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A Message From Chapter Chair Caryn Weiss



Hello everyone and welcome to 2019. It's hard to believe we're starting the seventh year of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists Michigan chapter. Thank you for electing me to be your chair this year. I hope I can meet your expectations for me and the chapter. I will do my best to keep the chapter providing high quality meetings and scientific content. This chapter is first and foremost about the members and if you have any suggestions or ideas to make it better, please feel free to reach out and let us know!

This year has already started off on a high note, as we achieved the member retention goal of 85% to increase our rebate from the SCC national office by \$1,000. Our membership retention was 88%, the highest of all chapters, and I look forward to another great year. We also received a free Continuing Education Program (CEP) from national as part of the routine rotation. You should have already received a request to vote for your preference for the CEP course. If you haven't please contact me and let me know. We want to have a course that fits the needs of all our members.

We have a great lineup of meetings for you this year, with our first on March 7th at the Soaring Eagle Casino. Helen Yang, Amway, will be giving her presentation on Blue Light, which was a hit at the Annual Meeting. Rachel Grabenhofer, Cosmetics and Toiletries magazine, will be presenting on Keeping the Pulse of Cosmetic R&D. On May 2nd we're going to have a talk focused on Fermented Products in cosmetics in Grand Rapids. We are planning a golf outing and meeting on September 19th. Based on membership voting we'll be having a CEP course, as well as officer installation, on November 7th in Grand Rapids.

For those planners in our chapter, please note the other big events this year. The Twin Cities Holistic Symposium will be March 12th & 13th. New York Suppliers Day will be May 7th & 8th. Florida Chapter's Sunscreen Symposium will be September 12-14th. The 73rd Annual Scientific Meeting & Technology Showcase will take place on December 17th & 18th at the Sheraton Times Square. All these meetings and more can be found online at sconline.org.

I would like to thank all of our members who volunteer their time and energy to make these meetings and this chapter successful, for without them none of this would be possible. We are still searching for volunteers for our Program committee. If you would like to volunteer your time and help advance the chapters meeting programming, please let us know. This year our board is Rhonda Solberg as Chair-elect, Debbie Pinardo as Secretary, Tori Wing as Treasurer, Karen Patin as Treasurer-elect and Paige Krzyskowski as Past Chair.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all at our meeting at Soaring Eagle in March.

Sincerely,

Caryn Weiss – 2019 SCC Michigan Chapter Chair

Our 1st Meeting of 2019 Will be Held on March 7 at Soaring Eagle Resort & Casino

Helen Yang from Amway will present *Blue Light Science 101: Harmful or Helpful to the Skin?*



Abstract: Blue light has become a beauty buzzword. Is it a pollutant that causes digital aging, or is it an efficacious skin treatment? The market for blue light skin-care is on the rise, and cosmetic products advertise both blue light protection and blue light therapy. We'll explore popular blue light technologies and elucidate the science behind them. This is a technical 101 talk on the basics of blue light and how it interacts with the skin, concluding with tips for product formulation, claims, and testing.



Rachel Grabenhofer from *Cosmetics & Toiletries* magazine will present *Keeping the Pulse on Cosmetic R & D*

Abstract: As researchers and formulators well know, there's more to cosmetics R&D than new ingredient launches and poster/paper presentations. These, of course, are critical components; but what other variables shape our industry's direction? And from where do new ideas and insights flow? In this discussion and interactive exercise, Rachel Grabenhofer, managing editor of *Cosmetics & Toiletries*, will provide a trade press editor's perspective, to share tips and tricks on how she keeps a pulse on her industry.

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Our Shrinking Ingredient Choices

by Mike Starch - Wintermute Consulting Services

This column was prompted by a news item that I read last month about a proposed ban by the City Key West on the sale of sunscreens containing either Oxybenzone (INCI name: Benzophenone-3) or Octinoxate (INCI name: Ethylhexyl Methoxycinnamate). I know that use of Oxybenzone has been under regulatory pressure for several years due to its alleged harmful effect on coral, but this is the first ban regarding Octinoxate that I have heard about. As a formulator who occasionally works on sunscreens, I think banning Octinoxate will create big problems. This is one of most commonly used UV filters and is very effective for increasing SPF. According to frequency use data collected by the FDA, it is used in over 4700 commercial products in the U.S alone. Given the rather short list of permitted sunscreen actives for the U.S. market, we can't afford to lose another one.

