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Letter from the Chair: Happy New Year 2022



I am delighted to be the chair of the Cincinnati section of the ACS for 2022. By means of introduction, I moved to Cincinnati and joined Procter and Gamble in 2007, and am currently working in Data and Modeling Sciences in corporate R&D. I am married and have two teenage daughters. I completed an undergraduate degree in chemistry from the Technical University of Munich and a PhD in biophysics from the University of Paderborn (both Germany).

From a middle school age onward, I have benefitted from first seeing the fascination of our subject in demonstrations, learning from teachers and being supported by mentors along the way. While the journey towards becoming a scientist and practicing science can and will have its obstacles, I never want to forget the fun, wonder and excitement that led many of us on this path. Let's have some fun, seriously!

I want to thank Dr. Susan Marine and the executive [committee members](#) for leading us through 2021 and look forward to working with a committed executive committee to serve our mission (paraphrased from our bylaws): promote the advancement of chemistry in research and education, to improve the usefulness of chemists and to continue educating the general public about the usefulness of chemistry.

I had the first version of this newsletter ready in early January before the local impact of the latest COVID-19 wave became apparent. We have some wonderful speakers and events lined up for the next months. Unfortunately, given the recent surge, we will once again have to decide whether we can do this safely in person.

Part of my goals for 2022 aim to find a balance between the benefit of in-person networking at meetings and our safety.

1. We aim to return to in-person events where possible including all applicable laws and rules as well as guidance from the CDC and our national organization. We will follow the American Chemical Society's [example for the upcoming National meeting](#) and will require in person attendees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. When in doubt, we will err on the side of virtual Zoom meetings.
2. As we move towards in-person meetings, we will also experiment with hybrid meetings. We will work to make our meetings accessible to attendees who for COVID-19 and other reasons cannot attend in person.
3. Increase member engagement and participation. Past participation, feedback through the survey last October and the executive committee have highlighted this as an ongoing opportunity area. We have dedicated committee chairs with plans for programming targeting different groups within our section.

We have a number of interesting events planned for the next months. You can stay up to date via this e-mail newsletter and our website at acscincinnati.org. I invite you to provide ideas, suggestions and feedback to me.

Happy New Year 2022!

[Peter Koenig](#)

Chair, Cincinnati Section of the American Chemical Society.

Postponed: A Tale of Two Entities: From Academia to Industry



Dr. Christopher Pulliam (Senior Scientist, Procter and Gamble) will present in the near future on his journey from academia as a PhD student into a role as an industrial scientist in R&D at P&G's Corporate Analytical organization. In coordination with our speaker, we have decided to postpone this event in favor of an in-person meeting when possible. [More information.](#)

February Meeting: Dissolution Recycling of Polyolefins Using Alkane Solvents



Dr. John Layman (Senior Director, Procter and Gamble) will present at our February 24th meeting. We will announce by early February whether this meeting will take in person or virtually via Zoom. [More information.](#)

Cincinnati Chemist & Research Assistant/Technician of the Year



These awards recognize outstanding individuals who work in chemistry related fields and have made significant contributions to their field, society and community. We encourage you to nominate deserving individuals. [See here for details.](#)

Excellence in Teaching Awards



Cincinnati Section of the American Chemical Society has an award for "Excellence in Teaching" honoring chemistry teachers in high school and science teachers in elementary and middle school. Do you have an outstanding teacher you would like to nominate? [See here for details.](#)

Upcoming Events and Dates

Postponed	A Tale of Two Entities: From Academia to Industry Chris Pulliam, PhD, Senior Scientist, Procter & Gamble
February 21	Nominations due for Chemist of the Year, Technician of the Year
February 24 at 6 PM	Dissolution Recycling of Polyolefins Using Alkane Solvents John Layman, PhD, Senior Director, Procter & Gamble <i>Venue to be confirmed in early February</i>
March 15	Oesper Library National Chemical Landmark Dedication University of Cincinnati
March 16	Nominations due: Excellence in Teaching Awards
March 21	Meeting: Chemist of the Year, Technician of the Year Miami University
April 28	Awards night Northern Kentucky University