



Friends and Colleagues and Members of NAC SETAC,

I hope you have all had a fun and productive summer! With the foliage season passing here in Vermont – I think it is a good time to update you on our behind-the-scenes developments and plans for future events with NAC SETAC.



Immediately following the Bar Harbor annual meeting (great venue and location!), the BOD set to work with plans for the remainder of 2008 and 2009. Some exciting events and plans are in the works. Thanks again to all of the 2008 Session Chairs, Awards Committee, Dodi & Walter Horowitz, attending membership and others who contributed to our successful Bar Harbor meeting. Meanwhile, a mini-pictorial retrospective to Bar Harbor for your enjoyment:



SETAC NORTH AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING, TAMPA FLORIDA

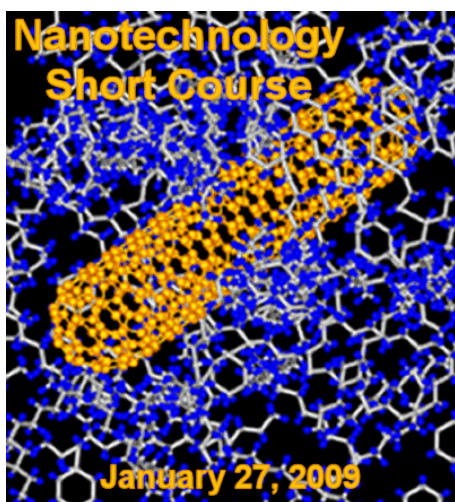
Here are some NAC SETAC events in Tampa of interest to you:

- Monday (5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.) our Regional Chapter Booth – so come on by! Our time-frame is considered “prime-time” since it will intersect with the poster social (beer/wine okay!).
- Tuesday (1 p.m. – 2 p.m.) we will hold the NAC SETAC Regional Chapter meeting. This is a time when we will outline our up-coming events and you can express your thoughts and ideas and suggestions to best meet your needs within the Chapter.
- Hopefully there will be several “NACers” in Tampa, such that we can meet for an informal dinner/brews somewhere in town.



I am pleased to announce that **Dodi Borsay Horowitz**, our highly valued **Secretary/Treasurer**, has been awarded the **SETAC NA 2009 Outstanding Regional Chapter Member Award**. A nomination package was assembled with the help of our Board and many NAC SETAC Members. Our nomination provided a path to recognition - on a national level - for all that Dodi has done for NAC SETAC and continues to do day after day and year after year for us. Help us celebrate Dodi's award which will be presented at the SETAC NA Annual Meeting in Tampa – during the Opening Session on Sunday evening, November 16, 6:30-8:00 p.m. If you are at the Conference, please attend the Opening Session so she will receive a prodigiously audible round of applause. Please join us for a beverage at the Reception following.
Dodi - Congratulations and Thank You!

WINTER SHORT COURSE



Nanotechnology, Environmental Implications and Applications

We have joined with the Society of Risk Analysis (SRA) – New England as co-sponsors for this one-day short course. Nancy Bonnevie (Arcadis) is the short course Chair and Dr. Kate Sellars (Arcadis) will be the primary instructor. **There is a 50-seat limit for this short course – so please register early!** Nanotechnology is currently an area of high interest throughout SETAC NA and globally – with a short course offered at the Tampa SETAC NA meeting (Kate Sellars, instructor) and a featured topic in Volume 27, Issue 9 (September 2008) of ET&C. If you are attending the SETAC NA Tampa meeting you will find sessions on Nanomaterials and Nanotechnology for those interested in getting a leg-up on our short course.

