Dear ACS Local Section representatives,

The 2017 Mid-Atlantic Regional Chemagination Competition will be held on Sunday, June 4 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA during the 2017 MARM sponsored by the Lehigh Valley and Susquehanna Valley Sections.

It will consist of a poster session and judging, followed by a presentation or other activity for the students and the award ceremony.

We invite your local section to participate in this 2017 MARM Chemagination, the regional competition for all local sections in the ACS Mid-Atlantic region.

For this event, high school students are asked to imagine that they are living 25 years in the future and have been invited to write an article for ChemMatters, a magazine for high school students that focuses on the role of chemistry in everyday life. Students are also asked to design the magazine cover. The subject of the article is: “Describe a recent breakthrough or innovation in chemistry (and/or its applications) that has improved the quality of people’s lives today.” The article must be written to fit in one of four categories: Alternative Energy, Environment, Medicine/Health, or New Materials.

First place category winners from Local ACS Sections’ Chemagination contests are eligible to participate. If a first place winning team chooses not to participate, a second place team can serve as alternate. In lieu of holding their own Chemagination competition, a local section can choose to submit one team per category directly to the MARM contest using an alternate selection process.

Refer to the 2017 MARM Chemagination Contest Description & Rules for more details. For an example of a past MARM Chemagination see <http://marmacs.org/2012/Chemagination.html.>

Chemagination is a great learning experience for students. In addition to increasing their knowledge of science and chemistry, they can improve their creative, teamwork and public speaking skills. Such skills will serve them well in their future careers.

Isn't it time you offered your high school students a chance to exercise their Chemagination? If you have any questions about organizing a local section competition please contact us; we would be happy to help you get your own Chemagination started.

Please let us know, by February 6 if your section plans to take the part in 2017 MARM Chemagination Competition. Confirm your intent to do so prior to March 15, 2017 and include the date of your local contest, if possible. Email this confirmation to me, Louise Lawter at louise.lawter@gmail.com.

KEY DEADLINES

February 6 Local sections notify the 2017 MARM Chemagination contest co-chairs of their preliminary intent to participate in the 2017 MARM Chemagination Competition.

March 15 Local sections confirm their intent to participate in the 2017 MARM Chemagination Competition.

May 1 Local Sections submit their estimate of the number of teams they will be sending to the 2017 MARM Chemagination Competition.

May 15 Local sections confirm the number of participating teams and submit article titles and contact information on each student. (Submission process will be announced at a later date.)

May 22 Teams submit their articles for pre-judging.

June 4 The 2017 MARM Chemagination Competition takes place at Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA.

Regards,

Carol Stein and Louise Lawter

2017 MARM Chemagination Co-Chairs

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