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ACS FERTILIZER & SOIL CHEMISTRY NEWS

We are rebuilding FERT membership through the help of an ACS mini-grant. We have initiated a new member campaign with a goal of 300 subdivision members by the end of 2004. Our efforts to date include a presence at the 2003 Environmental Quality and Agriculture Conference, the 2004 Metals Forum, NEMC, Midwest AOAC and the Southern and National Fertilizer Control Officials meetings. We plan to be at AOAC in St. Louis in September and the Agronomy Society meetings in November. Additionally we have begun a series of educational workshops focusing on metals analysis in fertilizers. Our plan is to:

- Create broader FERT identity by including agronomy, environment and analytical chemistry into programs
- Deliver content by developing relevant programming, training and timely communications to members
- Extend the identity and message by FERT sponsorships and participation in non-ACS scientific meetings

We are developing strong programming and planning for future ACS meetings. The infusion of new program content and speakers will bring ideas, energy, and responsiveness to our programs and the division. In the future we will work with AGRO, AGFD, ENVIRO, ANYL, and other divisions in cooperative program efforts. At Anaheim FERT presented a strong perchlorate related symposium; the first spring programming in FERT history!

Future subdivision activities and program topics are listed below

Metals Forum IV & ACS FERT Division Metals Analysis Workshop- Phoenix, AZ Feb. 23-25, 2005

229th Annual National Meeting- San Diego, CA, March 13-17, 2005

- National/Regional Air Monitoring Programs Impacting Agriculture
- Organic Farming and Nutrients – Productivity, Value, and Food Safety (Joint with AGFD)
- Innovative Technologies for Production & Analysis of Specialty Fertilizers & Pesticides (Joint with AGRO)

FERT Division Metals Analysis Workshop- Raleigh, NC, March, 2005

230th - Washington, DC, August 28 - September 1, 2005

- National/Regional Air Monitoring Programs Impacting Agriculture Cont.
- Water Quality Protection at the Watershed Scale: Monitoring & Trading, Are They Working? (Joint with ENV)
- New Nutrient & Soil Amendment Products Impacting Agricultural Production & the Environment
- Homeland Security & Agriculture: Managing Agricultural Inputs and Assuring Food Safety (Joint with AGFD)

231st - Atlanta, GA, March 26-30, 2006

- Agriculture and Nutrient Recycling Technology – Efficiency, Necessity and Economics
- U.S. Fertilizer Production – Challenges of Operating in a Global Marketplace
- Mineral Nutrition And Plant Disease – Interactions And Effects
- Agriculture and Adjacent Ecosystems - Can Both Be Protected? (Joint with ENV)
- New Techniques and Instrumentation Used In Fertilizer and Soil Analysis (Joint with ANYL)

232nd - San Francisco, CA, September 10-14, 2006

- Open for suggestions

Take part in the revitalization of FERT division by joining our division and attending upcoming programs. Please let me, or any FERT officer listed below know how we can be more responsive to your needs.

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Sincerely,

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