**Younger Chemists Committee**

# **Oral Report to Council**

**Philadelphia, PA**

Mister President and Members of Council,

Today I stand in front of you on behalf of my committee chair, Dotti Miller. I am here to report on the activities of the Younger Chemists Committee, highlighting San Diego, Philadelphia, and Indianapolis.

In San Diego, we reported on our international exchange program after the first exchange had occurred in Denver, with a contingent of the European Young Chemists Network (EYCN) visiting the meeting. This program has generated a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm within all parties involved; which includes significant participation from the Colorado local section. The next exchange is taking young chemists from the Colorado local section to Prague on Thursday.

In addition to the exchange program, young chemists serving the society have been particularly active internationally over the past year or so. Travels included trips to Poland, Brussels, Jordan, and Portugal attending international conferences and working with scientific professional organizations around the globe.

There are a number of activities which have occurred here in Philadelphia which I would like to highlight. These activities were able to occur due to the collaboration with the Young Chemists Committee from the Philadelphia local section. We plan to try and work with this model to a greater extent in the future so that we can provide more activities to our constituency and the greater pool of national meeting attendees. We hope to be able to provide a full-day of activities catered to our constituency in the future, and planning with the New Orleans local section is already under way.

Here in Philadelphia, the Local Section Younger Chemists Committee (LSYCC) organized our 8th Annual Fun Run, but with a new twist. As opposed to a traditional 5k style run, this meetings fun run, which occurred on Monday morning, was a guided jogging tour of the parts of the city. In addition, on Tuesday evening there was a social event at Dave & Busters. At this event our 2012 CIBA travel award winners were recognized.

As just mentioned, we are working to further our interactions with locals sections. For this, we have partnered with LSAC to come up with a “program in a box”. This is a program which is intended to be run simultaneously from multiple local sections. This allows organizers to put on an activity simply by providing the space and means of connectivity, with everything else needed coming out of the “box”. The registration deadline for the first “program in a box” is September 15th.

Mister President and Members of Council, this concludes my report.

Doug Hausner, Designee

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