

Join Your Local AIChE Section Don't Miss the Kick-off Meeting/Mixer – Sept. 15

As you renew your national AIChE membership this year, be sure to consider joining your local section as well. Your \$20 local membership will support important activities serving the local chemical engineering community. These include:

- **Five regular meetings/seminars** featuring distinguished speakers presenting their views on topics of special interest (See below).
- **Two continuing education classes** offered to members at reduced cost.
- **Recognition of local members with special awards for professional accomplishment.** This past year we recognized Laura Dietsche as Chemical Engineer of the Year, Mike Trippeer as Young Chemical Engineer of the Year, and Hank Kohlbrand, as winner of the Noland Poffenberger Award for outstanding vision and leadership within the chemical engineering profession.
- **A program of science and engineering presentations/demos** for students in the local middle schools.
- **A \$2000 scholarship** awarded to a local graduating high school senior pursuing a college degree in chemical engineering (\$500/yr for 4 years)
- **Two Scholarships for high school age students** to attend the Michigan Tech Summer Youth Program.
- **A Spring Banquet** held at the conclusion of the programming year.

You can read more about the Section's activities by visiting our website at <http://www.mmaiche.org>. The Section has an exciting calendar of events planned for this coming year. A copy of the Events Calendar is attached to this message. Be sure to save these dates on your personal calendar.

Don't miss the kick-off meeting/mixer to be held Wednesday, September 15 at Oscar's Cornerstone Pub in downtown Midland (140 E. Main St., 989-837-8680). Come by starting at 5:00 p.m. for **free sandwiches, soft drinks, and a complimentary beer or wine.** Everyone is welcome. This is an informal mixer designed to encourage folks to meet others in the profession and learn more about plans for the new programming season. **This event is made possible through the generous support of The Dow Chemical Company and Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation.**

I hope to see you there, and I hope you will choose to support the local Section.

Sincerely,

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The 2010 – 2011 Calendar of Events for Mid-Michigan AIChE is attached.

2010 - 2011 Calendar of Events for Mid-Michigan AIChE

- **Season Kick-off Meeting/Mixer**
Aleksandr Gamble, Master of Ceremonies
Come Hear about Speakers and Events Scheduled for this Coming Year
Wednesday, September 15, 2010
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Sandwiches and drinks provided.
Oscar's Cornerstone Pub, downtown Midland (140 E. Main St., 989-837-8680)
- **Karl Jacob** (Dow Fellow) and **Remi Trottier** (Sr. Res. Scientist)
Solids Processing Group, The Dow Chemical Co.
Continuing Education Course: Powder Technology
Tues. and Wed., October 12-13, 2010
- **Dr. Abhijit Sarkar**, Research Scientist, Michigan Molecular Institute
Seminar: Materials for Photonics. Controlling Light for Useful Purposes
Wednesday evening, November 17, 2010
- **Harry White**, Process Safety Technology Leader, Styron Corporation
Seminar: Process Safety Challenges and Future Directions
Wednesday evening, Dec. 8, 2010
- **Dr. Dee Strand**, Dow Fellow, Battery Materials R&D, The Dow Chemical Company
Seminar: Advances in Battery Technology. Challenges and Vision for the Future
Wednesday evening, Jan. 19, 2011
- **Dr. Laura Dietsche**, Research Scientist, The Dow Chemical Company
2010 Mid-Michigan Chemical Engineer of the Year
Seminar: Chemical Engineering Curricula from the Perspective of an ABET Auditor
Wednesday evening, Feb. 23, 2011
- **Prof. David Clough**, Chemical and Biological Engineering Dept., Univ. of Colorado - Boulder
Continuing Education Course: Making the Most of Spreadsheet Calculations
Wed. and Thurs., March 23 - 24, 2011
- **Prof. Steven Gorsich**, Biology Department, Central Michigan University
Seminar: Genetic Engineering of Yeast for Enhanced Production of Biofuels from Lignocellulose Waste
Wednesday evening, April 13, 2011
- **Annual Spring Banquet**
Sherrie Fritze-Harris, Operations Manager, Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation
Keynote Speaker
Wednesday evening, May 25, 2011