# The SAS Spectrum Newsletter





# August, 2007 SAS Award Nominations

# Nominations for the 2008 SAS Honorary and Distinguished Service Awards

The Society for Applied Spectroscopy Awards Committee is currently seeking nominations for the 2008 Honorary Membership Award and the 2008 Distinguished Service Award.

To be considered for Honorary Membership, an individual must have made exceptional contributions to the field of spectroscopy. To be considered for Distinguished Membership, an individual must have made exceptional contributions to the Society for Applied Spectroscopy.

Please submit the name of your nominee, along with a statement of why they deserve on of these awards, a brief biography and a copy of his/her CV by December 1, 2007 to:

SAS Awards Committee Chair

c/o Society for Applied Spectroscopy 201B Broadway Street Frederick, MD 21701-6501

#### 2008 SAS Officer Nominations Sought

The Society for Applied Spectroscopy is seeking nominations for the position of president-elect of the society. SAS has an enviable list of distinguished individuals who have served as officers at the national level of the Society. The Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for this position. Please consider submitting your name or the name of a respected colleague who is a member of SAS. Your submission should include the following information: name, position, and qualifications (e.g. a description of involvement in SAS with committee work, etc.) Nominations are due by December 1, 2007 and should be submitted to:

Chairman, Nominating Committee c/o Society for Applied Spectroscopy 201B Broadway Street Frederick, Maryland 21701-6501

## August Historical Events In Spectroscopy Leopold May, Catholic University



August 1, 1889 Walther Gerlach was born on this date. He and Eugen Schweitzer introduced the internal standards method and the concepts of homologous spectral lines and fixation pairs in emission spectroscopy.

August 1, 1946 The US Atomic Energy Commission was established on this day.

August 3, 1951 On this day, a paper on the use of KBr in infrared and ultraviolet/visible spectroscopy was submitted by Miriam M. Stimson and Marie J. O'Donnell and published in J. Am. Chem. Soc., 1952, 74, 1805.

### **Piedmont Section SAS Travel Awards**

Piedmont Section SAS Travel Awards are available to SAS Student Members in the Piedmont Section to present their research at the SAS National Meeting, FACSS (http://facss.org). Oral and poster presentations are eligible; students must be the presenting author. In order to be eligible for a travel award, the student and research director must both be members of the Piedmont Section of the Society for Applied Spectroscopy. Membership application materials are available on the web at http://www.s-a-s.org/renewal-application.htm, or by contacting the SAS Office at (301)694-8122, fax (301)694-6860, address: 201 B Broadway Street, Frederick, MD 21701-6501, e-mail: office@s-a-s.org. Travel awards are limited to \$500, only one student per research director will be supported, and the university must be located within the Piedmont Section. The Piedmont Section includes universities located in the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Eligible expenses include student conference registration, student travel, student accommodations, and student meals, and receipts are required for all expenses.

Applications consist of (1) the completed application form (please contact David Butcher, e-mail address below, for an electronic copy of the form), (2) a copy of the abstract, (3) a letter of acceptance of the paper from FACSS, and (4) a letter of support from the student's research director. Applications are due by September 14th, 2007. The entire application must be submitted electronically to Professor David Butcher at butcher@email.wcu.edu.

#### Katherine A. Bakeev to Receive 2007 Craver Award

The Coblentz Society is pleased to announce that Dr. Katherine A. Bakeev of GlaxoSmithKline Plc is to receive the 2007 Craver Award in Applied Vibrational Spectroscopy. In 2006, The Coblentz Society created this award to recognize young professional spectroscopists that have made significant contributions in applied vibrational spectroscopy. The award is named for Clara D. Craver in recognition of her pioneering efforts in promoting the practice of infrared vibrational spectroscopy and her many years of service to the Coblentz Society. The Craver Award will be presented at the 2007 FACSS Conference to be held October 14–18th at the Memphis Cook Convention Center in Memphis, TN. Dr. Bakeev will present the Coblentz Society's Craver Award Plenary Lecture in Applied Vibrational Spectroscopy on Wednesday, October 17th.

## Call for Nominations - Ellis R. Lippinncott Award

The purpose of the award is to honor the memory of Ellis R. Lippincott by recognition of significant contributions and notable achievements in the field of vibrational spectroscopy. The award is sponsored jointly by the Coblentz Society, the Optical Society of America, and the Society for Applied Spectroscopy. Nominations should include the nominee's name and affiliation, curriculum vitae, and a list of publications. The sponsor of the nomination must also include a brief letter of recommendation along with two other supporting letters from two different individuals.

The awardee will receive an honorarium of \$1,500 and must be present at the designated meeting to receive this award. Meeting places are determined, in rotation, by the sponsoring societies. Nominations are due by October 1, 2007.

To nominate an individual or request a nomination form submit your request to: OSA Communications Department 2010 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20036

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Information is also available on the Web at: http://www.osa.org