



## American Chemical Society

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Dear Prospective Meeting Participant,

On behalf of the American Chemical Society, thank you for your interest in participating in the 233<sup>rd</sup> American Chemical Society National Meeting & Exposition. More than 12,000 attendees from all chemistry disciplines are expected to attend this five-day scientific meeting which will be held March 25-29, 2007, at the McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago, IL. The primary purpose of this meeting is to share scientific research between chemical practitioners. In addition, more than 300 companies will showcase their latest products and services for chemical professionals and their employers inside the national exposition.

We would be delighted to have you join us in Chicago this year. Personal invitations are not necessary to attend meetings of the American Chemical Society. All of the Society's meetings are open scientific events and welcome all persons who are interested, pay the necessary registration fee, and otherwise conform to the Society's Bylaws for its meetings. Each national meeting is announced to the scientific community through publication of the call for papers and the technical program inside the Society's official publication, *Chemical & Engineering News (C&EN)*.

ACS does not provide financial support to meeting participants. Airfare, ground transportation, hotel, meals, travel insurance, and any other local expenses are the responsibility of each meeting participant.

If you need to apply for a temporary non-immigrant visa to attend the ACS national meeting, you are advised to apply for your visa as soon as travel to the United States is contemplated and not later than 3-4 months in advance. International participants should start the visa process during December 2006 – January 2007. All applicants must be able to qualify for a visa on their own merits under the requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The Society cannot intervene with the U.S. State Department or an American embassy in another country on behalf of any meeting participant. You can submit this letter with your visa application to verify the name, dates, location and purpose of the ACS national meeting. A separate, personalized letter can be generated for meeting presenters through the Online Abstract Submittal System (OASYS) to verify whether a scientific paper has been accepted for presentation at the national meeting. Once you have registered for the meeting after January 8, 2007, you can also bring your registration confirmation paperwork to your visa interview. However, we will not be able to provide additional visa support nor will we call or generate personal letters to the embassy or consulate on your behalf. Additional meeting information, including visa application resources and 'Tips for International Attendees', can be found at <http://chemistry.org/meetings/chicago2007>.

We look forward to your participation in the 233<sup>rd</sup> ACS National Meeting & Exposition.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Bentz-Cable".

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