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You'll want to read about a new way to innovate from Gerard Baillely, P&G's VP, Research & Development, Corporate Functions. For the wine lovers among you, Gerard (a Frenchman) also has something very interesting to say about French vs. California wines. Val Kuck, in "What I Learned," talks about how today's graduates can best prepare for career success, and the obstacles impeding greater advancement for women chemists in industry.

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Insights and advice from a senior executive in the chemical industry



Boss Talk with Gerard Baillely, VP, R&D
Corporate Functions for P&G Co

At a 2017 event focused on a collaboration between Procter & Gamble and the University of Cincinnati, you said the following: "Modeling and simulation is now the new norm for innovation in the industry." Can you elaborate on what you meant? What are

the implications of this 'new norm' for chemists and chemical engineers?

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How do I approach feeling excluded at work?



Patrick Gordon, ACS Career Consultant

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Matt Greaney, Senior Research Chemist in the Catalysts Business Unit of Cariant

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Kimberly Browne - Senior Associate, Career Services - American Chemical Society

If you feel excluded at work, consider discussing this with your manager. Be prepared to explain the situation(s) that make you feel as if... [Read More](#)

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Observations and reflections from chemists with decades of experience working in industry



Valerie Kuck, Bell Laboratories, Lucent Technologies, Retired

What is your forecast for the next generation of chemists working in industry? How will their careers differ from the one you started in the 60s at Bell Labs?

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QUOTABLE

"Capturing the minds, hearts and unleashing the insights of a wonderfully diverse palette of R&D talents is one prerequisite to deliver my mission as VP. In this context, my biggest challenge, as an organic and inorganic chemist with 34 years under the belt, is how to capture the hearts, minds, and insights of the millennial or Gen Z scientists."

Gerard Baillely, P&G Vice President, Research & Development, Corporate Functions

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