



WEEKLY "E" NEWS- 24th January 2008



HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY & LONG WEEKEND

Dear NSW RACI members,

Below are this week's announcements from the RACI NSW Branch , a summary is given and then scroll down for the full text.

- **Office Bearers Workshop 2008.** This years office bearers workshop will be held on the 16th of February at The Ranch Hotel, Cnr. Epping &Herring Roads, Eastwood NSW. **The workshop is open to all office bearers of all NSW Groups and Sections.** (We welcome too, other interested RACI members). It is hoped that at least one member from each group and section will attend so we can plan for the year ahead. *Please RSVP this week* – so adequate catering will be provided.
- **The 2008 Presidents Dinner** The President of The Royal Australian Chemical Institute, NSW Branch, Assoc. Prof. Mary Collins cordially invites you to attend the 2008 Presidents Dinner. This year the event will be held on the 16th February at The Ranch in Eastwood.
- **Assist The RACI NSW Branch By Buying The Entertainment Book.** The Book You'll Need To Find The Best Restaurants, Hotels Accommodation, Attractions, Sports And Leisure Activities In Sydney. Purchase Your Entertainment Book For \$60 Now And You Will Receive Over \$10,000 In Valuable Offers Valid Through June 1st 2008
- **Olle` Prize:** Nominations are now open for the Olle` Prize. It will be awarded to a member of the Institute who submits the "best treatise, writing or paper" on any subject relevant to the Institute's interests. Nominations close 28th March 2008.
- **Do you story idea or suggestion for the Weekly E News?** Please let us know! If any of our RACI members receive awards, Australia Day Honours or alike we would love to hear about it. Stories about our RACI events are always welcome.

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The workshop will include hearing from each of the groups and sections, and outline our planned activities for 2008. This year we will be holding a Chemistry Education Forum during the workshop too

“Chemical Education and the RACI – Where to from here?”

We will hear from RACI members actively involved in Chemistry Education and are looking forward to a lively discussion as to how the RACI can provide effective tools for chemistry teachers and their students.

Speakers will include:

Associate Professor Charles Fogliani AM (ChemEd Division): *Past, present and future perspectives of the Australian National Chemistry Quiz (ANCQ).*

Dr Siggie Schmid (Chair, ChemEd Division): *The teaching/research Nexus in Chemical Education.*

Julie Haeusler (NSW Department of Education and Training): *Chemistry learning innovation with ICT.*

Dr Ian Jamie (Treasurer, NSW Branch): *The Advancing Science by Enhancing Learning in the Laboratory Project: Success in the Tertiary Sector and advancing into the Secondary?*

Associate Professor Joanne Jamie (Hon Secretary Natural Products Group): *The Indigenous Outreach Program: Teaching Bush Chemistry.*

Details about other speakers will come in weeks to follow

Date : 16th February

Time: 8.30 (for a 9am start)

Venue: The Ranch Hotel, Cnr. Epping & Herring Roads, Eastwood NSW

Please RSVP this week – so adequate catering will be provided. (Friday 8th February 2008 at the latest)

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The Royal Australian Chemical Institute Incorporated

New South Wales Branch

INVITATION

The RACI NSW Branch Member & Guest

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Prof. Mary Collins cordially invites you to attend the

2008 Presidents Dinner

'Celebrating Achievements and Excellence in Chemistry'

Presentation of the RACI FELLOWSHIPS

Presentation of "PRESIDENTS AWARD"

GUEST SPEAKER Prof. Robert Lamb

Prof. Robert Lamb is the Director of the Surface Science and Technology Group, at the University of Melbourne. Synchrotron research in this group is focused on surface and interface characteristics of nanomaterials, semi-conductive materials and minerals. Research is funded through the Australian Synchrotron Research Program (ASRP) giving access to a range of state-of-the-art synchrotron radiation research capabilities at overseas synchrotron light source facilities. Professor Lamb will present a talk titled "The Australian Synchrotron Project: Lighting the path to innovation", which will highlight some of the exciting aspects of the research being carried out in the project.

