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2017 was an amazing year for the Orange County Local Section of the American Chemical Society.

We celebrated National Chemistry Week by organizing a day of activities for Orange County young people at the Santa Ana Zoo. This activity is not only one of our longest running events, but was also honored with a national ChemLuminary Award this year.

We were thrilled to announce that the Orange County Local Section of the American Chemical Society won three national ACS ChemLuminary Awards this month at the National Meeting in Washington, DC.

OCACS won the "Best Overall Local Section Minority Affairs Committee" and "Outstanding National Chemistry Week Event for a Specific Audience" for our 2016 National Chemistry Week event. OCACS also won the "Outstanding Regional Meeting" award for our work hosting and organizing the 2015 Western Regional Meeting held in November 2015 at California State University, San Marcos.

The excellence represented by these national awards is only possible through the hard work of our Section's volunteers, including all of the students who help us each year.

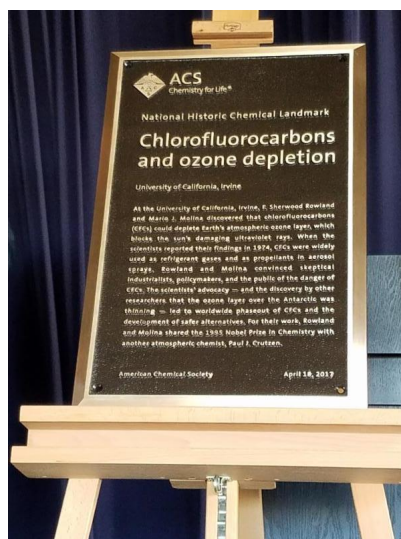


We participated in the dedication of the Rowland Hall Chemistry building at the University of California, Irvine as a national historic landmark for the American Chemical Society. ACS President Allison Campbell joined OCACS and the University in this exciting event.



Our 2017 general programming and environmental programming was some of the best we've done. Our Section offers 7-9 dinner meetings a year with scholarly or scientific interest presentations that are open to the community. Our Section's Environmental Committee is also very active in providing 5 speakers a year at specifically targeted meetings that focus on environmental issues and scientific discoveries.

Our Education Committee continues to be the glue that holds our Section together. Their commitment to Orange County chemistry students and chemical education is truly awe inspiring. Two of our Education Committee members won our Section's highest individual awards - the OCACS Volunteer of the Year (Ted Lorance) and the Charles R. Bennett Award (Carol Grimes). Our Education Committee also worked together to organize and hold our annual High School Awards Dinner and College Awards Dinner.



Our Section created a new award this year that will be awarded in 2018 that honors and celebrates a company, entity, or individual who provides resources to our Section to keep us moving forward. While we cannot announce the winner yet, the award will be given annually and is called the OCACS Californium Award.



As we look forward to 2018 and all of the wonderful activities we have planned, we need your help. If you want to support our Section, volunteer for our Section, or work on a new activity - all you need to do is reach out to me at OCACSCair@gmail.com.



Thank you and happy new year!

Dr. Sandra Thompson
OCACS Chair



Environmental Committee

In 2017, the OCACS Environmental Committee held five meetings. I would like to thank everyone who had attended the meetings!

We are especially grateful for the five excellent speakers, including:

Dr. Stephen Koenigsberg (February 23, 2017)

Dr. Harshad Kulkarni (April 27, 2017)

Dr. Sudarshan Kurwadkar (June 22, 2017)

Dr. Chris (Meng-Horng) Hsu (August 24, 2017)

Dr. Keith Maruya (October 26, 2017, Joint Dinner-Environmental Meeting)



We will resume our regular bimonthly meeting in January/February 2018. Meanwhile if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions (including speaker nominations), please contact us. Happy Holidays and we are looking forward to seeing you again in 2018!

OCACS Environmental Committee

[Dr. Ganesh Rajagopalan](#), Kennedy/Jenks Consultants (Chair)

[Dr. Keisuke Ikehata](#), Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering (PACE)



Don't miss our upcoming events and meetings and for more information, please visit our [website](#).

January 8: OCACS Executive Committee Meeting

January 18: OCACS Dinner Meeting

February 8: OCACS Executive Committee Meeting

February 15: OCACS Dinner Meeting

March 15: OCACS Executive Committee Meeting

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We would love to hear from you!



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