- **Date: Tuesday January 27, 2008, 9 a.m – 4 p.m.**
- **Location: Doyle Conservation Center, Leominster, MA**
- **Pre-registration & lodging information:**
www.nacsetac.org

We are attempting to keep our short course and other events as “green” as practical – hence our selection of the Doyle Conservation Center as our venue. Completed in June 2004, the Doyle Conservation Center is a “green” building built by The Trustees of Reservations at the Doyle Reservation in Leominster. The Center is home to Trustees' staff working in the areas of land conservation, ecology, resource protection and planning, environmental education, and mapping. We encourage you to car-pool or use mass transportation when practical. Also, we will be offering re-usable stainless steel NAC SETAC beverage containers available for purchase – for your use during the short course and thereafter. Please register early on our website for this timely short course!



JUNE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING



We have selected the New England Center (NEC) Hotel and Conference Center, located at the University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH as our venue for the 2009 annual meeting. Our thanks go to Alan Parsons for doing the footwork to line up this fabulous venue and to other BOD members for their input. The dates for the combined short course and meeting are June 10-12, 2009.

We have discovered that venues have become more expensive, therefore there will be an increase in the registration fees to cover our costs for this event. We will do all that we can to keep pricing at a level that will be attractive to you and will also ensure that NAC SETAC remains a financially viable entity. Our primary objectives are to provide a relaxed and quality environment where we attract exemplary speakers and poster presentations of current research and provide continuing student travel and award support.

New with this event will be modifications in your on-line registration process to provide several meeting packages which will include NEC overnight hotel room, meals, and meeting registration – with various attendance scenarios offered. These packages will offer the best pricing alternatives for our meeting attendees.

We are counting on a large turnout for this our 15th annual meeting. The meeting space holds up to 150 people – so bring a friend (*registered please*)! The BOD will soon be proposing sessions for the annual meeting. Your input is important to us. If you have any favorite or creative sessions you'd like to offer or request, please contact me at jwilliams@aquatecb.com. Although BOD members are often selected as session chairs – this is not at all a requirement. If you have a session you'd like to Chair, please let me know. The primary requirement for a Session Chair is that you would coordinate a roster of 3-5 speakers for that session, including submitted abstracts. Submission details will be posted on our website.

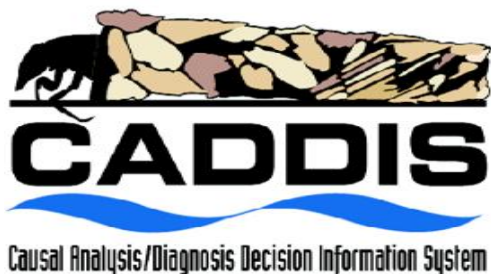
As we plan this meeting, we'd like your input on session structure. Many NAC members have suggested that we provide more time for open discussion in our sessions. We would like to balance the open policy we have traditionally had for acceptance of abstracts and platform presentations and also accommodate the expressed desire for more discussion time. We would like to accommodate this and will consider any suggestions you have as to how this might best be done.

As part of our effort to provide continuing student support and offset meeting we will be seeking meeting and break sponsors for our events. If you or your company would like to help, please contact Lisa McIntosh (lmcintosh@woodardcurran.com), our Sponsor Chair.

And....
for fun and relaxation hopefully Larry will bring his guitar (or mandolin) and Allison and others their singing voices!



2009 ANNUAL MEETING SHORT COURSE



BOD member Ted Wickwire (Exponent) has a commitment from EPA to provide a 1-day workshop and likely a keynote address for our Annual Meeting. The topic will be **Causal Analysis/Stressor Identification**. Ted has expressed our interest in integrating a hands-on/case study component to the meeting. The leader of the workshop and keynote will be Susan Cormier, National Center for Environmental Assessment USEPA in Cincinnati.

- **Date: Wednesday June 10, 2009**
- **Location: New England Center, Durham, NH**
- **Pre-registration and lodging information: www.nacsetac.org**

So there you have it, time seems to fly (when you're working hard, having fun or between our events!) so before long I will be seeing you either in Tampa, Leominster, or Durham. Until then have a good fall/winter/spring!

John Williams

President, North Atlantic Chapter of SETAC



NAC SETAC Officer in-training and hope for the future!