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September Dinner Meeting Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI)

Seth Shostak, SETI Institute

Abstract

Dr. Shostak will present an overview of the SETI Institute, its programs, and areas of research. The SETI Institute is the oldest and most prestigious organization pursuing the scientific search

for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI) and the many disciplines that comprise the science of astrobiology, or life in the universe. The mission of the Institute is "to explore, understand and explain the origin, nature and prevalence of life in the universe". SETI Institute scientists are pursuing research in extrasolar planet discovery, the evolution of stars and planets, biology in extreme environments, the chemistry of the interstellar medium,

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geology in our solar system, and many other projects. SETI Institute scientists are included on the teams of many of the successful space exploration missions, including the Mars Rovers and Cassini-Huygens mission to

Saturn's moon Titan.

The Institute recently concluded the most extensive targeted search of nearby stars for signals from other civilizations. Project Phoenix viewed about 1,000 stars for indications of artificial emissions indicative of otherworldly intelligence. While no signals were discovered with Project Phoenix, the continuing discovery of the vast numbers of planets beyond our solar *continued on next page*

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September Dinner Meeting

	Date:	Thursday,	September	22,	2005
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- Time: 6:00 Social Hour 7:00 Dinner 8:00 Lecture
- Location: Biltmore Hotel & Suites 2151 Laurelwood Blvd. Santa Clara, CA 95054
- Speaker: Dr. Seth Shostak Set Institute–An Overview
- **Cost:** \$27.00 with the choice of Roast Pork Loin w/apricot sauce. Vegetarian Crepes Includes wine with dinner.

Reservations: www.scvacs.org

Shirley Radding 408-246-2564 408-296-8625 Fax

Reservations should be made by Monday, September 19th stating your name, address, company affiliation, number of people in party, and menu selection.

If you are unable to honor your reservation and do not cancel by Wednesday, August 21, you will be invoiced following the dinner meeting.



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system fuels the scientific community's conviction that life in some form must exist elsewhere in the galaxy and the presence of intelligent life may be found within our lifetime. The SETI Institute is constructing a new generation telescope, the Allen Telescope Array, that will allow 24/7 SETI observing and speed the search for our cosmic neighbors.

For further information on the Institute: *bttp://www.seti.org*. More information about Dr. Shostak may be found at: *bttp://www.seti.org/site/ pp.asp?c=ktJ2J9MMIsE&b=277807*. *Biography*

Seth is a Senior Astronomer at the SETI Institute, in Mountain View, CA. He has an undergraduate degree in physics from Princeton University, and a doctorate in astronomy from the California Institute of Technology. For much of his career, Seth conducted radio astronomy research on galaxies, and has published approximately fifty papers in professional journals. He also founded and ran a company producing computer animation for TV.

Seth has written several hundred popular magazine and Web articles on various topics in astronomy, technology, film and television. He now lectures on astronomy and other subjects at the California Academy of Sciences, and for the last five years, has been a Distinguished Speaker for the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Seth has edited and contributed to a half dozen books. His first popular tome, "Sharing the Universe: Perspectives on Extraterrestrial Life" appeared in March, 1998. His most recent books are "Life in the Universe" (2002, textbook with Jeff Bennett and Bruce Jakosky) and "Cosmic Company" (2003, with Alex Barnett).



Chair's Message, from front page

Chemical Society in Washington, DC, from August 28 to September 1, 2005.

The ACS Council will meet on Wednesday, August 31st. Our section has 8 (eight) local section councilors because we are a very large section (over 3,200 members). There are 188 local sections, each with at least one councilor. The membership of the ACS is about 160,000. About 10% attend a national ACS meeting and they present about 7,000 technical papers over six days.

There are about 500 councilors (local section and divisional) who may serve on elected and appointed committees. Our councilors serve on Local Section Activities, Constitution and Bylaws, Chemical Safety, Minority Affairs, Meetings and Expositions, one of our Councilors serves as Vice-Chair of the Council Policy Committee and another member is a Director-at-Large on the ACS Board of Directors.



Shirley B. Radding Award Recipient Dr. Glenn Fuller

The Recipient of the 2005 Shirley B. Radding Award is Dr. Glenn Fuller. Born in Lancaster. California. Glenn Fuller received his B.S. in Chemistry from Stanford University in 1950 and his Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Illinois in 1953. He then went to work for Shell Development Company in Emeryville until 1964 when he began teaching at Mills College in Oakland. In 1965 he joined the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Western Regional Research Center where he worked until his retirement in 1993.

