

Council for Near-Infrared Spectroscopy,

We wish to THANK YOU for your continued support and involvement as a member organization of the Federation of Analytical Chemistry and Spectroscopy Societies (FACSS). The value of FACSS lies in the member organizations and the interactions and contributions of individuals is the foundation to our success. As we prepare for our annual meeting, this year in **Reno, from October 8-13**, we are again reaching out to you to help make your meeting a world class event. Three areas in particular where your organization can have an impact are: recruiting volunteers, encouraging attendance, and advertising.

We are pleased to announce that SciX 2017 will coincide with National Meeting of **NASLIBS**. The scientific program for SciX 2017 is rapidly coming together. The Plenary speakers are being locked-in and abstract submittal has begun. This year's conference is shaping-up to be very exciting, which will include bonus sessions with world class speakers devoted to Nanotechnology, Surface Science, BioPharmaceutics, Women and Diversity in Chemical Sciences, Chemistry in Art and Technology and Analytical Chemistry in the Developing World. In addition, the very popular **FACSS Innovation Award Session** which features selected presentations that are the most innovative, creative and outstanding work making its world debut at SciX will be held on Thursday, October 12th. **New for 2017 is a new line-up of workshops!**

We highly encourage contributions from all the member societies. The Reno location is a convenient to many universities and companies along the west coast that share a common goal of enhancing out scientific knowledge through open discussions on our most challenging issues. Please reach out to any local contacts you may have to make them aware of the meeting. FACSS and SciX always welcome new ideas and approaches as we look to the future of Analytical Chemistry. This is why we actively seek volunteers from member organizations to contribute to the planning and growth of FACSS. There are many opportunities to help with the meeting and the Federation. Please contact the FACSS office or us directly if you are interested in getting involved.

Finally, we would like your help in improving our web presence. As you know, we have logos and links to each society on both the FACSS and SciX websites and would greatly appreciate the return. We have enclosed a banner for you to add to your website and also suggest that a link to the SciX conference website be added (<https://www.scixconference.org>). If the banner needs to be changed or updated at any point to meet your requirements, just let us know. We also THANK YOU for all your assistance in the 2016. This assistance really helped us reach-out to the all members. We hope that each organization will encourage its members to join us as we plan for the future of FACSS.

Once again, THANK YOU for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of service!

Respectfully,

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