Unfortunately the banning of particular cosmetic ingredients by countries, states, and now city governments is part of a trend that has been going on for at least 20 years. This trend is accelerating. Part of the reason is the "greening" of our industry driven by consumers who wish to use products based on "natural" ingredients. I have no problem with that because it is driven by market forces and if consumers discover that natural cosmetics don't work as well as traditional formulations, market forces will lead to the return of ingredients with proven performance. But the driving out of ingredients based on dubious science or ill-founded safety issues should be a concern to all cosmetic chemists. Who among us has not been required to spend time re-formulating products in order to eliminate ingredients that have been flagged by industry critics (parabens, silicones, formaldehyde donors - the list grows every year). I suppose this represents a kind of job security for formulators, but I would rather spend my time focused on developing safe and efficacious formulations and using my expertise to make ingredient choices based on performance and cost using my knowledge of ingredient chemistry. As a society of cosmetics chemists, we represent our industry and should be prepared to push back against pressure to limit our choices when doing formulation work.

The above editorial represents the opinions of the author; these opinions are not necessarily those of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists and its members.

The editor welcomes news items and short articles for publication in our newsletter. Please submit your information directly to Mike Starch at msstarch@att.net



2019 Society of Cosmetic Chemists Calendar

- March 7 - SCC Michigan Chapter Meeting - Soaring Eagle Casino (Mt. Pleasant, MI)
- March 19 - Chemical Supply Chain Management Program - see notice below
- May 2 - SCC Michigan Chapter Meeting (Grand Rapids, MI)
- May 7 - 8 - NYSCC Supplier's Day - Jacob K. Javits Convention Center (New York City)
- June 4-8 American Chemical Society Central Regional Meeting - Midland, MI (our chapter is a sponsor)
- September 19 - SCC Michigan Chapter Meeting - Location to-be-announced
- November 7 - SCC Michigan Chapter Meeting (Grand Rapids, MI)

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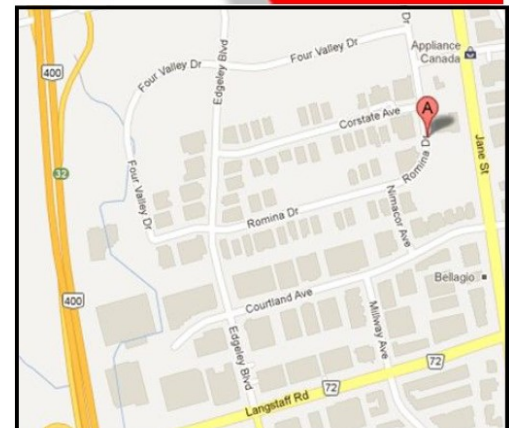
Chemical Supply Chain Management Program Cosmetics Regulations One-day Training Session

Hosted by SCC, March 19, 2019

The Venetian Banquet & Hospitality Centre 219 Romina Drive,
City of Vaughan, ON, L4K 4V3

The Society of Cosmetic Chemists (SCC) is offering a one-day condensed Cosmetics Regulations training session, facilitated by Responsible Distribution Canada.

Participants will obtain an understanding about establishing and sustaining a regulatory compliance program for importing, manufacturing, distributing and selling cosmetics in Canada.



To View the
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- ⇒ As a special offer to SCC members the **first 100 to register** will be admitted for **FREE!** A \$400 value!
No-shows will be charged \$100
- ⇒ For SCC members after the first 100 to register price will be \$100
- ⇒ Non-Members \$200

SCC News from Area II Director Yulia Park (yulia.park@Amway.com)

- Congratulations to the Michigan chapter for leading membership renewal contest (88%) and getting \$1000 additional rebate from the national SCC.
- Please update your contact information with your chapter secretary
- Go Green from the national office – opt-in to receive your SCC journal in electronic form

New Pro-Rated dues schedule - for members joining after December 31, 2018, the following dues proration schedule shall apply:



New Member Dues Proration Schedule

dues	joining in	membership thru
\$ 150.00	Jan-Mar '19	Dec-19
\$ 112.50	Apr-Jun '19	Dec-19
\$ 75.00	Jul-Sep '19	Dec-19
\$ 150.00	Oct-Dec '19	Dec-20

Michigan SCC 2018 Chapter Speaker Award



Our Best Speaker Award for 2018 goes to Shannon Hess, Associate Director of Responsible Sourcing at Burt's Bees. Shannon joined Burt's Bees in 2010 to expand the brand's commitment to responsible sourcing and supply chain transparency. Shannon has nearly 20 years of experience in global natural cosmetics. Prior to joining Burt's Bees,

Shannon spent a decade in R&D at Aveda, focused on formulation, raw material and fragrance ingredient sourcing. She holds biology and chemistry degrees, and her journey in the natural and organic cosmetic industry has taken her around the world, including living in Italy and Egypt.

Shannon spoke at our Naturals Symposium on September 6th at the Prince Center, Calvin College. Her presentation topic was "Responsible Sourcing in Natural Cosmetics". This year with our Symposium we had many wonderful and diverse speakers and topics to choose from for this award. Shannon had an impactful presentation that combined both technical and practical information. Thank you, Shannon and congratulations, from the Michigan Chapter of the SCC!

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