

Oral Report to Council
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Good morning, Madam President and Fellow Councilors.

Since the last meeting, I have been very busy preparing for my Presidential year. Here in San Diego, I met with six ACS committees and one division to solicit their input on how I can assist their initiatives for next year. These were fruitful discussions, and I expect to receive specific suggestions and recommendations very soon. I hope that I can support as many as possible in 2020.

My travels, both domestically and internationally, have afforded me opportunities to strengthen ties with other scientific and chemical societies. One of the most rewarding activities during these events has been hosting receptions for our members in foreign countries. These members are enthusiastic about establishing further interactions with the ACS, so I look forward to continue these receptions along with my colleagues in the Presidential Succession.

During the IUPAC meeting in Paris, we hosted symposia on the theme of green chemistry, a workshop on how to organize successful outreach events, and co-sponsored events benefitting early career chemists. ACS also was a signatory to a joint framework agreement among 15 chemical societies around the world to collaborate on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. This was a tremendous undertaking, and now we need to develop specific collaborative plans to support the goals.

For the remainder of 2019, I will be travelling both for ACS and for the University of Texas at El Paso, to continue collaborating and strengthening the relationships between ACS and students, international chapters, and chemical societies throughout Latin America.

As this is the International Year of the Periodic Table, I have been involved in celebrations along my ACS travels as well as in my own institution, the University of Texas at El Paso. We hosted a special event around periodic table trivia and interactive games and I was able to showcase my own “real” “table” with around 90 pure elements.

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I am pleased to announce that I am organizing two important Presidential Symposia in 2020. In the spring, I will be inviting high-level speakers to discuss how chemists can run for public office. It is imperative that scientists take an active role in shaping policy and allocating resources that benefit research that underpins advancements throughout industry, academia, and national laboratories. In the fall, I will host a half-day symposium on Perovskite solar cells, a relatively new technology that has the potential to effectively compete with silicon solar cells in both efficiency and cost.

Thank you all again for your support. I encourage you to reach out with specific and actionable ideas as I progress through the Presidential succession and look to implement initiatives for the

benefit of our members. **(Slide 2)** Please feel free to contact me at l.echegoyen@acs.org with your thoughts.

Madam President, this concludes my report.

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