Dear NSW RACI readers

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

- **Young budding Scientist thanks the RACI NSW Branch** Young Sam Wightman from Mullumbimby High School wrote to our branch to express his sincere thanks for our ongoing support of the annual STANSW Young Scientist of the year awards which were announced on 26th of October 2007.

- **Office Bearers Workshop 2008** This year’s 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).

- **The 2008 Presidents Dinner** The President of The Royal Australian Chemical Institute, the NSW Branch, 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.

- **Reckitt Benckiser requires an Innovation Scientist** for its Global R&D Centre. If your understanding of manufacturing and product attributes has come from your R&D experience in FMCG and is supported by your qualifications in chemistry, chemical engineering, industrial design or entomology- Reckitt Benckiser would like to hear from you.

Please scroll down for further details.....
Young budding Scientist thanks the RACI NSW Branch

Young Sam Wightman from Mullumbimby High School wrote to our branch to express his sincere thanks for our ongoing support of the annual STANSW (Science Teachers’ Association of NSW) Young Scientist of the year awards which were announced on 26th of October 2007. Sixteen year old Sam won second prize with his Year 10 Student Research Project (SRP) in the Earth Science and Environment division, for his project investigating the effect of soil salinity on the growth of corn.

The High school student wrote to our branch “just a short note, big with feeling and substance however, to personally thank your organisation Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI) both for being such good hosts and generous sponsors at the STANSW Young Scientist of the year awards on 26th of October. I would also like to thank in particular your company Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI) for their Sponsorship of this event of which I’m sure along with every other finalist will influence us towards the sciences as a career path in the longer term & certainly motivate me to work hard & hopefully see you again with an entry next year.”

Sam was delighted to meet Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, as well as ex-Mullumbimby High student Richard Saunders, immediate past president of Australian Skeptics Inc, at the awards ceremony late last year. His success has caught the attention of at least two local publications in the Bryon region also.

Our branch will be involved in several exciting events this year – hoping to encourage students like Sam. National Science Week, Science in the City, Suburbs and Bush, (just to mention a few events) provide us with a great opportunity to inspire the new generation of chemists. If you have any ideas about events we can become involved in you can contact the branch on racinsw@chem.unsw.edu. Alternatively if you are attending the Office Bearers Workshop in February we can discuss ideas there.

Deadline for next weeks addition is midday Thursday 24th January. We welcome all article suggestions and ideas.
February 2008 Office Bearers Workshop

This year's 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).

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.

Date: 16th February
Time: 8.30 (for a 9am start)
Venue: The Ranch Hotel, Cnr. Epping & Herring Roads, Eastwood NSW

RSVP by Friday 8th February 2008
Edwina Hine
School of Chemistry, UNSW NSW 2052
Ph. (02)9663 4960, Fax (02)9385 6141
E-mail: racinsw@chem.unsw.edu.au

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The Royal Australian Chemical Institute Incorporated

New South Wales Branch

INVITATION

The RACI NSW Branch Member & Guest

The President of The Royal Australian Chemical Institute Incorporated. NSW Branch, 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

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$80.00 per person (includes GST)
3 course meal wine & soft drinks

Dress semi formal (Jacket and Tie)

Booking Form for the Presidents Dinner– please see next page

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BOOKING FORM

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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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