Dr. Fuller's ACS activities span the California Section, from the Agricultural and Food Chemistry Division, to the Western Regional Meeting. He is an active participant in the Chemathon program of intensive local high school activity in chemical information



partially sponsored by the California Section. He has been program chair and division chair and received the Distinguished Service Award of the Agricultural and Food Chemistry Division in

1999.

Dr. Fuller has a long connection with the Western Regional Meeting. He started as co-chair of the program committee in 1982, and became general chair of the meeting in 1998. He has been a long-time member of the steering committee.

In addition to his ACS activities, Dr. Fuller is the author of more than seventy publications and four patents.

Dr. Fuller is the twelfth recipient of the Shirley B. Radding Award. The award was presented to him at the picnic on July 9, 2005.

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July Wine-Tasting Family Picnic

July was a busy month for our local section activities. We had our wine-tasting with David Bruce himself, courtesy of Floyd Hobbs; the pimo noir was a favorite. A family –style picnic, arranged by Sally Peters followed the wine-tasting. Awards were announced and the 2005 Shirley B. Radding Award was presented to Glen Fuller a life-long friend of our Section, a member of the California Section and, of the Agricultural and

Participants of the wine-teasting event.



Audience members during the awards pesentation.





Lois Durham presents award to Hong Gao.

Food Chemistry Division. He has been active in the Western Regional Meetings since 1882. Glenn is an outstanding recipient of this award.

Congratulations to the volunteers who followed the leadership of Chair-Elect David Parker, and to the new 50-year members.



Steven Shimiu, Olypiad Finalist.



Abby Kennedy describing National Chemistry Week activities.



Chair-Elect David Parker introduces new 50-year member, Lawerence Eng.



Chair-Elect David Parker introduces new 50-year member, Madeline Toy.

Women Chemists Committee (WCC) Meeting Highlights

Luncheon

Join the American Chemical Society's Women Chemists Committee (WCC) during the ACS 230th National Meeting in Washington, DC from August 28 to September 1, 2005. The WCC will sponsor and cosponsor symposia, as well as host several social events. Below is a highlight of several activities planned.

For more information about the WCC, visit the web site at

http://membership.acs.org/W/WCC/.

WCC Open Meeting
Saturday, August 27
5:00 to 6:00 PM

WCC Local Section Networking

Tuesday, August 30 11:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

Xext C Social Hour & Luncheon
Tuesday, August 30
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

ACS to Sponsor High School Chemistry Clubs

The ACS Education Division will undertake a pilot program for affiliated high school chemistry clubs. Plans have been made to contact interested teachers, produce a handbook, identify interesting and appropriate club activities and to establish contact with membership programs. ACS staff plan to set up a WEB page to post resources and enhance communication between clubs.

Establishing and supporting high school chemistry clubs is an attractive idea which has been talked about for several years. A



survey conducted among ACS members who are high school teachers, confirmed support for such a program.

A self-selected group of high school teachers are in the 2005-2006 pilot program and will receive assistance, from the Office of High School Education, in launching their chemistry clubs. These teachers will be encouraged to contact their local section and nearby ACS Student Affiliate Chapters to initiate joint activities and acquire ACS member support.

In order to be an ACS high school chemistry club advisor, the teacher must be a Member of the Society, and/or a Society, Divisional, or Local Section Affiliate. ACS local Sections are encouraged to be pro-active in this pilot phase of the program.

Please email ACS staff at education@acs.org with any questions, plans and/or suggestions.

Helen Herlocker Office of HS Chemistry

WCC Sponsored and Cosponsored Symposia

Celebrating Five Years of the WCC

Overcoming Challenges Award Sponsored by WCC Cosponsored by Division of Chemical Education

Women in Industrial Chemistry: Trends and Transitions

Sponsored by WCC; Cosponsored by Division of Business Development and Management and Presidential Events

Minority Chemists Telling our Stories

Cosponsored with Division of the History of Chemistry, Division of Chemical Education, and Committee on Minority Affairs

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Laboratory Cosponsored with Division of Chemical Education

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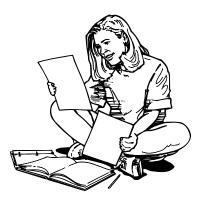
The Story of PROGRESS for Women Chemists and Chemical Engineer Cosponsored with Division of

Chemical Education Women in Chemistry

Cosponsored with Division of Chemical Education

Getting Your First Industrial Job After Graduate School

Cosponsored with Division of Professional Relations and Industrial & Engineering Chemistry



