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42ND C₃ CONFERENCE, HALIFAX, NS

Talks

Mount Saint Vincent University hosted the 42nd C₃ Conference from June 4 to 6, 2015 in Halifax, NS. With plenary lectures by Pippa Lock (McMaster) and Andy Dicks (U of T) as well as talks ranging from bringing technology to the classroom and bringing chemistry to the community, attendees had much to think about.



Sudhir, Pippa and Yann listening to Bruno's talk Photo credit: Bill Blann



Labsters lobstering (Bruno, Brenda and Kathy at the banquet) Photo/quote by Bill Blann

Food

The numerous opportunities for great food (lobster banquet and the many nutritional breaks in the foyer wherein the organizers seemed to overestimate attendees' maximum consumption) provided a comfortable venue for discussions.

Exercise: To offset the eating, another theme of the conference turned out to be physical exercise with VSEPR aerobics (Pippa Lock, picture below), IR stretches (John Eng, picture below), playing catch with polymers (Jimmy Lowe), dancing a jig at the banquet (pic below) and the annual morning fun run. In addition, the usual post-conference exploration of the area allowed much opportunity for stretching (the non-IR kind).



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: C3 FAMILY

As I sit at the computer, reflecting on what to write for my first President's Message, my thoughts return time and again to family. In the past year, we may have all personally welcomed new additions (congrats to our Quebec regional rep Yann and his growing brood!) or sadly lost someone irreplaceable. And in many ways, our C₃ family is much the same. New members are enthusiastically welcomed into the organization, and others have happily retired after years of meaningful participation in our "family".

C₃ has been VERY fortunate to have had numerous matriarchs and patriarchs nurturing and guiding us over the past four decades (yes, our time of claiming we are a "youthful 39" is rapidly evaporating... as an independent organization we turn the big "four oh" in 2016!) The list of our founders and their revolving roles within the family is fascinating and can be found on our website at collegechemistry.ca/past_exec.html. We owe a great thanks to all those individuals, who throughout the years, have generously volunteered their time, their enthusiasm, and their efforts to helping C₃ grow and flourish.

We also get together every year for our annual family reunion, what some others may call an annual conference. Here we meet new family members, catch up on old times and new tricks, and share *the best of what we know and are* as chemistry educators. Our reunions have taken us geographically from Sea to Sea to Sea (Sea₃); with Saskatchewan Polytechnic preparing to host us in 2016. The 42nd Annual C₃ Conference at Mount Saint Vincent was, once again, exceptional... thanks in no small measure to "Mother" Katherine Darvesh and all her team! At

the conferences, we invite some special guests to give us their thoughts, share many meals together, and even give out presents (or awards)! When all is said and done, we sadly bid each other farewell and vow to make sure we keep in touch and make it to the next one. Many stories, recaps, and wild anecdotes of past conferences are also found in our newsletters found online at collegechemistry.ca/newsletter.html.

(You may even dig up the answers to why we are turning 40 next year, but had our first annual conference in 1973??? and how 2016 will be our 43rd annual conference and not the 44th!!!)

So, if you've missed a few of our annual conference/reunions, or maybe even let your membership in this C₃ family lapse, now's a great time to return to the fold! Check out collegechemistry.ca/membership.html.

You may even think of a worthy student or colleague that is most deserving of our awards: the C₃ Award in Chemical Education or the C₃ General Student Scholarship. Details on all this and more can be found through our website collegechemistry.ca.

And of course, 'tis the season to send out holiday greetings, updating those important to us of our yearly exploits, or thinking about changes and plans for the New Year. Please keep in touch and even consider sending in a submission for our C₃ newsletter.

All our best wishes to you and yours over the holidays!
Cheers,
Bruno



Bruno Cinel, C₃ President

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Mary Sheppard, Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE

I hope everyone had a great semester. I started this newsletter in August but the last 4 months have been my most busy ever! On a holiday note, if you're looking for a fun yet educational way to enjoy the last few days leading up to the holidays, check out the Chemistry Advent Calendar <http://www.compoundchem.com/2015advent/> Best wishes, Mary

C3 AWARDS 2015



Student Scholarship Winners receive their awards from Kathy Darvesh.

*Left: Kaitlyn Blatt-Janmaat; Saint Mary's University Middle: Paige Baker, Mount Saint Vincent University;
Right: Chris Abraham, Dalhousie University*



At left: Shirley Barlow receives the J. Willard Gibbs Fun Run award

At right: Sudhir Abhyankar, C₃ President, receives "The Captain is Always Right" T-shirt from incoming president Bruno Cinel.



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2016 C₃ CONFERENCE, SASKATOON, SK

The host institution is Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Saskatoon. We offer a two year diploma in Chemical Technology and our graduates typically go directly into the work force in Saskatchewan industries. Industries employing our graduates include potash mines, uranium mines, canola crush and processing plants, ethanol production plants, water and waste water treatment plants, and Canadian Light Source.

We are excited to plan tours to several of these industries on the Friday morning of the conference. More details and sign-up information will be available within the next few months.

The theme of the conference is “Putting Chemistry Knowledge to Work”, but as with all C₃ conferences, we will be open and accepting of any presentations with an educational theme. It is not too soon to start planning your exciting and informative 15 minute presentation for June, 2016!

As well, information on our invited speakers should soon be available.

Since our institution does not have any student accommodation, we are investigating the summer accommodation at the University of Saskatchewan residences, as well as several local hotels located within walking distance of our facility. Watch the Conferences link on the C₃ website for more information.

We are brainstorming to find the best-uniquely-Saskatchewan dining experience for the Friday night banquet and are also hoping more folks will join in the early morning fun run on Saturday. Your trophy awaits!

Cheers,
2016 C₃ Conference Planning Committee
and Coordinators Lucie Clark and Shirley Barlow

