- Sponsor a symposium celebrating women in chemistry.
- Organize a skills-building workshop for women chemists or students.
- Be creative and share your ideas with other chapters through *The Iotan*!
- Send an article about your celebration to your local or university newspaper.
- Send a copy of the printed article to Anne Sherren, our National Historian.



New Web Site Address Make a bookmark on your browser!

The Iota Sigma Pi web site has a new address.

http://chem-faculty.ucsd.edu/sawrey/Iota_Sigma_Pi/

Get application forms for membership scholarships awards

Death of Iota Sigma Pi Catalyst Dr. Nina Matheny Roscher

Anne Sherren
National Historian

All of us were saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Nina Matheny Roscher, 62, on September 19, 2001, of breast cancer. Dr. Roscher, or Nina as many Iota Sigma Pi members knew her, was truly a catalyst for Iota Sigma Pi. She was the first Catalyst (President) of Plutonium Chapter when it was founded on May 16, 1962. Nina received her Doctorate in physical organic chemistry from Purdue University, taught at the University of Texas at Austin, and then at Rutgers University. While at Rutgers she was instrumental in the formation of Ruthenium Chapter on May 3, 1974. She served the chapter as their first Chapter Historian. When Dr. Roscher joined the Faculty of American University in Washington, DC, Curium Chapter was already established. Soon the faculty advisor for the chapter was Dr. Nina Roscher. Nina continued to serve as an advisor for this chapter until her death. From 1975 until 1978 Dr. Nina M. Roscher was The Iota Sigma Pi National Vice-President. In this capacity she was instrumental in the installation of Argentum Chapter.

Dr. Roscher was described as a person who, when asked to serve, never said, "No". She served American University in many capacities, but always was a leading figure nationally in recruiting women and minorities to science based career. At American University she served in many capacities - chair of chemistry department since 1991, in the University Senate, Provost for Academic Services, Vice Provost for academic services and dean of faculty affairs.

From 1976 to 1980, Dr. Roscher administered a National Science Foundation program that retrained women who had earned scientific degrees but had been discouraged from pursuing careers in their areas of study. In positions with the American Chemical Society and other professional groups, she spoke widely

about removing barriers in her field. In a 1991 newspaper interview, she spoke about being one of nine women graduating from Purdue University's doctoral chemistry program along with 450 men. "We were not particularly welcome. It was before affirmative action," she said.

One of her latest research project was researching the history of the Garvan Medal recipients. She presented an interesting poster about some of the recipients at the ACS meeting in Boston in 1998.

Her list of honors is extensive. In 1996 she received the American Chemical Society's Award for Encouraging Women in Chemistry. In 1998 she was awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring. Nina was an honorary member of Sigma Delta Epsilon and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences. In 1988, she was among the first class of women allowed to the members-only Cosmos Club.

Nina was born in Uniontown PA, and raised in Hershey, PA. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware. She lived in Oakton, VA from 1974 to 2001. She was a member of the Oakton United Methodist Church. Her survivors include her husband of 37 years,

David Roscher, her parents, a brother and a sister.

Anyone wishing to make a gift in memory of Nina Roscher to Iota Sigma Pi may request a memorial donation card from Jeanne Buccigross, Supplies Coordinator, address on page 3.

Design an $\Sigma\Pi$ Centennial Pin Contest

In celebration of our centennial, Iota Sigma Pi will make a special commemorative pin and is soliciting designs for it. Submit your ideas and drawings by January 15, 2002 to

Sharon Vercellotti
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The chosen design will be announced in the March *Iotan* and may be used as the 2002 convention logo! The pins will be available through the Supplies Coordinator and at the national convention. Be creative and become historic!

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Deadlines for consideration for the November, February, and May issues, respectively, are September 15, December 15 and March 15. Manuscripts will not be returned and are subject to editing. Publication is based on editorial assessment of reader interest and space available.

Letters to the Editor are encouraged and may be published. Letters should be no longer than 250 words.

Dreyfus Oral History Program: Archives of Women in Science and Engineering Iowa State University

by Tanya Zanish-Belcher

In 2001, the Iowa State University Library received a \$25,000 grant from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation for the Archives of Women in Science and Engineering to conduct an oral history project focused on women who have devoted their careers to the study of chemistry in the post World War II era.

The University Library's oral history project will document the post WWII careers and experiences of women in chemistry and chemical engineering to illustrate the critical role of women in science. The Archives of Women in Science and Engineering will also partner with National Public Radio station WOI to create a broadcast series featuring segments of the oral histories. As part of this project, the Archives of WISE will provide K-12 and professional outreach in collaboration with national chemistry organizations and national academic programs for women.

The Iowa State University Library inaugurated the Archives of Women in Science and Engineering in April 1994. This archive was born from the need to document the history of women in science and engineering - their social history as well as the story of their scientific achievements. In partnership with Iowa State's Program for Women in Science and Engineering, whose goal is to encourage women to become scientists and engineers in the future, the Archives documents the lives and careers of those who have achieved this goal in the past. The Archives collects widely in all fields of engineering and in the physical, earth, life, and computational sciences.

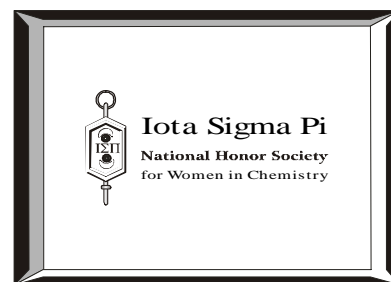
The Archives of WISE (www.lib.iastate.edu/spcl/wise/wise.html) is interested in the personal papers and oral histories of individual women as well as the records of women's organizations in engineering and the sciences. It seeks not only the papers of the most notable women whose names are already in the history books, but also those of women who have labored in the background, sometimes with little or no recognition. The Archives of Women in Science and Engineering is preserving a part of that history for future generations of researchers.

The WISE Curator will make several trips

during 2001-2002 to conduct interviews for the Dreyfus Oral History Project, including attendance at the Iota Sigma Pi centennial meeting to be held next June at Berkeley. If you would like to recommend a woman chemist who should be interviewed, or if you would like to learn more about this project, please contact

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Our newest merchandise - notecards (beige card stock with green ink). These notecards can be used for initiation invitations, thank you notes, or just for friends. Packages of 10 notecards are \$8 each (includes postage) and are available from Jeanne Buccigross, Supplies Coordinator. ■

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Sponsors Sought for Centennial Celebration of Iota Sigma Pi

Kathryn Louie
National Treasurer

Iota Sigma Pi is asking your help to identify potential sponsors for their celebration of their 100th anniversary during the 2002 Triennial Convention at the University of California-Berkeley. We want to make this a truly unforgettable celebration! We are seeking sponsors for our many special centennial events. There will be several levels of event sponsorships available. We also will be selling ad space in our Convention programs. Please inquire within your company. They can be the Corporation Sponsor of the Celebration of a Century of Women in Chemistry!! All sponsors will be acknowledged in the program and at sponsored events.

Talk to your lab sales reps and ask them for a contact person in their company, especially for the West Coast. We can provide a formal request packet. Further questions may be sent to Kathryn Louie at louie@bcm.tmc.edu.

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