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Position Title: Research Associate, Medicinal	Position Title: Programmer Analyst/Computational	Position Title: Scientist, Organic Chemist, Job Code:	Position Title: Research Associate, Analytical Chemist,
Chemistry Job Description: Design, synthesis, purification, and	Chemist - Medicinal Chemistry Job Description: Responsible for management of the	CDX-0405 Job Description: Work with current chem team to	Job Code: CDX-0305 Job Description: Responsibilities include developing
characterization of novel biologically active mole- cules in support of Cytokinetics' therapeutic pro- grams. Also contribute to new target evaluation, exploratory research and lead optimization projects, and collaborate closely with colleagues in other groups such as analytical chemistry, biology, bio-	Job Description: responsible for management of the small molecule database. The rapid growth of our screening library and the continued expansion of our medicinal chemistry effort will offer ample opportu- nity for creative research in a multidisciplinary envi- ronment. OUALIFICATIONS DESIRED	Job Description: work with current chemican to develop processes based on our biocatalysts. Exp in synthetic org chem & specifically in pharmaceuti- cal process development is required. Exp in use of enzymes in chem synthesis an asset. QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED Education: PhD org chem with 2+ yrs exp or MS in	analytical methods in HPLC, GC, LC/MS, CE & GC/MS. Explore new analytical techniques & expand analytical capabilities at Codexis. Maintenance & repair of analytical instrumentation, Analyzing sam- ples to support projects using the above. Training & supporting instrument users outside the Analytical
chemistry and pharmacology. QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED Education: MS/BS	<i>Education:</i> BS/MS and min of 4 yrs database man- agement or programming experience <i>Experience:</i> Knowledge of org chem and the RS3	org chem with 5 yrs exp Experience: Industrial Exp in synthetic org chem & pharmaceutical process development. Critical think-	Group. QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED Education: MS or BS in analytical chem.
Experience: The position requires at least 2 to 5	chemistry database architecture is highly desirable. A	ing & attention to detail. Dedication to safe work	Experience: Experience in quantitation using GC,
years of relevant industry or academic exp. The successful candidate must have the ability to excel in a fast-paced, team environment. Familiarity with computers and data analysis is a plus. Good verbal and written communication skills, flexibility and the desire to work within a multidisciplinary team are also required. The successful candidate must be an independent self-starter and enjoy problem solving. LOCATION, SALARY, MAIL ADDRESS Job Location: South San Francisco, CA Employer Description: Cytokinetics, Inc. is a leading biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of novel small molecule drugs that specifically target the cytoskeleton. Application Instructions: Please apply to hr@cytoki- neties.com and/or visit our website at www.cytokinetics.com for more information.	demonstrated working knowledge of Oracle databas- es & the UNIX operating environment is also essen- tial. Exp with other med chem software tools (USIS host/base, SciTegic Pipeline Pilot, ChemDraw, Beilstein, Daylight etc), is advantageous. LOCATION, MAIL ADDRESS <i>Job Location:</i> South San Francisco, CA <i>Employer Description:</i> The dept of Med Chem is focused on identifying small mol pharmaceuticals to complement Genentechs oncology franchise. Application Instructions: Genentech offers one of the most comprehensive benefits packages in the industry. For immediate consideration, please apply online at www.gene.com/careers and reference requisition # 1000007432 in the keyword search. Genentech is an equal opportunity employer.	practices, ability to multitask & produce qiuality results under tight timelines. Ability to work with either a multidisciplinary team ot independently. Good oral & written communication skills LOCATION, SALARY, MAIL ADDRESS Job Jocation: Redwood City Employer Description: Codexis is a privately held biosciences company applying proprietary protein & strain engineering technologies to create novel process development solutions. For more informa- tion on Codexis, see www.codexis.com. Application Instructions: All applications should be emailed to jobs@codexis.com. Job Code CDX-0405	HPLC, or MS, both in operation & data analysis. Exp with High Throughput Screening & a working under- standing of Molecular Biology is helpful. Critical thinking & attention to detail, ability to multitask & produce results under tight timelines. Mechanical apit tude & ability to troubleshoot & maintain analytical equipment. Persistence & creativity, Good communi- cation skills. LOCATION, SALARY, MAIL ADDRESS Description of Employer: Codexis is a privately held company applying proprietary protein & strain engi- meering technologies to creat novel process develop- mental solutions. For more information, see www.codexis.com Applications Instructions: email to jobs@codexis.com Job Code: CDX-0305
CHEMPLOYMENT ABSTRACT 3806	CHEMPLOYMENT ABSTRACT 3807	CHEMPLOYMENT ABSTRACT 3808	CHEMPLOYMENT ABSTRACT 3809
