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Dear Members:

The 2011 SWCS Spring Symposium will be held on **Friday, April 15**, at Rice University in Houston, TX. Each spring the annual meeting provides a forum where academic, government, and industrial scientists meet to discuss topics in catalysis that include: heterogeneous, homogeneous, computational, analytical, nano, and surface/materials science. This year the SWCS officers have collaborated with Texas A&M to co-sponsor a symposium honoring Prof. Jack Lunsford with an exciting list of speakers. Additionally, the Society will present the inaugural *SWCS Award for Excellence in Applied Catalysis* to an accomplished scientist.

Rice University is ~25 miles from George Bush Intercontinental Airport and 18 miles from Hobby Airport. The symposium will be held at the Rice University Bioengineering Center (see map). Driving directions to Rice University are available at: http://futureowls.rice.edu/futureowls/Driving_Directions.asp.

On-site registration will begin at 7:30 AM and the program will begin at 8:00 AM. The **registration fee is \$50**, which includes NACS & SWCS yearly membership dues and a box lunch. To speed registration, please bring your business card along with your registration fee. **Students pay \$10** for registration (NACS and SWCS membership dues included). Unfortunately, we cannot take credit cards for payment. For those who cannot attend, please mail in your membership due (\$25) to our Treasurer, Dr. John Novak.

There will also be a poster session and competition at the Symposium for post-docs and students. For meritorious posters, we will give cash prizes to the presenting author. Interested students and post-docs should submit titles and abstracts to LLuo2@dow.com by April 11th at the latest. Posterboards (4' x 6') and easels will be provided at the site.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

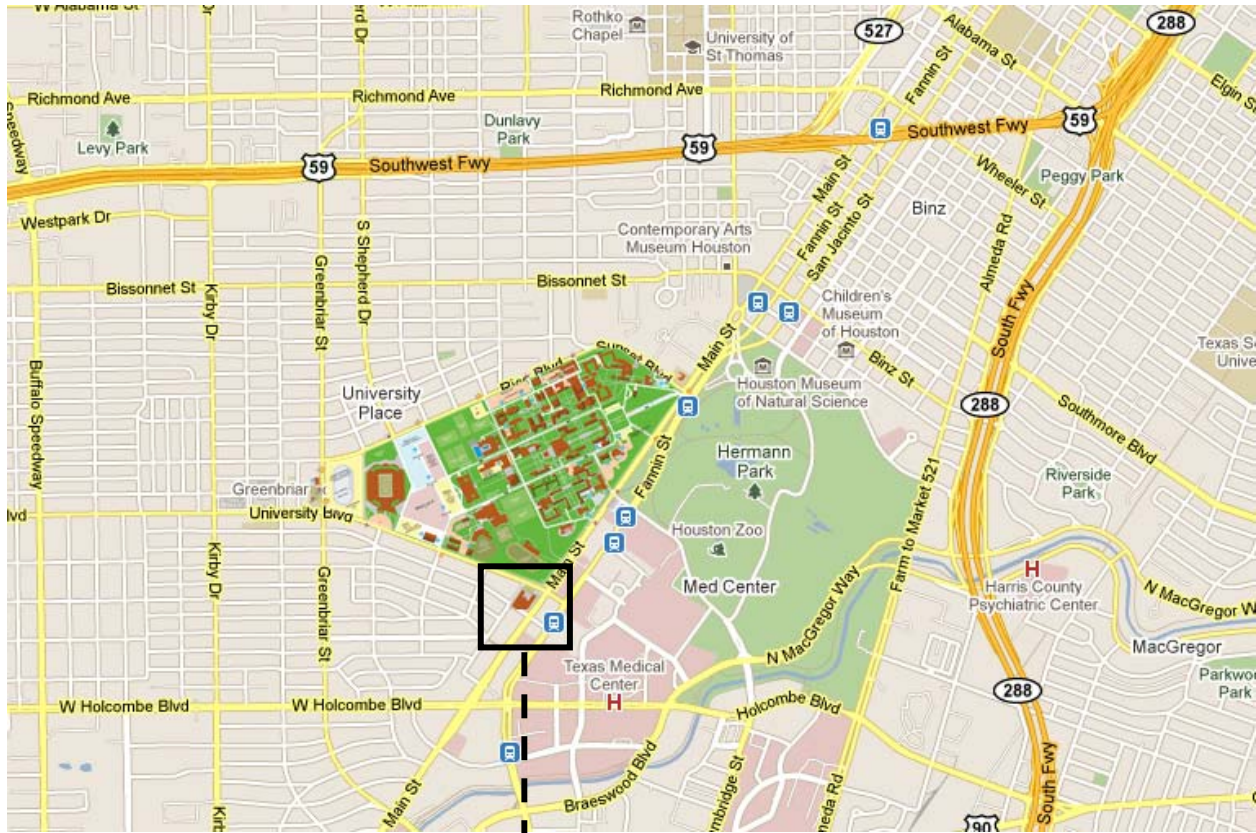
Michael A. Reynolds, Chair



PROGRAM (PRELIMINARY)

- 7:30 AM Registration – John Novak, Treasurer**
Bioengineering Center
- 8:00 AM Welcoming Remarks – Michael Reynolds, Chair**
Auditorium
- 8:05 AM Dr. Tom Ballinger (Johnson-Matthey; Wayne, PA)**
- 8:35 AM Prof. Peter Stair (Northwestern University; Evanston, IL.)**
- 9:05 AM Prof. Abhaya Datye (University of New Mexico; Albuquerque, NM)**
- 9:35 AM Coffee Break / Poster Setup**
Lobby
- 10:00 AM Prof. Bruce Gates (University of California-Davis; Davis, CA)**
- 10:30 AM 2010 NACS Ciapetta Lecture:**
Dr. Jeff Miller (Argonne National Lab, IL)
- 11:15 AM *SWCS Award for Excellence in Applied Catalysis* Presentation**
SWCS Officers will announce the inaugural awardee.
- 11:30 AM Prof. Jack Lunsford (Texas A&M University; College Station, TX)**
- 12:00 PM Lunch Break (Box Lunch provided) / Poster Preview**
- 1:15 PM Dr. Shuibo Xie (Chevron; Richmond, CA)**
- 1:45 PM Prof. Bert Weckhuysen (University of Utrecht; The Netherlands)**
- 2:15 PM Dr. Gerhardt Mestl (Sud-Chemie AG; Bruckmühl, Germany)**
- 2:45 PM Poster Session / Coffee Break**
Lobby
- 4:00 PM Poster Awards and SWCS Business**
Auditorium
- 4:30 PM Adjourn**

Rice University Map (<http://www.rice.edu/maps/maps.html>)



Meeting Site
 BioScience Research
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