

Stampede to Calgary!

Mount Royal College in Calgary is gearing up to host the 30th College Chemistry Canada Conference, June 5 to 8. Please visit the conference website at: www.mtroyal.ab.ca/events/chemistry for details.

“Communicating Chemistry” will highlight presentations from C₃ members on chemical education and includes a keynote address by Dr. Joe Schwarcz one of Canada’s better known communicators of chemistry. On the social side, there will also be a wine and cheese reception, banquet, fun run, and field trip to the Rockies. Further information is included inside. If you have not yet sent in your registration form, please do so as soon as possible.

“Dr. Joe” leads speaker list

At this year’s conference at Mount Royal College in Calgary we are privileged to have Dr. Joe Schwarcz as our keynote speaker.

Dr. Schwarcz is one of the foremost science educators in Canada. He is best known and recognized as “Dr. Joe” the commentator on the Discovery Channel. His many television, radio, and public appearances have entertained and informed people across North America.

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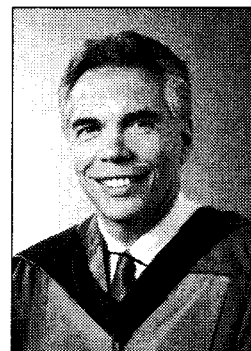


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As Director of the Office for Chemistry and Society at McGill University, he uses the news media to bridge the gap between serious science and a public that needs to be informed of its importance and impact.

Dr. Schwarcz obtained his B.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in organic chemistry at McGill University. He has lectured at Dawson and Vanier College, as well as McGill University in basic subject areas such as general and organic chemistry. However his interests have also included teaching nutrition and a series of team taught chemistry and society courses entitled "Chemistry in the Modern World" and "The World of Chemistry."

Host of a weekly show dedicated to chemistry on CJAD in Montreal he also spends much of his time on the road with over 600 presentations to conferences, universities, schools and interest groups to date. He is a regular columnist for the Montreal Gazette and the Washington Post, as well as a major consultant and contributor to the Reader's Digest best seller

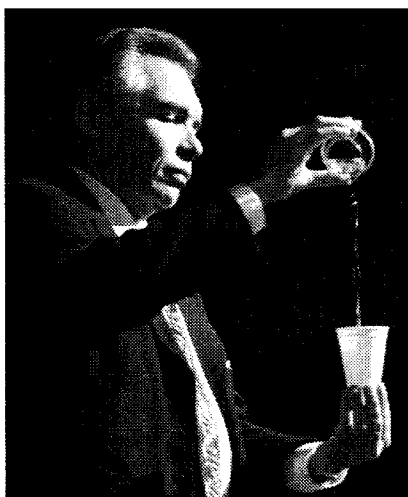


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books "Foods That Harm, Foods That Heal" and "The Healing Power of Vitamins, Minerals and Herbs". He has also authored books on the chemistry of everyday life, "Radar, Hula Hoops and Playful Pigs" and more recently "The Genie in the Bottle."

In collaboration with Professors A.E. Fenster and D.N. Harpp at McGill he has created and delivered the "Magic of Chemistry" and "Chemistry for the Public" series of open lectures on chemistry. Those of you who attended

the 2001 C₃ Conference in Montreal might recall the wonderful and entertaining pre-banquet talk by Prof. Fenster on the chemistry of wine. Both the lecture and practical hands-on laboratory component of the wine talk were enjoyed by all.

Over the years, Dr. Schwarcz has received many awards and distinctions for his work in chemical education, science outreach, and public awareness of chemistry. We are fortunate that he will be able to join us in Calgary and share with us his experience in communicating chemistry.

Conference Accommodation

The sessions for the conference will be held on the Mount Royal College campus. The campus is well away from hotels and motels. The most convenient accommodation we would recommend for the conference delegates are the residences. The cost to stay in residence is \$30/bed/night plus tax.*

Mount Royal College Residence Conference Housing Services
31 Mount Royal Court S.W.
Calgary, AB T3E 7C9
phone: (403) 240-6275 fax: (403) 240-6281
Email: summerhousing@mtroyal.ab.ca

An alternate accommodation is the Best Western Village Park Inn, which is 5 to 10 minutes from the college by car (depending on traffic). There are also bus routes close by. Single, Double, Triple, or Quad rooms are all \$109 plus tax.*

Best Western Village Park Inn
1804 Crowchild Trail NW
phone: (403) 289-0241 fax (403) 289-4645
toll-free reservations 1-888-774-7716

*Room reservations and rates are being held until May 15, 2003 for both MRC Residence and the Best Western Village Park Inn.

