

NORTH JERSEY SECTION PRESENTS TWO AWARDS

Raymond A. Baylouny, Professor of Chemistry at Fairleigh Dickinson University, has received the North Jersey Section's 2006 Sister Marian José Smith Excellence in Chemical Education Award for inspiring numerous undergraduate students for successful careers in chemistry. The award is funded by Hoffmann-La Roche.

Professor Baylouny has a long and distinguished college teaching career. He received his B.S. degree from Seton Hall University and Ph. D. from the University of Maryland. He has been on the faculty at Fairleigh Dickinson University since 1963. His dedication and accomplishments in chemical education were recognized by a number of teaching awards, including the Emmet Reid Award for excellence in chemistry teaching in a small college in 1994, the Teacher of the Year Award at Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1998, and most recently the Havery Russell Award in 2005.



Dr. Jiwen Chen (NJACS Awards Chair, left), Stephen Waller (NJACS Chair, center) presenting the 2006 Sr. Marian José Smith Award for Excellence in Chemical Education to Dr. Ray Baylouny from FDU.



William Suits, President of Chromatography Connections, has received the North Jersey Section's 2006 Burton C. Belden Distinguished Service Award for his conspicuous service to the American Chemical Society and the North Jersey Section in particular. This biennial award is funded by the North Jersey Section.

Mr. Suits is a proven leader of ACS activities at the local, regional, and national levels. His services include serving as Section Chair in 2001 and Co-chair for the very successful 2005 Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting (MARM)

hosted by the section. He now chairs the Middle Atlantic Regional Board.

Mr. Suits is an active member of many of the Section's Topical Groups and Executive committee. He also plays a key role with the Section's Careers in Transition Group, helping section members with resume preparation and job searches. Most noteworthy has been his willingness to help and guide other people both within the section and nationally within the ACS. He has always participated in ACS functions with unbound enthusiasm and has done an exemplary job.

NJ, PA, & ND STUDENTS NAMED TO U.S. CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD TEAM

Four of the nation's top high school chemistry students — two from New Jersey, one each from North Dakota and Pennsylvania — have been chosen to represent the United States in the 38th annual International Chemistry Olympiad in Gyeongsan, Republic of Korea, July 2-11, 2006. They will compete with students from some 60 other countries in the event, sponsored by the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society.

The four team members are:

Andrew Freddo, Colts Neck, NJ, Manalapan High School
Alex Zozula, East Brunswick, NJ., East Brunswick High School
Michael Blaisse, Harrisburg, PA, Bishop McDevitt High School
Greg Brockman, Grand Forks, ND, Red River High School

Freddo and Blaisse were alternates to the team in 2005.

The two alternatives are:

Xiaoran (Taylor) Yi, San Diego, CA, Westview High School
Sydney Creutz, Charlottesville, VA, Albemarle High School

"We're very proud of the students selected for the U.S. team. We send them with high hopes, and are encouraged because they represent the future of chemistry and science — bright minds, collaborating to solve problems, willing to lead with innovation and new ideas," said E. Ann Nalley, Ph.D., ACS President.

More than 10,000 high school students nationwide took local exams hoping to win a place on the Olympiad team. From those exams, twenty students were selected to participate at a June study camp, held at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado. They received college-level training, with an emphasis on organic chemistry, through a series of lectures, problem-solving exercises, lab work and testing. The final team members and alternates were chosen from those attending the camp.

The International Chemistry Olympiad originated with Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary in 1968. Other eastern European countries soon joined the event, and

Western Europe began participating in 1974. The first U.S. team competed in 1984, winning one silver and two bronze medals.

The American Chemical Society has sponsored the American team annually since the United States joined the Olympiad. Principal funding is through the Society's Othmer Olympiad Endowment, with additional support from the U.S. Air Force Academy; IBM Research; Merck Publishing Group; Texas Instruments, Inc.; W.H. Freeman & Company; McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.; Advanced Chemistry Development; Thomson, Brooks/Cole; Carolina Biological Supply Company; Flinn Scientific, Inc.; Fisher Scientific; Pearson Prentice Hall; Sigma Chemical Company; and John Wiley & Sons, Inc.



INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD RESULTS

Each year the ACS searches for four top high school chemistry students in the United States to enter them in the International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO). This year the 38th IChO was held in Gyeongsan, Republic of Korea, early in July.

North Jersey is proud to announce that one of the four, Alex Zozula, is from our section. Alex earned a bronze metal, while the other three received a silver. Alex's teacher was Dr. Paul Kimmel from East Brunswick High School.

Prior to the international competition, three of the section's Olympiad competitors were invited to attend a two-week study camp at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. The three were: Alex, Christopher Kennedy and Brian Lee. The teacher for the latter two was Dr. David Ostfeld of Bergen Academy for the Advancement of Science and Technology.

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