

**ACS President Oral report to Council  
Orlando, Spring 2019**

Fellow Councilors,

Good morning, and happy International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements to you all!

**(SLIDE 2)** As a reminder, my overarching theme for 2019 is Collaboration: across ACS units, and with external partners including scientific societies in the US and around the world. Specific areas of focus are Advocacy, and Safety and the Environment.

As noted in my written report, ACS participated in the opening ceremony of the International Year of the Periodic Table (IYPT) in Paris, France. IYPT is a wonderful opportunity for collaborations at home and around the globe.

**(SLIDE 3)** In that spirit, I was delighted to visit in February our new Jordan International Chemical Sciences Chapter to help celebrate their very first Chemistry Festival. Held at the University of Jordan, it was a very exciting and heart-warming event. I was also honored to participate in the 84<sup>th</sup> Israel Chemistry Society Meeting and to meet there, as well as at this meeting, with President Ehud Keinan to discuss potential cooperative efforts. Also at this meeting I met with representatives of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to discuss areas of potential collaboration.

**(SLIDE 4)** Since our last Council meeting, I was able to meet with the Columbus, Northeastern and Georgia Local Sections to hear from members and to discuss ACS priorities.

**(SLIDE 5)** In the area of Advocacy, the ACS Board Committee on Public Affairs and Public Relations (PA&PR) has surveyed the current status and activities of State government affairs committees at the local section level. We are developing plans to support and improve our effectiveness in Advocacy for science and education, both in terms of contacts with national legislators in their home offices, and with state legislators where decisions regarding education funding are made.

An initial “easy ask” for Advocacy has gone to all Local Sections requesting that they reach out to their state legislators to request proclamations for the International Year of the Period Table. Please encourage this effort within your local sections.

Finally, I’m also working with ACS staff to establish an online tool kit for members who are considering running for office, be it School Board or Senate. If you have experience in running for office and would be willing to serve as a resource, I would love to hear from you.

In early March, along with ACS Immediate Past President Peter Dorhout, I co-sponsored the second ACS Safety Summit, which focused on Safety Education. The summit participants produced actionable plans for specific tools to support safety education (not just training) and a true safety culture. Please look for my Comment to appear in C&E News on April 15 for more information about the outcomes of the Summit.

**(SLIDE 6)** Some exciting symposia are planned for San Diego as shown on this slide. My thanks to the organizers of these symposia.

**(SLIDE 7)** The planned symposia in San Diego which will be listed as President Recommends are shown here.

**(SLIDE 8)** Thank you all for your attention. Please send your ideas to [b.charpentier@acs.org](mailto:b.charpentier@acs.org).

My Fellow Councilors, this concludes my report.

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# ACS President's Report

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# Presidential Themes for 2019



- **Overarching theme of Collaborations**
  - Industry and academia
  - International
  - Across ACS and with Societies outside ACS
- **Advocacy**
- **Safety and the Environment**

# International Collaborations Jordan and Israel



Jordan International Chemical  
Sciences Chapter Chemistry Festival  
(first ever in Jordan)



84<sup>th</sup> Israel Chemistry Society Meeting

# Communications with Members

## Local Section Visits



- Columbus Local Section
  - Dinner meeting
- Northeastern Section (NESACS)
  - Visit to Mother Caroline Academy
  - Meeting with NESACS leadership
  - Dinner meeting
- Georgia Local Section
  - Dinner meeting



# Advocacy

## State and local advocacy programs



- Broad goals
  - Effective advocacy for chemistry/science/education with national legislators in their districts, and with State legislators
- Thank you to PA&PR
  - Surveying current status of state advocacy
  - Developing tools and approaches to improve and grow advocacy
- First ask: Letter to local sections encouraging them to seek resolutions from their state elected officials to celebrate IYPT

# San Diego Presidential Programming (planned)



## Presidential Symposia

- Presidential Outreach Event [CCA]
- Chemistry of Disasters – Wildfires and Earthquakes [CCS & CHAS]
- Collaborating for the Greater Good: What Works and What Doesn't [BMGT]
- GSSPC - From Oceans to Clouds: The Environmental Chemistry of Water [CHED]



# San Diego Programming (planned)



## Recommended and Cosponsored by the ACS President

- Characterization of Plastics in Aquatic Environments [Sponsored by POLY]
- Chemistry & Water: Opening Session [Sponsored by MPPG]
- Chemistry of Water Reuse Processes toward Water Sustainability [Sponsored by ENVR]
- Keeping Water Safe [Sponsored by I&EC]
- Leadership Development – The ACS Commitment Now and for the Future [Sponsored by BMGT]
- Remediating Water from the Production or Extraction of Fuels [Sponsored by ENFL]
- Water Scarcity: Challenges for Agriculture [Sponsored by AGRO]

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