

Committee on Chemical Safety
Resources Subcommittee
March 12, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Dan McDonald and Larry Doemeny

Members Absent: James Kapin, Patricia Redden, Eileen Segal, Rubye Torrey, and Doug Walters

Committee members are reminded of the need for proactive pursuit of establishing chemical health and safety practices for academic laboratories for emerging technologies such as biotechnology and nanotechnology. Members are encouraged to attend the CHAS session on Monday afternoon on nanotechnology. No decision could be reached on adding a website link to the NIH biotechnology websites due to missing members.

The recent effort to translate SACL into Spanish by a Costa Rican professor was discussed. The subcommittee would support placing this translation on the website for downloading, thereby retaining ACS control over the content.

It was recently noted that comments by industry continue to indicate that recent graduates have been inadequately educated in chemical safety. It was suggested that those responsible for ACS accreditation, (CPT) should examine how chemical safety is taught as part of the accreditation process. As a model, Engineering school accreditation by ABET requires evidence of such instruction.

It was suggested that the subcommittee examine further integration of Green Chemistry concepts, with derived lab safety benefit, in the future editions of SACL and other CCS publications.

Respectively submitted,

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