CHEMI LOTMENT ABSTRACT 3810 Position Title: Process Engineer/Analytical Chemist Job Description: Perform testing of JSR advanced semiconductor materials using HPLC, GC, GPC, and other analytical chemistry methods. This is a swing shift position (3 to 11:30 p.m.). Essential Functions: 1. Collect data on raw materials and prod- uct ion samples. 2. Troubleshoot customer issues. 3. Maintain and verify reliability of test equipment. 4. Independently design, develop, and optimize new test methods. 5. Other tasks as assigned. QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED Education: BS in Chemistry or equivalent Experience: Minimum 3 years experience as an Engineer or Chemist in a chemical lab environment; production environment experience preferred. Proficiency with analytical chemistry tools. SPC expe- rience a plus. Excel proficiency required; Access, Statview, JMP experience a plus. LOCATION, SALARY, MAIL ADDRESS Job Location: Sunnyvale, CA Salary: Highly Competitive Employer Description: JSR Micro, Inc., is a world leader and premium supplier in electronic materials. We invite you to join our innovative team today. Please visit our website at www.jsrmicro.com. Application Instructions Please e-mail resume to employment@jsrmicro.com.	 Position Title: Quality Control Scientist (Req. #100006657) Position Title: Quality Control Scientist (Req. #100006657) Job Description: The Quality Control Operatment, which includes hands-on testing, abmotol Department, which includes hands-on testing, training, method optimization/development, validation and troubleshooting. QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED Education: A Ph.D. in Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Pharmaceutics or related field with 4-10 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry is required. Experience: Must have strong scientific background in pharmaceutics and 4+ years of experience in quality control management and analytical development/validation/transfer and CGMP. Experience in method development and validation of parenteral and solid dosage is also required. LOCATION, SALARY, MAIL ADDRESS Job Location: South San Francisco, CA Salary: DOE Employer Description: For over 29 years, Genentech has been at the forefront of the biotechnology industry, using human genetic information to discover, develop, commercialize and manufacture biotherapeutics that address significant unmet medical needs. Application Instructions E-mail your resume to: palarca.ria@gene.com 	 Position Title: Research Scientist <i>Position Title</i>: Research Scientist <i>Job Description</i>: The Research Scientist will be responsible for analytic-related activities, including method development/validation, method transfer, and inprocess support of the API manufacturing, drug product development, and analytical method generation. The incumbent will also prepare analytical and stability reports and documents for regulatory submissions. Qualifications Desired <i>Education</i>: M.S. or Ph.D. equivalent in Analytical Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, or Pharmaceutical Science with 6-8 years relevant experience (MS) or 4-6 years relevant experience (MS) or 4-6 years relevant experience (ML) and CG analysis and have strong knowledge in analytical chemistry and CMP/GLP, FDA and ICH guidelines and regulations. Familiarity with LC-MS technique is a plus. LOCATION, SALARY, MAIL ADDRESS <i>Job Location</i>: South San Francisco, CA <i>Salary</i>: Exelixis offers competitive compensation & benefits, equity participation, and an interactive research setting that recognizes/rewards achievement. <i>Employer Description</i>: Exelixis, Inc., is a leader in the discovery and development of new drug therapies specifically for cancer and other proliferative diseases. EOE. Application Instructions Please send your resume/CV to Exelixis, Inc., HR Department, Fax: (650) 837-726, or Email: carerers@exelkis.com. For more information, please visit us at www.exelixis.com. 	Chemit Formative Abstract Jobs Position Title Organic Chemist Job Description: Versatile organic chemist sought for research and development work in a small startup company developing bioanalytical instrumentation. The majority of the work will be hands-on in the lab Responsibilities include: Preparation of small molecules and polymeric materials in support of research and development activities. Development and evaluation of new materials to enhance system performance. Qualifications desired: <i>Education:</i> MS/BS or Ph.D. in organic chemistry or related discipline. <i>Experience:</i> Knowledge or experience in some or all of the following areas: polymer chemistry, photo-chemistry, small molecule synthesis, protein chemistry, dye chemistry Solid skills in experimental design, execution, and data analysis are highly desirable. LOCATION, SALARY, MAIL ADDRESS <i>Job Location:</i> Palo Alto, CA <i>Salary:</i> Commensurate with experience. <i>Employer Description:</i> Cell Biosciences is a startup company developing bioanalytical instrumentation. Application Instructions Candidates should forward their resume, along with a research summary describing selected projects relevant to the above qualifications, to hr@cellbio-sciences.com, referencing job code CM-031 in the subject line. CHEMPLOYMENT ABSTRACT 3813
