New SAS Student Representative

We are pleased to announce that Michelle Meighan from Arizona State University will be the SAS Student Representative for 2008 and 2009. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in electrophoretic-based separations under the direction of Dr. Mark Hayes.

Michelle Meighan
SAS Student Rep.
Arizona State Univ.

Her initial research involved designing a Raman instrument capable of studying hydrothermal vents in situ. More recently, she is focusing on developing an electrophoretic device that can selectively capture important biological molecular targets in very small volumes.

As SAS student representative, she looks forward to facilitating different exciting events in which to engage students. She also hopes to enhance the career services options for student members approaching graduation. We look forward to working with Michelle in her new position.

Report of the European SAS

The inaugural European SAS Tour was an outstanding success! Tour Speaker Peter Griffiths visited Krakow, Dortmund, Sheffield, and Vienna. Approximately 40 people attended the presentation in Krakow. The Dortmund presentation was held at ISAS, where over 50 people attended. At Sheffield Hallam University, Dr. Griffiths gave a talk as part of the Infrared and Raman discussion. In addition, he assisted with the judging of a graduate student competition. The final talk was held at the Technical University of Vienna. It is anticipated that future European Tour events will be equally successful.

June Historical Events In Spectroscopy

Leopold May, Catholic University

Richard E. Smalley, who did research in supersonic beam laser spectroscopy, was born on this day. He shared the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1996 with Robert F. Curl and Harold W. Kroto for their discovery of fullerenes.

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