

**Joint Meeting
Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh
Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh
Meeting Minutes
December 03, 2008**

Call to Order:

The SSP and SACP Chairmen, Mr. David Pensenstadler and Dr. William Sharpe, called to order the Joint Meeting of the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh and the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh at 07:00 pm on December 03, 2008 in the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Roll Call: Number of members present: 16

SSP Technology Program Dedication:

For the record, the Technical Program is dedicated to several scientists that received both the Spectroscopy Award and the Nobel Prize.

This year is dedicated to the following:

	Spectroscopy Award	Nobel Prize
• Gerhard Herzberg	1962	1971
• Kai Seigbahn	1982	1981
• Paul Lauterbur	1987	2003
• Ahmed Zewail	1997	1999

SSP Committee Announcements:

Meeting Arrangements: David Pensenstadler thanked Jan Pifer and her committee for tonight's excellent event. The members applauded.

Technical Program:

Hub MacDonald reported the following:

On January 21 we will have a joint meeting with the Optical Society of America. The speaker will be Dr. Xi-Cheng Zhang from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. The title is "Recent Progress of Broadband THz Wave Sensing and Imaging. It is a delightful topic, please come.

Technology Forum:

The next Technology Forum on January 21, 2009 at 5:30 pm. The speaker will be Dr. Jeffrey Peterson, and the title of his talk is "Dark Energy".

Membership:

Dave Pensenstadler reported that Manny Miller has had surgery, and wishes him a full recovery.

Employment:

Hub MacDonald noted that each year we join with the SACP, the American Chemical Society, and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and put on a workshop on job searching for professionals. It is on finding opportunities, resume writing and interviewing opportunities.

Job Searching for Chemical Professionals: On February 7th in the Ashe Auditorium at the University of Pittsburgh.

Other Announcements:

John Varine provided the following report:

The SSP Light, Color and Spectroscopy for Kids Workshop will be conducted at the National Energy Technology Center in South Park on Friday, January 16, 2009. The workshop is for elementary and middle school teachers. Application forms are available on the websites of the two societies.

David Pensenstadler reminded members about the Chairman's Pass. He stated that if anyone needs any passes to bring their colleagues or coworkers, to please see him after the meeting.

SACP Announcements:

The next speaker will be at the January 05, 2009 meeting for the Society for Analytical Chemists. The guest lecturer at the January meeting will be Eric Ahrens from Carnegie Mellon University. All are welcome to attend.

SACP Treasurer:

Approval of treasurer's report will be carried out at the January meeting.

SACP Secretary:

An acknowledgement was received from Brian A. Bernstein for the gift from Dr. Richard Danchik on behalf of the SACP for the ACS.

Grant for the memory of Peter Cai:

Peter Cai was a student and award recipient of the College Chemistry Scholarship a few years ago. Peter was the recipient of the \$20,000 scholarship and was in attendance at Harvard University when he died. A graduate of North Allegheny High School, Peter was involved with many community activities. Harvard sent \$2500 back to the Society. The Executive committee is meeting to decide on how to use the remainder of the funds – possibly for a competitive memorial scholarship in Peter Cai's name Peter's parents will be contacted for suggestions.

Old Business:

There was no discussion of old business as per Dr. Sharpe's request.

New Business

There was no discussion of new business as per Dr. Sharpe's request

Motion for Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn was made by Bill Sharpe, and the **Second** was made by Jan Pifer.

Dr. Sharpe asked the whole assembly of members present to respond with an "Aye" for acceptance of the Motion to Adjourn. The **motion was carried unanimously**. None were opposed.

The Motion was **accepted** by the Chairmen.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary, SSP

Maria K. Ferguson
Secretary, SACP