

A farewell message from the Chair.....



My term as the Chair for 2013 has come to an end. The year has gone by so quickly, it is hard to believe it is over. We had a really busy year in 2013. We started the year off with an evening meeting in February. We enjoyed Julia Hernandez's presentation on the Hair Care market. During the Cocktail hour we also had poster presentations given by our 2012 scholarship honoree Cendy Wang on "Petroleum-Free Structured Emulsion for Cosmetic Applications". In March, we hosted a full day event education day instructed by Randy Wickett on the topic of "Advanced Skin Science". We were able to offer this course free of charge to all SCC members. The spring closed off with an evening meeting in May, at which Perry Romanowski spoke on Skepticism and the Cosmetic Chemists. In July we had our 13th annual golf tournament which took place in Caledon Woods Golf Club. We had a wonderful turnout with 115 attendees! Special thanks go out to Gagan Jain and Craig Broijer for their time and effort in organizing this grand event. And also we thank our good friend Wayne Fretz who took a great series of pictures at the event. We started the fall off with our Annual Education Day which drew close to 80 participants. This year's topic was Scale Up and processing cosmetic formulations instructed by David Yacko. Our last evening meeting was held in November with Anna Howe from Evonik presenting on "Sensory Enhancement of Emulsions". We closed the year off with our Annual Holiday Dinner Dance on November 29th. We had 253 guests this year, all of whom had a great evening filled with great food, music and lots of prizes.

Starting a new year as Chair is always exciting and you always wonder if it will be a success, but this year truly was a great success. I could not have done this without the help of many great people on the board. I would like to give a great thank you to our executive board members: Andrea Boylan, Gary Baker, Monika Melao, Dorothy Maraprossians, Andy Halasz, Rob Quinlan, Dennis Zuccolin, Rob Castillo, Catherine Blackhall, Gagan Jain, Shahin Kalantari, Elizabeth Peitsis, Nadia Lunn, Kashif Mazhar, Mary Seifi and Vera Matovina.

Thanks Dennis Zuccolin for running our scholarship program and continuing to make improvements. Thanks Rob Quinlan for your time and effort for publishing our monthly newsletter and thanks Gary Baker for your continued dedication as our Chapter Treasurer.

Special thanks go out to Dorothy Maraprossians, Andrea Boylan, Andy Halasz and Kashif Mazhar for taking on the organization and preparation of our Holiday Dinner Dance!

Thank you to all the volunteers for being there when we needed them and who helped out tirelessly throughout the year. As you see this Chapter is a work in progress and it takes many people to make it work! I hope everybody has enjoyed the events and I hope to see you all in 2014 attending the many events planned for the year.

As Andrea Boylan takes over as the Chair for 2014, I believe she will do a phenomenal job and I wish her much success!

Sincerely,

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