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## Information, insights, and advice for ACS industry members

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*In this week's issue, the 2020 ACS President-Elect, H. N. Cheng, talks about what drives him to work 70 hour weeks, the pros and cons of employment in industry vs government, and what chemistry students can do to optimize their chances for success in industry. Our safety expert Ken Fivizzani discusses strategies to keep yourself safe while working alone in a lab.*

*Read the piece about the early career chemist, Fabio Broccatelli, who shares what he loves to do most while working at Genentech.*

*Moved to a job that you're not thrilled about? Our career consultants advise you on how to turn things to your advantage. Additionally, learn a few tips to better manage your time by reading the article "Proven Tips for Managing Your Time".*

*Lots of interesting and practical content. We hope you enjoy it.*

*John C. Katz  
Executive Editor*

### WHAT I LEARNED

**"You worked 30 years at Hercules Incorporated (now Ashland, Inc.), and then joined the USDA. What were the biggest adjustments for you?"**



**H. N. Cheng**

Research Chemist, USDA Southern  
Regional Research Center

"I have enjoyed my jobs at Hercules and at USDA. Both have been interesting and rewarding. To me, the transition has been..." [Read More](#)

## ON THE SAFE SIDE

### Working Alone



**Ken Fivizzani**  
Safety Expert

"Many industrial organizations with research laboratories restrict or prohibit lab employees from working alone outside of normal business hours. The OSHA Lab Standard (29 CFR 1910.1450) states..." [Read More](#)

## CAREER CORNER

**"What do I do when I am moved to a job I don't want because it's seen as a 'development opportunity'?"**

**Natalie LaFranzo**, Vice President, Market Development, Cofactor Genomics:

*"There are two options in this scenario - the first is to find the silver lining and learn what you can from the opportunity. Embrace the ..."*

**Andrea Alexander**, Technical Service and Development Manager, Shin-Etsu Silicones of America, Inc.:

*"I chuckle at this question because I was definitely put in several situations such as this... and sadly, lost out on valuable growth opportunities at the time. It is IMPERATIVE that you ..."*

**Norton Peet**, ACS Career Consultant:

*"Do your best to good-naturedly move through this assignment..."*

## SPOTLIGHT ON EARLY CAREER CHEMIST

"Renaissance researcher applies artificial intelligence to predict the fate of drugs in the body"

Fabio Broccatelli spent most of his life in a small Italian town "where I know everybody, and everybody knows me." In high school, he was partial to history and philosophy, gravitating to chemistry only as a tool for... [Read More](#)



**Fabio Broccatelli**  
Scientist, Computational Chemistry  
Genentech

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- Harry Elston on the most rewarding thing about being an entrepreneur
- Sid White on the Chemical Angel Network

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