**Come and be part of our celebration of Chemistry at an exciting venue;
The Ranch Hotel, Cnr. Epping & Herring Roads, Eastwood NSW
Saturday, 16th February 2008, 6.30pm for 7.00pm start**

RSVP by Friday 8th February 2008
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Ollé Prize

DUE ON FRIDAY 28th MARCH 2008

The NSW Branch invites nominations for the **Archibald D Ollé Prize**.

Archibald Ollé was very active in the chemical and scientific life of NSW in the first 40 years of the twentieth century, and his wife, who outlived him, left a bequest to the RACI NSW Branch to his name with an annual prize. It is awarded to a member of the Institute who submits the “best treatise, writing or paper” on any subject relevant to the Institute’s interests. Examples of previous winners include books and book chapters on key areas of chemistry, as well as critical scientific and technical reviews.

The NSW Branch Committee controls the Prize and has established the following conditions:

1. Nominations are invited from candidates themselves or from persons knowing suitable candidates and must be members of the RACI.
2. Each nominee shall submit a single scientific work published during the period 1st January 2007 until December 2007.
3. Nominations must be in writing, setting out the name, address, academic qualifications and present position of the nominee and be signed by the nominee and nominator.
4. Where the work involves more than one author, the nominator should arrange for **all** the other authors to send an indication of the contribution of the nominee. Though submission of multi-authored works is not discouraged, authors should be aware that in the past the adjudicators have found it very difficult to establish the relative merits of single and multi-authored works in terms of making an award to an individual.
5. Nominations should be addressed to:
The President
The Royal Australian Chemical Institute Inc. NSW Branch
School of Chemistry
UNSW
Sydney 2052
And must be lodged on or before Friday 28th March 2008
6. In all matters relating to this Prize, the decision of the NSW Branch Committee shall be final, and the Committee may not make an award if, in the opinion of the assessors, the submissions are not of a sufficiently high standard .

*The result will be communicated to all entrants and will be published in
“Chemistry in Australia”*

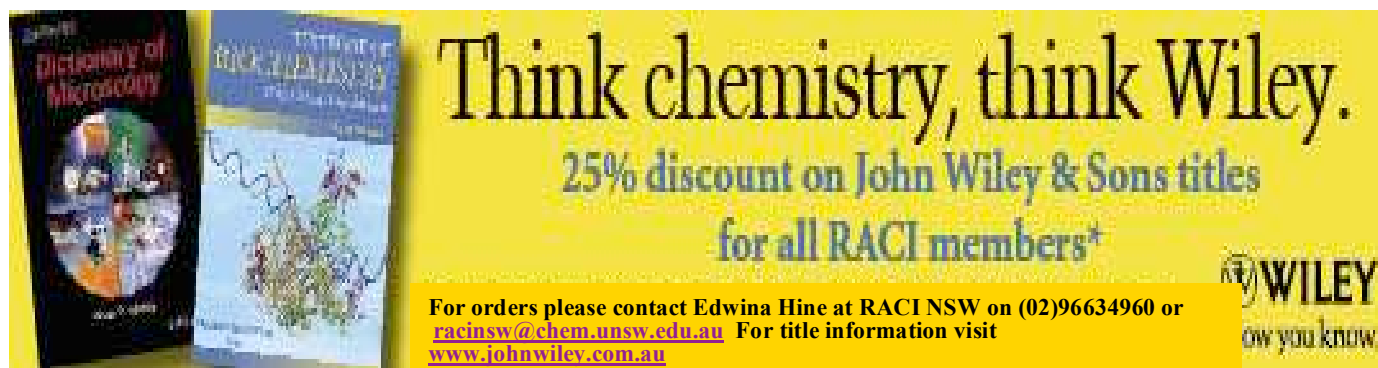
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