

# TRIAD CHEMICAL TIMES



Central North Carolina Section American Chemical Society

## April Section Event



### 15th Annual Poster Vendor Night

**When:** Tuesday, April 14, 2015

**Where:** Syngenta Auditorium

**Time:** 3 to 7 pm

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### Upcoming Events

April 7, 2015 Silver Circle Meeting (see local section news for details)

April 14, 2015 15th Annual Poster Vendor Night, 3-7 pm, Syngenta Auditorium

Saturday April 18, 2015 9am to 12 noon Adopt A Stream Cleanup (see pg. 3 for details)

April 30, 2015 April Section Meeting (at Wake Forest University)

May 14, 2015 May Section Meeting (at Stonefield Cellars Winery)

May 21, 2015 Triangle Chromatography Group Symposium, NC State

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## 15th Annual Poster Vendor Night (PVN)

Fifteen years ago, Dr. Robert Yokley tossed around an idea to create an environment for CNC-ACS members to share their research, network, and meet with vendors; this concept became Poster Vendor Night. Over the years, through the efforts of Robert and countless members of the local section, PVN quickly grew to become the largest member event of the section.

While the format has evolved over the past 15 years, the core purpose of PVN remains the same:

**Research:** Nearly 600 posters have been presented at PVN, highlighting the novel work that is being done at various institutions in the Triad

**Networking:** PVN provides a unique opportunity for academic and industrial members to interact in a casual laid back environment, fostering exchange of ideas. For students, PVN is a great opportunity to highlight their research and interact with colleagues that do not typically attend academic-focused poster sessions such as BigSurs.

**Vendors:** PVN hosts sixteen major scientific vendors such as instrument manufacturers, specialty chemical companies, specialty glassware companies and contract research organizations. This is a great opportunity to make contact with these companies.

Funding generated by PVN is used to sponsor a speaker for our September Meeting. Over the years, the PVN committee has been fortunate to have had Dr. Fred McLafferty and Nobel Laureate Dr. John Fenn speak at our September Section Meeting.

It is still not too late to submit a poster. Go to our website to download your poster registration form: <http://cnc-acssites.acs.org/>

We look forward to seeing you at our 15th Annual Poster Vendor Night.

## Earth Day, April 18, 2015

As part of Earth Day, the CNC-ACS will be participating in the City of Greensboro's Great American Cleanup. Local section volunteers will be cleaning a section of stream from 9am to noon near the downtown Greensboro area. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact TJ Mayer at [TJ.mayer@syngenta.com](mailto:TJ.mayer@syngenta.com) or 336-632-6079. The CNC-ACS stream is located between W. Smith Street and Guilford Avenue in downtown Greensboro. Parking can be found behind Westerwood Tavern- 508 Guilford Ave, Greensboro, NC 27401.

Later in the afternoon (1pm to 5 pm), Earth Day Celebrations sponsored by the City of Greensboro will continue at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library at 1420 Price Park Road in Greensboro. See the CNC-ACS local section website (<http://cnc-acssites.acs.org/>) for more details.

# 15th Annual Poster Vendor Night

Poster Vendor Night (PVN) will be held on Tuesday, April 14th at Syngenta. PVN is a great opportunity to network and to showcase your research with other chemists in the Triad. Please contact Jill Tierney ([tierney\\_j@bellsouth.net](mailto:tierney_j@bellsouth.net)) or Kathryn Gause ([Kathryn.gause@syngenta.com](mailto:Kathryn.gause@syngenta.com)) for more information about presenting posters. We welcome all undergraduate, graduate, and industrial posters.

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Poster Vendor Night



Student poster awards \$\$\$

**When:** Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 3-7 p.m.

**Where:** Auditorium, Syngenta Crop Protection  
410 Swing Road, Greensboro, NC

**What:** Posters (Academic + Industry), Vendors, Products

Door Prizes


Great Food

Networking

Trade Show

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Additional info available at : <http://cnc-accsites.acs.org>

 Follow us on Twitter! @PosterVendor\_15

## Keep Current on Local Section Events

Depending on your preference, you can keep up with local section events in the following ways:

### Twitter:

The CNC-ACS is running two Twitter accounts. The first is @CNC\_ACS and our name is Central NC ACS and is being moderated by Gail Webster. The second account is named PosterVendorNight, @PosterVendor\_15 ; it is being moderated by Kathryn Gause.

### Newsletter:

You can request to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter by contacting the editor, Bill Eberle at bill.eberle@syngenta.com

### Website:

The local section website is at <http://cnc-acz.sites.acz.org/>.

## Local area students qualify for the National Chemistry Olympiad

On March 26th, select local area high school students took the National Chemistry Olympiad Exam at Winston State University and Southwest High School. The following ten students qualified to continue on in the National Chemistry Olympiad:

1. Kayci Nielsen (Atkins High School)
2. William Ray (Calvary Baptist Day School)
3. Karl Westendorff (Career Center)
4. James Wade Curlee (High Point Christian Academy)
5. Emory Soper (Career Center)
6. Jack Bloomfeld (Atkins High School)
7. Bryson Jones (Career Center)
8. Harrison Labban (High Point Christian Academy)
9. Maricruz Macias (Southwest Guilford High School)
- 10 Anne Leal (Calvary Baptist Day School)

Many thanks to Dr. Bakarr Kanu (Winston Salem State University) for coordinating the logistics and administration of the exam.

## Silver Circle Meeting

Please mark your calendars - The next Silver Circle meeting will take place at Winston-Salem State University at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, 7 April. The format for this meeting will be a potluck dinner (please bring a dish to share) followed by a special presentation by Dr. Sing Muk Ng. We are indeed fortunate to have Fulbright Scholar Dr. Ng visiting the Triad area and available to speak to our group. As always with SC, this promises to be a fun, entertaining, and educational evening.

Sing Muk Ng, PhD

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Malaysia is a verdant land home to ancient rainforests and have rich cultural heritage forming from the intangible attributes of its multiracial community. The colorful mixture of Malay, Chinese, Indian, and other smaller ethnic groups has embraced many religious beliefs, practices, languages, and foods, which till date has formed a unique blend of harmony community living together. As time progresses and modernization process taking place, scientific knowledge has immerged into some of these cultural practices in either explaining the reasons behinds the living style or as a tool to assist the best practice of a cultural belief. This presentation will reveal some insights of Malaysia's facts and figures, some main cultural practices, its worldviews, and factors that lead towards how the community being shaped today. In addition, the emphasis will be focusing on how scientific knowledge, especially chemistry has becoming more visible in today cultural practices. This is demonstrated using some real examples that have such flavor.

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