

Chemists Without Borders Monthly Newsletter

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NEW MEMBERS

Daniele Paganelli: Daniele is a chemistry student in Modena, Italy. She is studying spectroscopy of photodegradation of herbicides, and plans to continue her studies in chemistry of sustainable development at the University of Siena. Welcome, Daniele!

(new members: if I missed you in the new members section here, please let me know so I can out you in the next issue. -Steve)

WEBLINKS

Conference call notes will be posted regularly soon after each conference call. If you cannot attend the conference calls, at least you can keep up with the discussion.

Here are links to the most recent conference call notes:

LOGO DESIGN HELP FROM USF GRAPHIC DESIGN CLASS

The Chemists Without Borders final logo design has been decided on, and will be out very soon. It looks very nice. We hope to put it on the website by next month's newsletter. The graphic design students worked very hard and did a very nice job!

BYLAWS AND 501(c)(3) UPDATE

The final application for 501(c)(3) status is nearly finished. Several CWB members have volunteered to help draft specifics to convince the IRS that we should be recognized as a tax-exempt public charity. We hope to have the application in the mail by the end of the month!

CWB MEMBER BIO-Rolande Hodel:

Rolande R. Hodel was born in Potsdam, in the former East Germany. Rolande emigrated to the US in 1989, and is both a German and a US citizen. She received her Ph.D. at the City University of New York, Queens College with Dr. Harry D. Gafney on the synthesis and photophysics of dendronized nanomaterials. She received an MS from the University of Kansas in inorganic chemistry with Dr. Joseph Heppert investigating

hydrogen bonded tungsten (VI) ortho-hydroxycarboxylic acid complexes by NMR. Her industrial research experience includes working for Emisphere Technologies, Pharmaceutical Discovery Corporation, and Nanocrystals Technology-all in Westchester New York, and at BASF in Germany. Rolande is an active ACS member (10+ years) and she is the treasurer of the Westchester Chemical Society, where she has served since 1999. Currently she is also director at large of the New York Section of the ACS. In 2005, Rolande founded AIDSfreeAFRICA: "Our goal to provide the world with the capacity to produce lifesaving drugs is an expression of our commitment to peace and human dignity. AIDSfreeAFRICA empowers people in Africa in the fight against HIV/AIDS by providing training, equipment and seed money to produce essential drugs, antiretroviral drugs, diagnostic tests and reagents."

For more information on AIDSFreeAFRICA, please see the website at:

<http://www.aidsfreeafrica.org>

or contact Rolande at:

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Our CWB biography section is to highlight the work of current members of Chemists Without Borders and to help you get know who else is part of our organization. If you would like for your bio to be included in a future newsletter, please contact Steve at the email address below.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are currently looking for help in the following areas:

Arsenic remediation pilot project: We have come up with an initial proposal for a pilot project to remove arsenic from drinking water using a novel technique which utilizes dried water hyacinth root as an arsenic sponge. (P. Haris...) We hope to start by harvesting hyacinth root from the San Joaquin delta region in California. If you would like to participate in this project, please contact Steve at the email below.

Fund raising ideas: We will soon finish the application for tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service, and need to start thinking of ways to raise money to fund CWB projects. We have applied as a public charity, which means that we need to raise most of our money from the general public, other non-profits, and governmental agencies (as opposed to one/several large donations from private donors or corporations). We would like to hear your ideas on fundraising and locating funding sources.

Chemical education projects: We are interested in having students participate in CWB

projects, and have them get class credit for doing so. If you would be willing to help organize something along these lines, please let us know.

Newsletter: I could use some help putting the newsletter together. If you would be willing to help (a few hours a month is all), I would greatly appreciate the help. Email me at schambre@chem.wayne.edu Thanks.

And don't forget- your input at the conference calls is always appreciated! Keep an eye out for an email invitation from Bego. We have switched the conference call time to 6:00 PM Pacific (9:00 PM Eastern) every other Thursday to try and accommodate more people's time schedules. See the links above for previous conference call notes.

Thanks for reading. Hope to hear from you soon!

Steve Chambreau

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