

NESACS Wins Three Chemluminary Awards

NESACS received three awards at the 16th Annual ChemLuminary Ceremony on August 12, 2014, at the ACS national meeting in San Francisco for its activities in 2013. The Committee on Local Section Activities and the Committee on Divisional Activities presented an award to NESACS and the Division of Environmental Chemistry (ENVR) for an Outstanding Collaboration Between a Local Section and a Division. The award recognizes the National Chemistry activities on Cape Cod, which featured hands-on activities related to the National Chemistry Week theme of energy and included scientific career pathway career talks by local scientists.

NESACS also received the Global Engagement Award for a Local Section from the ACS Committee on International Activities “for its efforts in the international realm” in recognition of the participation of the delegation of graduate students from Germany in the Northeast Regional Meeting (NERM) in New Haven as part of its Exchange Program with the German Chemical Society. The activity was described in detail in the December 2013 Nucleus.

In addition, NESACS received the Best High School Chem Club National Chemistry Week (NCW) Event Award for “exemplary performance in the development and implementation of outstanding activities” from the Committee on Community Activities, specifically for their work with the Museum of Science-Boston staff to develop hands-on activities that were utilized throughout National Chemistry Week.

The Northeastern Section was also a finalist in two other award categories for its activities based on self-nominations in its annual report for 2013: Outstanding Continuing Public Relations Program of a Local Section (Committee on Public Relations and Communications), and Outstanding NCW Event for a Specific Audience (Committee on Community Activities). The winners in those categories were the Nashville and Orange County Local Sections, respectively.



*(L-R) Martin Rudd (LSAC), Mike Morello (DAC), Diane Grob Schmidt (ACS President-Elect); Jennifer Maclachlan (PID Analyzers); Tracy Williamson (ENVR), George Cobb (ENVR), Wasiu Adedapo Lawal (ENVR), Tom Barton (ACS President); Cathy Costello (Boston University School of Medicine).
 (L-R) H.N. Cheng, chair of the ACS Committee on International Activities (IAC); Morton Hoffman (Boston University); Cathy Costello (Boston University School of Medicine); Ruth Tanner (University of Massachusetts Lowell); Marinda Wu (ACS Immediate Past-President).
 (L-R) George Heard, chair of the ACS Committee on Community Activities; Cathy Costello (Boston University School of Medicine); Christine Jaworek-Lopes (Emmanuel College); Marinda Wu (ACS Immediate Past President).*

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