



Society for Biological Engineering Names New Executive Director

AIChE's Society for Biological Engineering (SBE; <http://bio.aiche.org>) has named Miriam Cortes-Caminero as its new executive director. She succeeds June Wispelwey, who became executive director of AIChE in January 2009.

Cortes-Caminero is a biochemist and pharmacologist with international experience in sales, marketing and product management in the biopharmaceutical field. She most recently served as director of marketing with Sartorius Stedim Biotech, and earlier in her career served as product manager and regional sales manager with Pall Life Sciences. She has also been an instructor in biochemistry and biotechnology at both St. John's Univ. and the State Univ. of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook.

Cortes-Caminero earned a BS in biochemistry, with a dual major in Hispanic literature, at SUNY Stony Brook, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She holds an MS in pharmaceutical sciences from St. John's Univ., where she is currently a PhD candidate in pharmaceutical sciences

with a concentration in pharmacology.

Among Cortes-Caminero's goals for the SBE will be identifying new research projects for industrial consortia, developing a "web lab" for academic institutions, and increasing SBE membership. "Despite the economic downturn, the worldwide biotech industry continues to grow, as has student interest in biological engineering and the professional practice of this emerging discipline," Cortes-Caminero said.

Established by AIChE in 2004, the Society for Biological Engineering is a technological community for engineers and applied scientists integrating biology with engineering. The SBE's 2,000 members represent a broad spectrum of industries and disciplines, and share in the SBE's mission of realizing the benefits of bioprocessing, biomedical and biomolecular applications.



Leadership Development Conference Strengthens AIChE Volunteer Network

Eighty AIChE leaders — including the Institute's Board of Directors, technical division and forum leaders, and officers from some three-dozen local sections — participated in AIChE's 2009 Leadership Development Conference (LDC), June 12–14. AIChE's Central Savannah River (CSR) Local Section hosted and programmed the conference, which was held at the Augusta Marriott in Augusta, GA.

The LDC — conducted each year at a different AIChE local section site — offers an important opportunity for the Institute's volunteer leaders to get together to discuss the Institute's goals and activities, share best practices, and establish lines of communication. Attendees at the 2009 conference — including undergraduates from the newly established Executive Student Committee — met their peers from other AIChE groups, enjoyed a scavenger hunt and other social activities, and participated in workshops that developed their AIChE knowledge and leadership skills, as well as their enthusiasm for their roles as AIChE representatives.

Members of the CSR Local Section, many of whom are employees of Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL), volunteered their time and brought their hospitality to planning and executing the conference. Among the organizers, CSR past-chair Dan Lambert was responsible for programming, John Steimke co-chaired the planning committee, and Kerri Crawford handled logistics and special events. Several SRNL employees made presentations, including Jeff Pike,

George Wicks, Michael Poirer, Joette Sonnenberg, Marie Kane, Bond Calloway and Chris Bannochie.

Several sessions — including communication skills, membership development, serving the needs of students and young professionals, and programming — were videotaped, and will be available as webinars at AIChE's ChemE On Demand website: <http://apps.aiche.org/ChemEOnDemand/>.

General information about the Leadership Development Conference is available at: www.aiche.org/ldc/.



AIChE President H. Scott Fogler (center) presides over his workshop on creative problem solving.

AIChE Director Wendy Young (l.) and National Secretary Scott Love discuss the conference with CSR Secretary Heather Mentzer (r.).



At left, conference organizer Dan Lambert (center), meets Nuclear Engineering Div. Chair Stuart Arm (l.) and Cecil Coutinho (r.) of the Environmental Div.

AIChE Board Election: Ballots to be Mailed in August

In May and June, *CEP* featured position statements and biographies of president-elect, secretary, and director candidates for the 2010 election.

This information is available on the web at www.aiche.org/election/. Paper ballots will be mailed on Aug. 24 to all fellows, senior members and members.

Members may cast only one vote, and may choose to vote either by paper ballot or by electronic proxy*.

Electronic proxy will be available Aug. 24 through Sept. 28. To use this electronic submission instead of a paper ballot, visit www.cssconsult.com/elections/AICHE2010/ on or after August 24. Your AIChE membership number will serve as your personal identification number. The same rigorous standards guarding your privacy will be applied to both paper ballots and electronic proxies. All paper ballots and electronic proxies must be received by Sept. 28, 2009.

Election results will be announced at the AIChE Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN, and in the December issue of *CEP*. If you have any questions on the election, please e-mail election@aiiche.org.

**Electronic Proxy Ballot: Under New York law, a member can vote a proxy by electronic means. A proxy is a limited power of attorney affirmatively given to another person or persons to act in his or her stead. You will authorize President Fogler and Secretary Love to vote on your behalf for the indicated candidates.*



OBITUARIES

Reginald Mann, 66, Derbyshire, England

John A. Marr, 48, Walnut Creek, CA

Robert E. Trent, 74, Louisville, KY

Robert S. Voris, 89, Wilmington, DE

Cheng-Ching Yu, 52, Taipei, Taiwan

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AUGUST 23–27, 2009	8th World Congress of Chemical Engineering Palais des Congrès • Montréal, QC, Canada
SEPTEMBER 13–19, 2009	54th Safety in Ammonia Plants and Related Facilities Symposium Hyatt Regency Calgary • Calgary, AB, Canada
OCTOBER 1–2, 2009	2009 AIChE Regional Process Technology Conference Moody Gardens Hotel • Galveston, TX
NOVEMBER 8–13, 2009	2009 AIChE Annual Meeting Gaylord Opryland Hotel • Nashville, TN
MARCH 21–25, 2010	2010 AIChE Spring National Meeting Grand Hyatt San Antonio • San Antonio, TX



Scheduled Webinars

Register and view live and archived webinars at <http://www.aiche.org/webinars/>

AUGUST 19, 2009 2:00–3:00 PM ET	Progressing in Your Organization Presented by Dr. Ron Elsdon (<i>Free for AIChE Members</i>)
AUGUST 25, 2009 2:00–3:00 PM ET	Systems Biology Presented by Dr. Jens Nielsen
AUGUST 26, 2009 2:00–3:00 PM ET	Ionic Liquids Presented by Dr. Joan Brennecke
SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 2:00–3:00 PM ET	Chemical Product Design Presented by Dr. Warren Seider and Dr. Soemantri Widagdo
SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 2:00–3:00 PM ET	Fundamentals of Fire and Fire Control Presented by Dr. J. Reed Welker
SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 2:00–3:00 PM ET	K–12 Outreach: Unique Contributions Through AIChE and How YOU Can Get Involved! Presented by Dr. Katherine S. Ziemer