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Greetings!

The 2010 SWCS Spring Symposium will be held on **March 12, 2010, Friday**, at Rice University, Houston, TX. This annual regional meeting provides a forum where catalysis in its various forms – heterogeneous to homogeneous, computational to the experimental, surface science to materials synthesis, applied to fundamental, academic to industrial – can be discussed.

Rice University is ~25 miles from George Bush Intercontinental Airport and 18 miles from Hobby Airport. The symposium will be held in Duncan Hall (same as last year) several buildings away from Central Campus Garage (see map on page 3). Driving directions to Rice University are available at:

http://futureowls.rice.edu/futureowls/Driving_Directions.asp.

On-site registration will begin at 8:00 AM and the program will begin at 8:30 AM. There will be coffee/beverages/snacks provided throughout the day.

The **registration fee is \$40**, which includes NACS and SWCS yearly membership dues and the coffee/snack breaks. 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, mail in your membership due (\$25) to our Treasurer, Prof. George Stanley.

There will also be a poster session at the Symposium. For meritorious posters, we will offer **Best Poster Awards** to students/post-docs, carrying cash prizes. There are a few slots remaining; interested students and postdocs should submit titles and abstracts to swcs@rice.edu by March 8, latest. Posterboards (4' x 6') and easels will be provided at the site.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

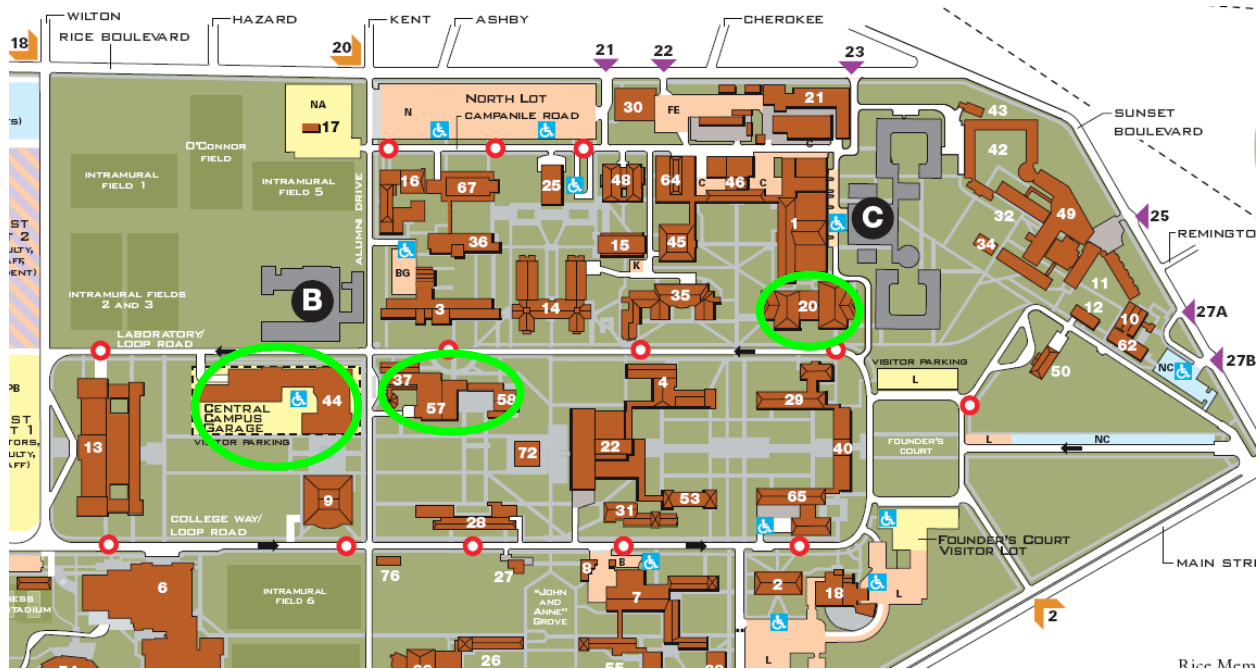
Michael Wong, Chair



PROGRAM (PRELIMINARY)

- 8:00 AM Registration – John Novak, Director**
Duncan Hall – Martel Hall
- 8:30 AM Welcoming Remarks – Michael Wong, Chair**
Duncan Hall – McMurtry Auditorium
- 8:35 AM Prof. Kerry Dooley (LSU, Baton Rouge, LA)**
"Perspectives on Catalytic Oxidative Desulfurization"
- 9:05 AM Prof. Ilke Arslan (UC Davis, Davis, CA)**
- 9:35 AM Coffee Break / Poster Setup**
Duncan Hall – Martel Hall
- 10:00 AM Prof. Friederike C. Jentoft (University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK)**
"Stabilization of Catalytic Alkane Isomerization"
- 10:30 AM Dr. David Graf (The Dow Chemical Company, Freeport, TX)**
"A Dow Perspective on Alternative Feedstocks & Separations Needs for the Chemical Industry"
- 11:00 AM Lunch Break (on your own) / Poster Preview**
Rice Student Center
- ~12:10 PM Re-assemble in Duncan Hall – McMurtry Auditorium*
- 12:15 PM Prof. Keith Stevenson (UT Austin, Austin, TX)**
- 12:45 PM Mr. A. Rider Barnum, Prof. George Stanley (LSU, Baton Rouge, LA)**
"The Dramatic and Unexpected Effect of Water on a Bimetallic Hydroformylation Catalyst: Aldehyde-Water Shift Catalysis and Hydrocarboxylation"
- 1:15 PM Dr. Larry Kraus (Criterion Catalysts, Houston, TX)**
- 1:45 PM Poster Session / Coffee Break**
Duncan Hall – Martel Hall
- 3:30 PM Poster Awards and SWCS Business**
Duncan Hall – McMurtry Auditorium
- 4:00 PM Adjourn**

Rice University Campus Map



Building numbers

20: Duncan Hall (meeting site)

57: Rice Memorial Center (student center)

44: Central Campus Garage