Position Title: Senior Scientist Job Description: Develop new materials, characteriza- tion tools, and processes to make robust interfaces between different inorganic materials using Cambrios' biologically-inspired deposition technolo- gy. Utilize expertise in some, if not all, of the follow- ing areas: inorganic & intermetallic chemistry, transition metals, inorganic nanostructures, plating, adhesion of metal films QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED Education: Advanced degree(s) in inorganic chem- istry, metallurgy, chemical engineering or materials science Experience: Ability to work successfully in a small- team multidisciplinary environment, be extremely flexible and self-motivated, and have good communication skills. History of finding creative manufacturable solutions to complicated chemical problems. Proven track record of working in both R&D and product development. LOCATION, SALARY, MAIL ADDRESS Job Location: Mountain View, CA Employer Description: Cambrios Technologies Corp. (www.cambrios.com) is based on MIT professor Angela Belcher's technology of using biological tem- plates to create inorganic materials and nanostruc- tures for electronics applications. Application Instructions Email resume to: careers@cambrios.com with	Position Title: Organic Chemist MS/BS Job Description: Versatile organic chemist sought for research and development work in a small startup company developing bioanalytical instrumentation systems. The majority of the work will be hands-on in the lab. The successful candidate will be responsible for: Preparation of small molecules, labeled proteins and peptides, and polymeric materials in support of research and development activities. Development and evaluation of new materials to enhance system performance. QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED Education: MS/BS in organic chemistry or related discipline Experience: Knowledge or experience in some or all of the following areas: small molecule synthesis, polymer chemistry, conjugation chemistry, protein chemistry, dyc chemistry, photochemistry, protein chemistry, dyc chemistry, photochemistry, solid skills in experimental design, execution, and data analysis are highly desirable. Industry experience <i>Employer Description:</i> Startup company developing bioanalytical instrumentation. Application Instructions: Candidates should forward their resume, along with a research summary describing selected projects relevant to the above qualifications, to hrt%ellbiosciences.com, referencing job code	Position Title: Medicinal Chemistry Post-Doctoral Research Associate Job Description: Chemistry research and synthesize small organic molecules designed from our Medicinal Chemistry program; design synthetic routes to these target molecules and perform their syntheses to reach technical milestones; analyze biological data to deter- mine structure-activity relationships and contribute to the design and optimization of lead molecules. QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED Education: Ph.D. in synthetic organic chemistry or medicinal chemistry. Experience: Experience in multi-step organic synthesis, design & execution. Ability to solve medicinal/analytical & process chemistry challenges. Experience with purification techniques/analytical methods (HPLC, NMR, MS). Proficient in chemistry information resources, databases (SciFinder), etc. Previous experience in the discovery of small molecule therapy desirable. LOCATION, SALARY, MAIL ADDRESS Job Location: Palo Alto, California Employer Description: Anacor Pharmaceuticals is pio- neering research into new classes of therapeutic agents for a variety of inflammatory and infectious diseases by leveraging a proprietary, small molecule chemical library. www.anacor.com Application Instructions: Candidates should submit their resume via email only to the following address, stating the position title in the subject line:	Position Title: Medicinal Chemistry Research Associate Job Description: Conduct medicinal chemistry research and synthesize small organic molecules that have beer designed from our Medicinal Chemistry program, design synthetic routes to these target molecules; analyze bio- logical data to determine structure-activity relationships; design and optimization of lead molecules. QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED Education: BS or MS in medicinal chemistry or relat- ed field (MS preferred) Experience: 3+ years Medical Chemistry research expe- rience. Experience in multi-step organic synthesis, design & execution. Experience with purification tech- niques/analytical methods (HPLC, NMR, MS). Proficient in chemistry information resources, databases (including SciFinder), chemistry software, word processors and spreadsheets. LOCATION, SALARY, MAIL ADDRESS Job Location: Palo Alto, California Employer Description: Anacor Pharmaceuticals is pio- neering research into new classes of therapeutic agents for a variety of inflammatory and infectious diseases by leveraging a proprietary, small molecule chemical library. www.anacor.com Application Instructions: Candidates should submit their resume via email only to the following address, stating the position title in the subject line: jobs@anacor.com. Anacor is an EOE. No recruiter or agency contact please



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Oct 15-20	National Chemistry Week The Joy of Toys
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Dec 15-20	PacifiChem 2005 Honolulu, HA



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