

# ACS Division of Chemical Health & Safety Fall 2015, Boston, MA 250<sup>th</sup> National Meeting

Program Chair Report

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The Denver meeting was well-attended and well-organized. Denver is a very walkable city and hotels were close to the Convention Center, making for easy attendance. We had three symposia, with nineteen papers presented, and five posters at Sci-Mix. Our Legalized Marijuana Health and Safety symposium was very well-attended, with about 150 people in the room. This symposium was also the topic of an article in C&EN and a fair amount of buzz at the meeting. Frankie planned a symposium on Safety in Undergraduate Teaching with interesting presentations and Ask Dr. Safety rounded out our programming. We also had good attendance at the Presidential Symposium, co-organized by Larry Doemeny, on nanotechnology. A fun Social with CHAL, on the top floor of a swanky venue, was a highlight.

For Fall 2015 in Boston, Pete Reinhardt and Lou DiB have organized a packed symposium on the Lab Standard. It's scheduled for Sunday afternoon and Monday morning. Awards will be presented on Monday afternoon, including remarks from Naveen Sangji. Chemical information is the topic for Tuesday, planned by Ralph Stuart and Leah McEwen. The symposia planned are here:

- **Lab Safety 25 Years after Promulgation of the OSHA Laboratory Standard**  
P. A. Reinhardt, *Organizer* L. DeBerardinis, *Organizer, Presiding*
- **Chemical Health & Safety Awards**  
D. B. Walters, *Organizer, Presiding* D. M. Decker, *Presiding*
- **Current Topics in Chemical Safety Information - Use Cases for Chemical Safety Information**  
L. McEwen, R. Stuart, *Organizers, Presiding*

For Spring 2016, in San Diego, an ambitious six symposia are in the Call for Papers:

Safety begins in the Classroom,  
Chemical Sample and Asset Management Tools,  
Lessons Learned – very quickly,  
Ask Dr. Safety about Incident Reporting,  
How Texas Tech and UCLA have affected laboratory safety nationwide, and  
Developing, Implementing and Teaching Hazard Assessment Tools.

For the Lessons Learned symposium, we intend to limit presenters to five minutes – sort of like speed dating for lessons learned. Should be interesting. Submission deadline is October 12, 2015.

The ACS abstract management system continues to be difficult, particularly for this meeting. I'm told a new system will be rolled out for San Diego that's "much better." We're hopeful.