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Ed Kugler of West Virginia University, President-Elect in 2005-2006, automatically becomes President for 2006-2007, succeeding the University of Pittsburgh's Götz Vesper, who served the society capably and enthusiastically during his tenure!

Photos from PCCS spring symposium:



PCCS Presidents—past and present, L to R: Dady Dadyburjor, Ed Kugler, Jim Miller, Götz Vesper, Faiz Pourarian, John Kitchin.



PCCS Student Prize Winners, L to R: Layton

Baker, Tengfei Liu, Huifang Shao.

## Southwest Catalysis Society

### News

This year's Southwest Catalysis Society (SWCS) Symposium was held on March 17, 2006 at Rice University. We had more than 80 participants this year, making this one of the largest gatherings in recent years! There were 19 oral and poster presentations throughout the day, representing over 20 companies and 9 universities. Enrique Iglesia started the day with his Burwell Lecture, with other lectures given by Jon McCarty (Catalytica Energy Systems), Peter Strasser (University of Houston), George Fitzgerald (Accelrys), Bert Chandler (Trinity College), Edouard Mamedov (SABIC), Chunshan Song (Penn State), Roland Saeger (ExxonMobil), and Victor Lin (Iowa State).

Three posters were chosen to receive Best Poster Awards (\$300 monetary award each): Alan G. Bussard, LSU (advisor: Kerry Dooley), Dheeraj Kumar and Mingshu Chen TAMU (advisor: Wayne Goodman), and Vinay Medhekar, UH (advisor: Mike Harold). We thank Mike Reynolds (Shell) for chairing the poster awards committee and the anonymous judges involved.

We thank our sponsors for generously supporting this meeting

(listed alphabetically): Accelrys, ChevronPhillips Chemical Company, Custom Catalytic Solutions, Crystaphase Inc., Engelhard, ExxonMobil Chemicals, Hiden Analytical, Intertek, Micromeritics, Sabic, and SASOL North America.

Programming note: we will not be hosting a spring symposium in 2007, as the SWCS officers will be helping to organize the North American Meeting set for June 17-22, 2007 at the Hilton Americas. Any questions about SWCS or the 20th NAM can be directed towards Yun-feng Chang (yun-feng.chang@exxonmobil.com) or Kerry Dooley (dooley@lsu.edu), respectively.

Photos from SWCS spring symposium:



Is the coffee break over already?



Poster award winners (left to right) - Vinay

Medhekar, Alan Bussard, and Dheeraj Kumar (not shown: Mingshu Chen) - with poster selection committee chair Mike Reynolds.

### Western States Catalysis Club

#### News

The Western States Catalysis Club held its annual symposium on February 24 in Boulder, Colorado.

Stu Soled, the 2006 Ciapetta Lecturer, was the keynote speaker.

The program included 18 other presentations, including 13 by students. The winners of the 2006 Shane L. Anderson/Jay C. Dorius Outstanding Student Presentation Awards were:

1st Place: **Matt Hyman**, University of Colorado.

2nd Place: **Camille La Fontaine**, Université de Poitiers.

3rd Place: **David Slade**, University of Kansas.

Next year's symposium will be held in Provo, Utah.

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