President's Message

This fall seems to have gone by quite quickly and I see by my calendar that we are fast approaching our next conference in Calgary (June 5-8) hosted by Mount Royal College. (You may have noticed the enclosed registrations forms.) Most of us are in the business of chemical education. We not only talk about chemistry and the importance of chemistry to our students, but quite often to our own administrators, the general public, to our friends, and to each other. It is quite fitting that the theme of this year's conference is entitled "Communicating Chemistry."

Our 2003 Conference Coordinator, Lawton Shaw, and his team in Calgary have been hard at work preparing for our program in June. It will include oral presentations and a poster session, as well as social events like the fun run and the conference banquet. In addition, there will also be the opportunity to enjoy a day trip to Lake Louise in the Rocky Mountains for some sightseeing. In keeping with the theme of the conference we have as our keynote speaker one of the premier communicators of chemistry in Canada, Dr. Joe Schwarcz.

Our previous two conferences have been operated jointly with the Chemical Education Division of the Chemical Society of Canada (CSC). This was done on a trial basis to see if this is a route that C₃ would like to pursue on a regular basis in future. In fall of 2002 we set up an online survey on the C₃ website to find out what you think. We had 24 replies to the survey. The two main results of the survey show that (1) members had approximately the same satisfaction level with both the joint C₃/CSC and the stand-alone C₃ conferences and (2) members desired to have joint C₃/CSC conferences approximately every three years. We will continue to survey the membership on this issue at conferences.

This year's C₃ conference will be stand-alone with a brilliant program not to be missed. Conference registration and accommodation forms are enclosed for your convenience. Please note the discount for early registration (before 31 March). You can also visit the 2003 C₃ Conference website directly (www.mtroyal.ab.ca/events/chemistry) or link through our main C₃ web pages (www.c3.douglas.bc.ca). I hope to see you in Calgary this June.

Dietmar Kennepohl



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Conference Program (Tentative)

Thursday, June 5

- Welcome wine & cheese
- Afternoon tour of the U of C for early arrivals

Friday, June 6

- All-day sessions
- Registrants are on their own for dinner
- Evening public lecture by Joe Schwarcz

Saturday, June 7

- Fun Run
- All-day sessions
- Conference banquet in evening



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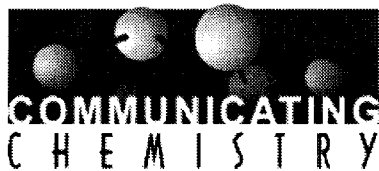
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About Calgary

Calgary, Alberta is a clean, modern city of about 900,000 people located at the base of the foothills of the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

The North West Mounted Police built Fort Calgary in 1875 at the confluence of the Bow and Elbow rivers. A town soon grew around the fort as a centre of commerce to support farming, ranching, and other local industries.

Calgary experienced enormous growth over the past four decades, due mainly to the city's emergence as Canada's corporate centre for oil and gas industries. The downtown skyline is a symbol of the wealth that the oil and gas industries have brought.



30th College Chemistry Canada Conference

Department of Chemical, Biological & Environmental Sciences
Mount Royal College, 4825 Richard Road SW, Calgary, AB, T3E 6K6

Conference Registration Form

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: (Home or Work – check one)

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please fill in the table below:

Item	Cost	Total
Early Registration (Received before March 31)	\$90 (includes C ₃ membership)	
Late Registration (After March 31)	\$120 (includes C ₃ membership)	
Student Registration	\$40	
Day Registration (Friday or Saturday only)	\$30	
Conference Banquet	\$30	
Day Trip to Lake Louise (includes box lunch)	\$50	
C3 Membership (2003-2004)	\$20	
Total Payable		
(If paying in U.S. funds, correct your total by multiplying by 0.70)		

When finished, send this form with your cheque or money order to:

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c/o Lawton Shaw
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4825 Richard Road, SW
Calgary, Alberta, T3E 6K6